

The Lamb Appears!

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Proclaiming Christ in Pinellas County

The Third Weekend after the Epiphany

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In the name of Jesus, our Savior & Lord, welcome!
Whether it's your first time with us or Bay Pines is
your church home, we're glad you're here. If you :



- . . . have questions, please ask – we'll do our best to answer;
- . . . need the restrooms, they're in the hallway just off the north-east corner of our sanctuary (facing altar up front, look left and back);
- . . . can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- . . . would like a call from our staff, please fill out our *connect card* in the pew and leave it in the offering plate. We'll be in touch!

If you brought young children today, thank you! Please know :

- . . . we love to hear them sing, pray, and speak along, and this is a great setting to help them respond to church, to God, and to one another;
- . . . their wiggles don't bother us (wiggles don't bother Jesus, either);
- . . . you can sit up front where little eyes and ears can see and hear;
- . . . both the men's and women's restrooms have diaper-changing stations, and there's a cry-it-out room adjacent the restrooms as well;
- . . . we love that each of you is here, and we'd be blessed to serve you!

Today's path of worship is printed this booklet. With the happy thrill over all that our Savior came to be and to do, and over that good news Gospel made known to us, hearts are drawn again to Jesus of whom the Father said, "***You are my Servant in whom I will display my splendor***" (Isaiah 49:3), and we consider the worship theme:

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Opening Song : Speak, O Lord (*BLUE HYMNAL, 633*)

In amazing glory, God is not silent. He speaks! And, in amazing grace, God is not distant. He speaks...to us! This happy song gathers hearts to worship & adore him!



***Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your holy Word;
Take your truth, plant it deep in us,
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.***

***Teach, us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.***

***Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,
Truths unchanged since the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by faith we'll stand on your promises,***



***And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built,
And the earth is filled with your glory.***

GOD GATHERS US

The Invocation

Jesus promises that when we gather in his name, he's here to bless and be with us.

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : **Amen!**

GOD CONFRONTS US & COMFORTS US

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

We confess our sins to the Lord.

Acknowledgment of our Wrongs

Sin offends God. Always. Aware of our own sin, we ask him for his forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*A moment of silence to recognize our own, individual sins
and our own, deep need for forgiveness.*

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Jesus lived, died, and rose to forgive the world's sins. By his grace, you're set free!

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The Prayer of the Day

This petition appreciates Jesus' full forgiveness & asks for his guidance and blessing.

Almighty God, in love and faithfulness, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Illumine us, your people, with your Word that

may behold Christ, and shine with the radiance of his glory, so that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth. Hear us, LORD. We pray in Jesus' name; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

A Childlike Illustration : The Lamb Takes away the Trash

This illustration & devotion are geared for the children & child-like with us today.

GOD UNITES US

Statement of Faith : The Apostles' Creed

Though not written by the apostles, this peaceful statement of faith accurately lays out what the apostles taught and what the Bible teaches about the Three-in-One God.

Christian, in whom do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

A Reading from the Old Testament : Isaiah 49:1-7

In such special grace, God intended this message not just for a select few – but for all! The Messiah promised would come, and be a salvation-light to all people.

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: **Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.** ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, **“You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”**

⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.”

⁵ And now the LORD says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength – ⁶ he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the

TAKE HOME TRUTH

In suffering God displays his splendor. As you think that truth through, identify how it connects to the Servant. To you.

tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. **I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.”**

⁷ This is what the LORD says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: **“Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”**

A Reading from the Gospels : John 1:29-42

The Servant appears. The Chosen of God appears. The Lamb appears. The stunning reality: it all meets on Jesus – who came to forgive and call sinners to himself.

Jesus is the light of the world;

In him we have the light of life.

The gospel according to John chapter 1.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, **“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”** ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

TAKE HOME TRUTH

John’s name for the Christ – the Lamb of God – is the perfect summary of the Old Testament sacrificial system. So what?!

³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, **‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’** ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, **“Look, the Lamb of God!”**



³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, **“What do you want?”**

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour [*around 10am*].

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ **The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).** ⁴² **And he brought him to Jesus.**

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sung Response : Psalm 89 (FOUND ON PAGE 98 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)

This confident Old Testament hymn sings of the rise and fall of David's kingdom...but does so fully mindful of "great David's greater Son," Jesus, who reigns perfectly.

A Sermon Founded on : John 1:29-42

In a way pointed & emphatic, John points to Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for all sins. With it, the Gospel is out about the Word made flesh. Look...the Lamb...the Messiah!

GOSSIP THAT GOSPEL!

Consider the concept : "did you hear what he said?!"

- what makes "the news" so enticing for you to hear?
- what makes "the news" so difficult for you to hear?

Identify the enticement & the difficulty in the following statements:

- John said, *"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the world's sins"*
- Jesus said, *"come and you will see!"*
- Andrew said *"we have found the Messiah"*

What opportunities has God presented for you to *gossip that gospel*

my sermon notes :

Sung Response : Lamb of God (BLUE HYMNAL, 550)

Like the vision of Jesus' baptism, this hymn is complete confidence. Why? Because, without question or doubt, it sees Jesus the Christ – our Lord, our Savior, our Hero!



*Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him as he died:
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

GOD ACCEPTS OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS

The Offering *(THANKS FOR USING THE AISLE-BASKET FOR PHYSICAL OFFERINGS, AND THE QR CODE FOR DIGITAL)*

Concerning the offering, the Lord says “each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (II Cor. 9:7); whether the Gospel moves your heart to support our ministry with a prayer, a help, an encouragement, or a gift of some sort – thank you; please know we appreciate you for it!



The Prayer of the Church & the Lord’s Prayer

This prayer appreciates the prayer Jesus taught and seeks his guidance and blessing.

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.

A moment to offer today’s prayer requests and our own, individual prayers

LORD God, we pray all these things in Jesus’ name.

Amen!

Sung Response: Spread, Oh, Spread, the Mighty Word *(red hymnal, 576, vv. 1-4)*

Such a profound privilege and thrill : not just to know the Lamb of God, but to follow the Lamb of God, and to make the Lamb of God known. And this is our calling!



***Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word;
Spread the kingdom of the Lord
Ev'rywhere his breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.***

***Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still.
How his only Son he gave
All from sin and death to save.***

***Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever does remove
By his holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.***

***Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n.
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.***

GOD ASSURES US

Concluding Benediction

Where the LORD's name is, there his blessing is too. Refreshed by his goodness, gifts, & grace, our service concludes with his promise to bless & be with us (Numb. 6).

Sisters and brothers, go in peace; live in harmony with one another;
serve the Lord with gladness.



***Up! The rip'ning fields you see.
Mighty shall the harvest be,
But the reapers still are few;
Great the work they have to do.***

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.



***Lord of harvest, grant anew,
Joy and strength to work for you,
Till the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.***



Curious as to what this box is,
why it's in our sanctuary corner,
or how you might be able to help
the school side of our ministry?

Please see Esther Mau for details
and information in regards to this
school-supply drive which will take
place this entire month of January.

In advance and always, thanks!



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*For being a part of
our ministry's life,
& for letting our
ministry be a part
of your life ...
...thanks!*