



# **A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH**

Midweek Lent

# **BETHEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH** | York, NE

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask one of our ushers. If you are visiting today, please fill out the **Visitors Card** that was handed to you as you came in.

## **SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT**

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. On Ash Wednesday we are reminded that we are all mortal. One day we will die and our bodies will return to the dust they came from. But our souls will return to God who gave them. What a blessing it is to know that we have a sure hope of eternal life because Jesus is the Lamb who when uncomplaining went all the way to the cross to take away the sins of the world. That means he took away your sins too!

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Worship Leader**

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**Keyboardist**

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# EVENING PRAYER

“Evening Prayer” is based on the historic service called “Vespers.” Christians gather at the end of the day to raise their voices in thankful praise and prayer. The “Service of Light” portrays the comforting and ever-present light of Christ as daylight disappears.

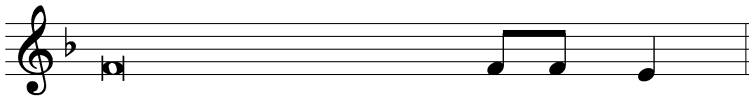
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## Opening Sentences

CW 215



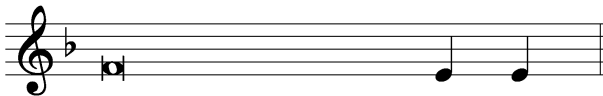
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



**the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



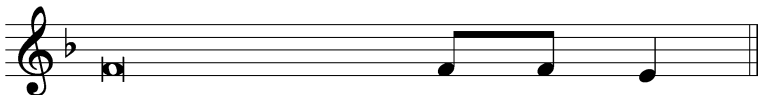
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



**and the day is almost o - ver.**



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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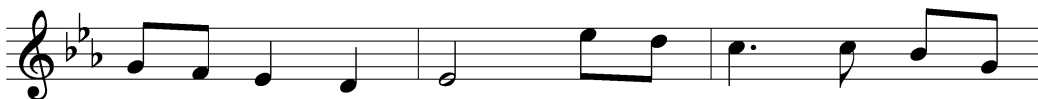
## Evening Hymn: 785 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



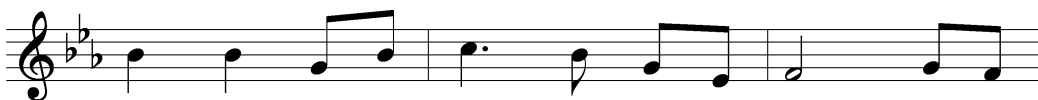
1 Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of  
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing  
3 You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing



God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
star of night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us we shall raise our songs to you, God of  
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that  
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing



day - break, God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Be seated

## Psalm 141

CW 217



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up  
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Psalm

*One or more psalms are sung or spoken (silence for reflection after each).*

## Psalm: 51D God, Be Merciful to Me



1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I  
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all  
4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace  
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,  
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your  
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your  
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.  
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

- 5 Gracious God, my heart renew,  
make my spirit right and true;  
let me not abandoned be,  
let your Spirit dwell in me;  
your salvation's joy impart,  
steadfast make my willing heart.
- 7 No attempted sacrifice  
has acceptance in your eyes;  
broken hearts are in your sight

more than sacrificial rite;  
contrite spirit, pleading cries,  
you, O God, will not despise.

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## Prayer

Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Reading

*1 Timothy 2:5-7*

<sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth - Stanza 5

Lord, all my life I'll cling to You, Your love fore'er beholding,  
You ever, as You ever me, With loving arms enfolding.  
Yes, You shall be my precious Light  
To guide me safe through death's dark night,  
My heart in sorrow cheering; Henceforth myself and all I have  
To You, my Savior, e'er I'll give, Into Your cause all pouring.

## Reading

*John 10:11-18*

<sup>11</sup>"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup>"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me <sup>15</sup>(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>This is why the

Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive**

- 1 Jesus sinners does receive;  
oh, may all this saying ponder  
who in sin's delusions live  
and from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners does receive.
  
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
here their ills have perfect healing  
who with humble hearts believe:  
Jesus sinners does receive.
  
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
are not by the Lord forsaken;  
weary souls who lost their way  
are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken  
in his arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners does receive.
  
- 4 I, a sinner, come to you  
with a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too;  
grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners does receive.



5 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
were as scarlet my transgression,  
it shall be as white as snow  
by your blood and bitter passion,  
for these words I do believe:  
Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace,  
from the law I stand acquitted.  
Christ has purchased my release  
and my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners does receive.

