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## LENT



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## Lutheran Church

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### CrossWORDS

Week Four: Forsaken

"The Lamb"

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

#### PRELUDE

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The Lamb"

LSB 547 v. 1-4

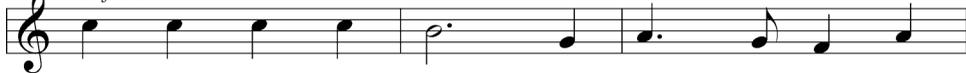


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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#### INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

#### APPROACHING THE WORD

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

People: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Pastor: The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

People: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Pastor: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."  
**People:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
 Pastor: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
**People:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
 Pastor: "The word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me empty," says the Lord. "It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."  
**People:** "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB 613*

Pastor: To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, in grief and shame I humbly call;  
**People:** **I see my sins against Thee, Lord, the sins of thought and deed and word.**  
 Pastor: They press me sore; I cry to Thee:  
**People:** **O God, be merciful to me!**  
 Pastor: O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!  
**People:** **Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, but let Him draw to Thee my heart**  
 Pastor: That truly penitent I be:  
**People:** **O God, be merciful to me!**  
 Pastor: O Jesus, let Thy precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood.  
**People:** **Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, but grant that justified I may**  
 Pastor: Go to my house at peace with Thee:  
**People:** **O God, be merciful to me!**  
 Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

**THE SALUTATION** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People:**   
 ♪ And with thy spir - it.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God, your steadfast love endures forever and you will never forsake your own. Lead your people in paths of righteousness for your name's sake, that we may dwell in your house forever. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 49:14-16

<sup>14</sup> But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” <sup>15</sup> “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

<sup>16</sup> Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY from Psalm 22

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: **Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

Pastor: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

People: **and by night, but I find no rest.**

Pastor: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: **In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

Pastor: To you they cried and were rescued;

People: **in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

People: **“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

Pastor: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

People: **A company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—**

## EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## “Dona Nobis Pacem”

St. Michael Lutheran School, Wayne, MI

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:45-49

(Forsaken.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

**People:** (spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

**Pastor:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### “Upon the Cross Extended”

LSB 453 v. 1, 4-5, 7



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils  
5 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, Your head with  
7 Your cross I place be - fore me; Its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.  
thorns sur - round - ed, You died to ran - som me.  
pow'r re - store me, Sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is  
The cross for me en - dur - ing, The crown for me se -  
It will, when life is end - ing, Be guid - ing and at -



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.  
cur - ing, You healed my wounds and set me free.  
tend - ing My way to Your e - ter - nal rest.

## SERMON

# FORSAKEN

Matthew 27:46

Rev. Ronald Guettler, Cathedral Pastor  
Cathedral Pastor, Historic Trinity

## LENTEN SERIES HYMN

LSB 574 v. 4

4 Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, My sin - ful  
soul is count - ed free; For God, the just, is sat - is -  
fied To look on Him and par - don me.

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## VOLUNTARY

“Were You There?”

*setting by Benjamin M. Culli*

## PRAYER

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ sacrificed all in order that we might be ransomed to God.  
Through faith in him, let us join in fervent prayer:

**People:** **O God, forsake us not!**

**Pastor:** That brothers and sisters in the faith, here and everywhere, may be united  
in mind and will, and may work together in truth and harmony, let us join  
in fervent prayer:

**People:** **O God, forsake us not!**

**Pastor:** That the resources of this world may be used wisely so that none may  
perish needlessly and all may share the bounty of the Lord, let us join in  
fervent prayer:

**People:** **O God, forsake us not!**

**Pastor:** That those who feel especially alone because of sickness or circumstance,  
want or care, trouble or need, may feel God’s saving strength and know  
God’s presence near, let us join in fervent prayer:

**People:** **O God, forsake us not!**

**Pastor:** And that in our last hour on earth we may know the comfort of Christ’s  
forgiving sacrifice and the sure promise of everlasting joy with him and all  
the saints, let us join in fervent prayer:

**People:** **O God, forsake us not! 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.

## BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you. The ✠ Lord lift his countenance upon you and  
give you peace.

People:



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Were You There?”

LSB 456 v. 1-3



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

## POSTLUDE

“Upon the Cross”

setting by Henry V. Gerike