

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Passover Promise

January 11, 2026 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Exodus 12:1-32. God, through Moses, threatens one final plague—worse than any previously experienced. Following God's instructions, the Israelites make careful preparations for the Passover, marking their doorposts with the blood of a lamb prepared for the feast. The final plague takes place at midnight as all the firstborn throughout Egypt die. The Egyptians hand over their valuables, hastening the Israelites away. Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God, was slain for our sins. By His blood, we are protected from the eternal wrath of God and promised the gift of eternal life.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: Lion and the Lamb © Big Daddy Weave

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop The Lord almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of Kings
Our God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty

Chorus

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He's roaring with power And fighting our battles
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Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

Chorus

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WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us then come before God and each other and confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

People: At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

People: Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes.

Pastor: Our Lord invites us to come and see what He has done—He has given us solid promises that guard our faith in days of sorrow, suffering, confusion, conflict, and pain. He has sent His Son to be the Word of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and through the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

PRAISE SONG: “At the Cross” (Love Ran Red)
Tomlin | Cash | Armstrong | Myrin | Redman

Verse 1

There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus 1

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You

Verse 2

Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

Chorus 1

There's a place Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Bridge

Here my hope is found Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow down

Chorus 1

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, who by the blood of an innocent lamb delivered Your people Israel from the hand of the destroyer in Egypt: Grant that we, who are marked by the blood of the true Lamb, Jesus Christ, may be delivered from the bondage of our sins and the fear of death. Lead us through the waters of this life into the promised inheritance of Your heavenly kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

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Reading of the Day: Exodus 12:1-32

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb[a] for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the

seventh must be cut off from Israel. On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do. “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And anyone, whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel. Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.” Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshipped. The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Bryan McCleery | Charity Gayle | David Gentiles | Elisha Albright Hoffman |
John Hart Stockton | Ryan Kennedy | Steven Musso

Verse 1

I was a wretch I remember who I was I was lost I was blind I was running out of time
Sin separated the breach was far too wide But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

Verse 2

So, You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Chorus

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life Brought me from the darkness into glorious
light

Verse 3

You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb

Chorus

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life Brought me from the darkness into glorious
light

Bridge

There is nothing stronger Than the wonder working power
Of the blood the blood That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood the blood

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Chorus

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CCLI Song # 7172456

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: God Who Bleeds Cara Berg | Benji Cowart | Jon Gruen
Matt Preston | Isaac Watts

Verse 1

O my soul, who could ever know
how deep my sins go?
O my soul
All the gold on the earth could never pay
For the debt that I have made
On my soul

Chorus
Now I see just how great my need
In His hands and in His feet
Lamb of God, oh my soul shall sing
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

Verse 2
Oh, what love knew I'd never have enough
So, He chose to pay in blood

Oh, what love
I'm in awe, ev'ry earthly gain is lost
at the wonder of the cross
Oh, what love

Chorus
Bridge

See from His head, His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow down for me
Forever all my praise will be
Glory to the God who bleeds
(repeat)

Chorus
End Tag
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

COMMUNION SONG: "Lamb of God" David Funk | Jason Ingram | Matt Redman
CCLI Song # 7203045

Verse 1

Scenes of mountain grandeur creation's majesty
The glory of a sunrise shining over me
But the single greatest wonder my soul has ever seen
Is the Lamb of God on Calvary

Verse 2

Blazing stars that reach me from distant galaxies
The oceans they are speaking magnificence so deep
But still the greatest wonder my soul has ever seen
Is the Lamb of God on Calvary

Chorus

Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin
Behold His perfect sacrifice
Behold the wounds of grace upon His hands and feet
Oh, the Lamb of God on Calvary

Verse 3

Heaven holds a welcome to all that's now unseen
Your love will be my anthem for all eternity
And the most enduring wonder my soul will ever see
Is the Lamb who conquered Calvary
Oh, the Lamb of God our victory

Chorus

Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin
Behold His perfect sacrifice
Behold the wounds of grace upon His hands and feet
Oh, the Lamb of God on Calvary

Bridge

Isn't He worthy Isn't He worthy
Forever worthy the Lamb who was slain
Isn't He worthy Isn't He worthy
Forever worthy the Lamb who was slain
We give You the glory We give You the glory
All of the glory to the Lamb who was slain
We give You the glory We give You the glory
All of the glory to the Lamb who was slain

Chorus

Behold the Son of God who takes away our sin
Behold His perfect sacrifice
Behold the wounds of grace upon His hands and feet
Oh, the Lamb of God on Calvary

Tag

Oh, the Lamb of God on Calvary Oh, the Lamb of God our victory

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER**BENEDICTION**

CLOSING SONG: House of The Lord Jonathan Smith | Phil Wickham CCLI Song #
716895

Verse 1

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Interlude

We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today

Bridge

And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Bridge

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

('Cause) We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!

Chorus

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Chorus

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SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!