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## Sermon

## Reading

Matthew 11:28–30

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

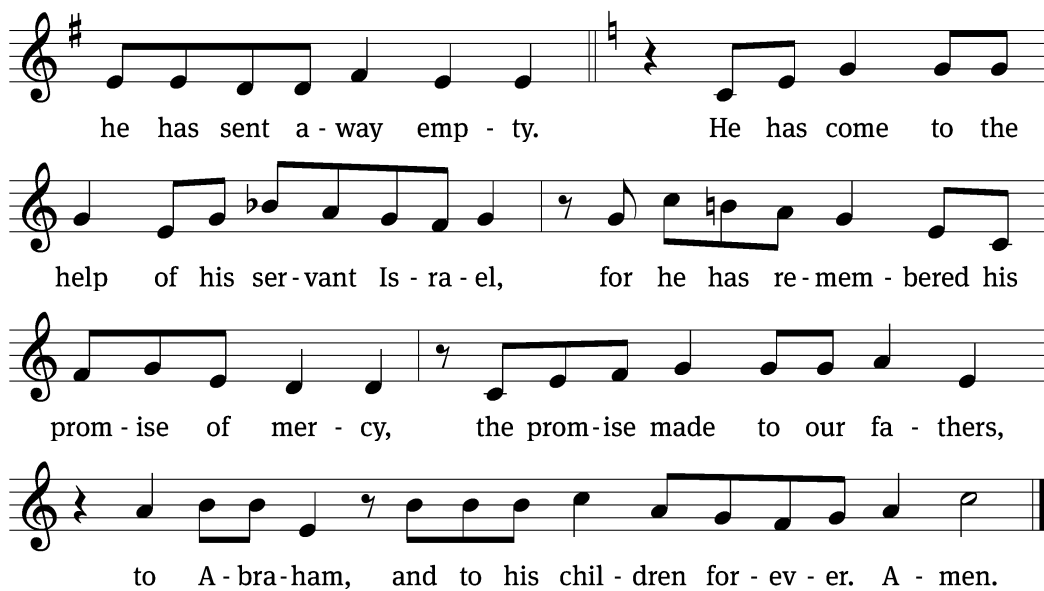
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## Song of Mary CW 220



My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord; my spir - it re -

joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor  
on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions  
will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great  
things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on  
those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.  
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the  
proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y  
from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.  
He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich



he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the  
 help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his  
 prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,  
 to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

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*Be seated*

*The offering is presented during the singing of the Magnificat/Song of Mary*

*Stand*

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

*“Lord, Have Mercy” or another prayer is sung or spoken.*

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

**to you, O Lord.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Benedicamus



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**A - men.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn: 783 Abide with Me

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
but kind and good, with healing in thy wings,  
tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;  
come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
and though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;  
on to the close, O Lord, abide with me.
- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if thou abide with me.
- 7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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# *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

Text by Paul Gerhardt

**About the Author:** Paul Gerhardt is one of Germany's greatest hymnwriters. His life was marked with several crosses that helped him to better understand the grace of God. At an early age, his father, Christian, died, while the Thirty Years' War raged throughout Germany. In 1655 Gerhard married Anna Maria Berthold. Their first daughter died in infancy, and the family suffered from extreme poverty. While serving as Pastor in Berlin Gerhardt was forbidden to preach in his own church for not being willing to abandon Lutheran doctrine. While this battle was raging, Gerhardt and his wife had five more children, but three of them did not live past their first few days. After he left Berlin, another son died, and his wife became seriously ill. By Easter 1668 she died. Gerhard's only surviving family was a six year old son. In 1669 Gerhardt was Called to serve as Pastor in Lübben, where he remained until his death.

In total Gerhardt wrote 133 hymns (21 in *TLH*; 21 in *Christian Worship 21*; 18 in *CW93*). However, while several other composers from his era see declining translation into English and inclusion into hymnals, Gerhardt's hymns are actually seeing a resurgence, and new Lutheran hymnals are translating and including more of his hymns, especially ones that were unknown.

**About the Hymn:** Gerhardt penned "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" for Good Friday 1648. Originally this hymn had ten stanzas. The translation in *The Lutheran Hymnal* is made up of stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10. *Christian Worship* has stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6. Stanza 10 from the original is *Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See* (#884) in *CW21*.

*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* has been called masterpiece of all Passion hymns because it brings together all the themes of Christ's crucifixion. The tune is associated to the hymn but was actually written 23 years earlier for a paraphrase of Psalm 137.