



# 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, sign the guest book in the entryway or the connection card online.

## **SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT**

What a treasure Jesus gives us! He paid the price of our redemption for us. That price was not gold or silver, but his holy precious blood and his innocent suffering and death in our place. May we always consider the treasure he gives us to be the greatest we could ever have, one that we would never exchange for anything else.

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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# COMPLINE

*Remain seated*

## Opening Evening Song

CW 225



The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last.



**A - men.**



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**



to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,



**your truth at the close of day.**

## Confession

CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for personal reflection*

## Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you**  
**in our thoughts,**  
**in our words,**  
**in our deeds,**  
**and in all that we have not done.**  
**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Deliver and restore us,**  
**that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## Psalm: 51A Be Merciful, O Lord

*Refrain*



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

## Tone



Have mercy on / me, O God,  
according to your un- / failing love;  
according to your great com- / passion  
blot out my trans- / gressions.

Wash away all my in- / iquity  
and cleanse me / from my sin.  
For I know my trans- / gressions,  
and my sin is always be- / fore me. *Refrain*

Against you, you only, / have I sinned  
and done what is evil / in your sight.  
Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow.  
Hide your face / from my sins  
and blot out all my in- / iquity.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Prayer

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
Our guilt and evil bearing;  
And laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing!  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer;  
Bears shame and stripes, and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery, and saith,  
"Willing all this I suffer."

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## Passion History Part 3

*The following response is sung or spoken:*

### Into Your Hands

CW 227



In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of

truth. In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. In - to your

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

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*A hymn may be sung.*

## Hymn: 428 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and  
2 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion, my shield when



shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, with  
borne for me, for it was my trans - gres - sion, my  
dear - est Friend, for this, your dy - ing sor - row, your  
I must die; re - mind me of your pas - sion when



thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no  
shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -  
pit - y with - out end? O make me yours for -  
my last hour draws nigh. My eyes will then be -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet,  
fore you; wrath is my right - ful lot. Have  
ev - er, and keep me strong and true; Lord,  
hold you, up - on your cross will dwell; my



though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.  
mer - cy, I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!  
let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.  
heart will then en - fold you—who dies in faith dies well!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; German version, Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr.

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*A sermon or brief address may follow.*

## **Sermon - A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth - The Sacrificial Lamb**

*Isaiah 53:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

### ***Offering Presented During The Song Below.***

#### **Prayer**

CW 228



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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*One or more of the following prayers are spoken or sung:*

### **Prayers**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as

we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -

liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the

pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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## Song of Simeon

CW 231

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing

that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a



light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,

and guard us sleep - ing  
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ  
 and a - sleep we may rest in peace,  
 in peace, in peace.

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## **Benedicamus**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Blessing**

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen.**

## Hymn: 789 All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings  
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle  
3 When in the night I sleep - less lie, my soul with heav'n - ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine  
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious  
thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose  
dark - ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -  
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more  
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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