



Midweek Lenten Worship IV

Set Free:

The Gospel in Exodus—

Exodus 12:1-14

*The Good News of a God Who
Passes Over Us in Mercy*

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH –
HAMBURG**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026
6:30 p.m.**

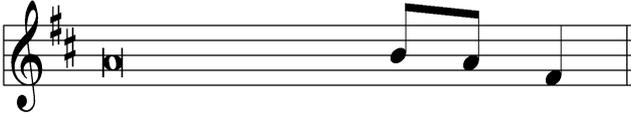
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thursday, March 12, 2026
11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.**

OPENING HYMN

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

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P O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm 32 (read responsively)

P ¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

C ²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts
no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P “God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” (*John 4:24*) And, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (*Proverbs 28:13*) Therefore, let us confess and renounce our sins with a sincere heart and mind before the Lord, receiving His Almighty, Divine, and Eternal forgiveness.

*(A moment of silence
for personal confession and reflection.)*

P We confess:

C **God forgive me, a sinner. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) “Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit. (*Based on Psalm 32:1, 2*) By this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and by the command and in the stead of the Lord Jesus Christ, (*John 20:22-23; Matthew 16:19 NIV*) I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven you. (*Matthew 9:2 KJV*) Now, go and live a life worthy of your calling in Christ Jesus, and produce fruit in keeping with real repentance. (*Ephesians 4:1*)

READING

Exodus 12:1-14

P A reading from Exodus, chapter 12.

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

P A reading from First Corinthians, chapter 5.

⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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C Thanks be to God.

READING

Matthew 26:17-30

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 26.

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas,

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “*Abide with Me*”

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2026 Lenten Midweek Series

Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus—



Lenten Midweek 5, March 18-19

*The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us,
Exodus 14:5–31*

Lenten Midweek 6, March 25-26

*The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey,
Exodus 16:1–18*

Wednesday Lenten Meal at St. John's at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services at St. John's at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Services at Faith at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Palm Sunday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

Maundy Thursday (Wednesday), April 1

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
at St. John's

Maundy Thursday, April 2

11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

Good Friday, April 3

1:00 p.m. Worship at Faith

6:30 p.m. Worship at St. John's

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil at St. John's (30 minute silent prayer sessions)

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith