

Sun., Sept. Oct. 10- Pastors Andrew and Cassi gone; Amanda leads worship

Memory Verse: Ephesians 3:19 “I ask that you’ll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.”

Message: “A Slain Lamb”

Text: John 1:29 “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

Reading of Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-12

Sermon Scripture: Revelation 5:1-14

Blurb: Jesus is such a mighty and all-powerful King. How do you love someone so awesome and fearsome? This Sunday we see King Jesus giving Himself up for us because He loves us so deeply. This awakens a love within us, and in new life, we love Him back. Come this Sunday to have your heart transformed by love!

Videos:

Bumper Video

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The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Aslan's Sacrifice (Part 1)

Video #2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNPthmhv9AE> (Play from 0:05 - 2:16)

The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Aslan's Sacrifice (Part 2)

[Recorded Worship Beginning]

WELCOME -Amanda Lucas

MEMORY VERSE: -Amanda Lucas

“I ask that you’ll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God.” -Ephesians 3:19

WORSHIP MUSIC SET -Sanctify

Revelation Song

Days of Elijah

Worship prayer -Amanda Lucas

[Live Worship Beginning]

GATHERING SONG: *Revelation Song* -Sanctify

WELCOME -Pastor David

MEMORY VERSE: -Pastor David

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WORSHIP MUSIC SET -Sanctify
Strong Enough to Save
Cornerstone
 Worship prayer -Amanda

[Both Recorded & Live Worship]

READING OF SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53:1-12 (CEB) -Reader:

We go back to Isaiah to another Christmas passage about the coming savior. In Chapter 53 Isaiah describes how the promised messiah will suffer in our stead to make atonement for sin. This passage is known as “The Suffering Servant,” and describes Jesus.

1 Who can believe what we have heard,
 and for whose sake has the Lord’s arm been revealed?

2 He grew up like a young plant before us,
 like a root from dry ground.

He possessed no splendid form for us to see,
 no desirable appearance.

3 He was despised and avoided by others;
 a man who suffered, who knew sickness well.

Like someone from whom people hid their faces,
 he was despised, and we didn’t think about him.

4 It was certainly our sickness that he carried,
 and our sufferings that he bore,
 but we thought him afflicted,
 struck down by God and tormented.

5 He was pierced because of our rebellions
 and crushed because of our crimes.
 He bore the punishment that made us whole;
 by his wounds we are healed.

6 Like sheep we had all wandered away,
 each going its own way,
 but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes.

7 He was oppressed and tormented,
 but didn’t open his mouth.
 Like a lamb being brought to slaughter,
 like a ewe silent before her shearers,
 he didn’t open his mouth.

8 Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away,
 and his fate—who will think about it?
 He was eliminated from the land of the living,
 struck dead because of my people’s rebellion.

9 His grave was among the wicked,
 his tomb with evildoers,

though he had done no violence,
 and had spoken nothing false.
 10 But the Lord wanted to crush him
 and to make him suffer.
 If his life is offered as restitution,
 he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life.
 The Lord's plans will come to fruition through him.
 11 After his deep anguish he will see light, and he will be satisfied.
 Through his knowledge, the righteous one, my servant,
 will make many righteous,
 and will bear their guilt.
 12 Therefore, I will give him a share with the great,
 and he will divide the spoil with the strong,
 in return for exposing his life to death
 and being numbered with rebels,
 though he carried the sin of many
 and pleaded on behalf of those who rebelled.

SERVE MOMENT: 1. Spiritual Assessment Tool, 2. Craft Sale, 3. Trunk-or-Treat -Pastor David

PRAYERS -Pastor David

[IN-PERSON ONLY] GENERATIONAL BRIDGE: Lemuel the Lion -Pastor David & Vicky Keintz

MESSAGE: King of Kings (Narnia) #5: "A Slain Lamb"

BUMPER VIDEO

PP#1: King of Kings: A Slain Lamb

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" -John 1:29

King of Kings: A Slain Lamb. John 1:29, "The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

PP#2: *Image of Aslan as a powerful lion*

The last few weeks we've been using King Aslan of Narnia to help us understand how our Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. This can be hard for us! Aslan is a mighty and powerful lion, the greatest of all the beasts. Only Aslan can defeat the White Witch. Only Aslan can rescue the ones in trouble. Only Aslan can restore Narnia. This helps us understand how Jesus is a mighty king, with vast power! We need to envision how King Jesus controls the workings of the universe, how He commands countless legions of angelic warriors. This is so very important, as we need to understand how it can only be Jesus who is mighty enough to save us from our slavery to sin and darkness, only Jesus has authority to defeat evil. We need a big Jesus, bigger than all of our powers and troubles. Jesus is "high and lifted up," and we are to submit ourselves to Him and His authority

over us. Last week we even described Jesus as dangerous! We need to approach Jesus with awe and respect and with what the Bible calls “the fear of the Lord.”

PP#3: Image of Lucy hugging Aslan

But how do we *love* such a powerful and awe-inspiring Lord? Or, in terms of Narnia, can you love a dangerous lion?

Well, C.S. Lewis’ *Chronicles of Narnia* again help us see how we can do this. For, although we hear about Aslan earlier on, the first time we *see* Aslan is when the three children come to him asking for help. Their brother, Edmund, was lured by the queen to foolishly betrayed them. Now he was her prisoner, and the children need Aslan to rescue him.

PP#4: King of Kings: Slain Lamb

1. Jesus is good

And right away here we see something that stirs affection for Aslan. We see that what was said about him is true: that Aslan is good. He has organized his forces against the evil and is leading a renewal across the land. The mighty Aslan meets with the children, they can approach him. He cares about them and their plight: he tells them that he will help them. He sends his soldiers to rescue their brother.

Jesus, our mighty King, is good. He controls the vastness of the universe, He holds the galaxies in their spirals, and yet He cares about you and listens to your every cry. He comes near to you, He is with you...just imagine! And He commits to help you. All of His awesome might and authority is put to your benefit. Wow! “Who else is like our God?” “Who else is like our Savior?” King Jesus is good!

We may not fully understand, really, the importance of having a good king, but we do know what it can be like to have someone in authority over us who is good. Think of a good parent, or teacher, or boss, or supervisor. What’s it like to have that person “on your side,” care about you, and commit to being with you, and helping you, putting their influence for your benefit. Amazing, right?

This is a bit like our Jesus, our good Savior King, who is on your side. Wow! You have the ear of the Creator of the universe! Imagine!

But then the evil queen rides into Aslan’s camp all smug and self-righteous. Edmund is now in Aslan’s camp, but she has a claim on him. According to the deep magic of Narnia, all traitors belong to the queen. And so she boldly rides right into his camp to claim her prize, knowing that Aslan is bound to it, since his character, his nature, created it.

He calls the queen into his private tent to negotiate. Finally, she leaves, having released her claim on Edmund. What only Lucy realizes, however, is that Aslan has agreed to take Edmund’s place. The deep magic will be upheld, as Aslan has volunteered to die in Edmund’s stead.

PP#5: King of Kings: Slain Lamb

1. Jesus is good

2. Jesus is self-sacrificing

This has got to be the craziest truth in the Bible. The mighty King of Kings, our Jesus, who again, flung the galaxies across the universe, agrees to take our place when claimed by the dominion of darkness. We, who have turned against our God and who instead pursued our own foolish desires,

we who have foolishly walked away from our good God, and have come under the control of sin and darkness and ultimately death, we find our King Jesus agreeing to take our place in punishment. Truth, righteousness, justice, consequences, holiness, must be fulfilled in the reality created by our good God. God is only good if these are honored. But the claim on us, therefore, is irrevocable. We are trapped. We belong to the darkness.

But Jesus and Satan go behind closed doors for negotiations. Jesus volunteers to take our place: a perfect and holy God in exchange for all who would call on His name in faith.

PP#6: “He was oppressed and tormented, but didn’t open his mouth. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, He didn’t open His mouth.” -Isaiah 53:7

This is why Isaiah 53 describes the mighty Messiah King as 1. suffering and 2. servant. As we heard, He was abused, rejected, despised. “He took up our pain and bore our suffering...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.” Hallelujah! Can you imagine?

Verse 7, “He was oppressed and tormented, but didn’t open his mouth. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, He didn’t open His mouth.”

The mighty lion became the slain lamb!

King Aslan willingly walks into the queen’s castle, and does not open his mouth when tied up and drug to the stone table. Let’s watch this heart-wrenching scene, as it gives us a way of understanding what is going on with our Jesus in Jerusalem. Have a look at these two clips.

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PP#7: *Image of Susan and Lucy with Aslan’s dead body on the stone table.*

How can we love King Jesus, so incomprehensibly powerful and dangerous? Because He is good, and because He willingly sacrifices Himself to save us. He takes our place to satisfy the cost of our selfishness and sin. This movie, this story, is tritely set in a fanciful world with talking animals. But the sacrifice it describes helps us begin to understand how such a powerful King as our Jesus might dare to die for someone so traitorous as I.

PP#8: Revelation 5:1-14 (CEB)

1 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. It had writing on the front and the back, and it was sealed with seven seals. 2 I saw a powerful angel, who proclaimed in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or look inside it. 4 So I began to weep and weep, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look inside it. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, “Don’t weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has emerged victorious so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Turn again to Revelation 5, our main passage for this entire message series. Here we see a scene from the end of time. It's a vision of the heavenly throne room. God almighty is seated on the throne, holding the scroll describing how all things come together in holy righteousness. Starting in verse 1, "Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One [the Almighty] seated on the throne. It had writing on the front and the back [describing the completion of the end times], and it was sealed with seven seals [holy righteousness]. 2 I saw a powerful angel, who proclaimed in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or look inside it. 4 So I began to weep and weep, because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look inside it. [See, we need a mighty King with ultimate power and authority! Verse 5,] Then one of the elders said to me, 'Don't weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has emerged victorious so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'" Jesus is a mighty and victorious Lion King!

PP#9: Revelation 5:1-14 (CEB)

6 Then, in between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb, standing as if it had been slain. It had seven horns and seven eyes, which are God's seven spirits, sent out into the whole earth. 7 He came forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the One seated on the throne. 8 When He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each held a harp and gold bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

But let's keep reading. Verse 6, "Then, in between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw *a Lamb*, standing *as if it had been slain*. It had seven horns [complete power and authority...this is Jesus!] and seven eyes, which are God's seven spirits, sent out into the whole earth [The Holy Spirit, who is everywhere]. 7 He came forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one seated on the throne. 8 When He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each held a harp and gold bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." They worship the powerful Slain Lamb.

PP#10: Revelation 5:1-14 (CEB)

9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

10 You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."

Listen to their song; listen to what they proclaim in worship. Verse 9, "They took up a new song, saying, 'You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. 10 You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will rule on earth.'"

PP#11: Revelation 5:1-14 (CEB)

11 Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands.

12 They said in a loud voice,

“Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb
to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might,
and honor, glory, and blessing.”

At this point, all the multitude of angels join in the worship. Verse 11, “Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands. 12 They said in a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might, and honor, glory, and blessing.’”

PP#12: Revelation 5:1-14 (CEB)

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say,

“Blessing, honor, glory, and power
belong to the one seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
forever and always.”

14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

And then, every creature in all of creation joins in worship. This is where you and I will find ourselves, this is where we are! Verse 13, “And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say, ‘Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb forever and always.’ 14 Then the four living creatures said, ‘Amen,’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.”

PP#13: *Image for the slain Lamb (Jesus) depicted in Revelation 5, on the throne being worshiped*

It is not just Jesus’ almighty power that earns Him praise and worship. Yes, He is that awesome, for He is Himself God. But the praises of the four living creatures, the angels, the multitudes, the elders, are all raised to the mighty Savior King, not just because He is King, but because He gave Himself as a sacrifice: the mighty Lion of the Tribe of Judah became the Lamb who was Slain, in order to redeem fallen and sinful people...including you and me!

PP#14: *Image of the empty tomb, along side of the empty and broken stone table from Narnia*

The white witch claimed understanding and control of the deep magic of Narnia. She thought she had bested Aslan and then with him dead, planned to take over Narnia for good. But she only had a partial understanding of the deep magic. Aslan, whose identity and character created the deep magic, knew it far better, and knew that when he, as the good and perfect king, was killed to satisfy the penalty of a traitor, his innocent life would return and he would live again. The witch had no understanding of this even deeper magic.

In Jerusalem, Jesus, the mighty King of kings, lays down His good and innocent life for us guilty traitors. It satisfies the deep claims of justice and righteousness and holiness. But there is an

even *deeper* claim at work! It is the work of love, and it is the very character of our Savior-King. Satan has no understanding of this. Love is completely good. And love is self-sacrificing. It is the opposite of selfishness and sin. It is actively giving of yourself completely for another. And Jesus does this for us. The devil, whose character is destruction, has no comprehension of this. And so, God's agape love, manifest in Jesus, wins the victory. Jesus is raised from the dead, and conquers death itself. And He takes all who turn to Him into life abundant and everlasting.

PP#14: King of Kings: Slain Lamb

1. Jesus is good
2. Jesus is self-sacrificing
3. We love Him!

This is why we love Jesus! We may fear Him (in a good way) because of His power. We may stand in awe of Him because of His authority. We may revere Him because of His majesty. We may like Him and be drawn to Him because He is good. But it is because of His great love for us, that is acted out in His complete self-sacrifice for us, that we love Him. Living anew, we are bound at the heart, and we can only respond in worship of love and praise as we are overwhelmed by the depths of His great love for us.

PP#15: Ephesians 3:17-21 (CEB)

17 I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, 18 I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. 19 I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God. 20 Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us; 21 glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen."

This love of our King Christ is what moved Paul to break out in worship in Ephesians 3:17. He prays, "17 I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, 18 I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. 19 I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God. 20 Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us; 21 glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen."

PP#16: Worship Liturgy from Revelation 21

Leader: We join with the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders worshipping the Lamb-Who-Was-Slain. We take up a new song, saying,

People: "You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain, and by your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will rule on earth."

Leader: We join with the multitude of angels, saying in a loud voice,

Last Sunday we ended our message with Revelation 4, seeing Jesus mighty and victorious and dangerous. This week, let's go back to the throne room, in Revelation 21, to worship our mighty Savior-King who became the slain Lamb, the sacrifice for our sin. Stand with me [*congregation stands*], and let's show our love and adoration for our Jesus, who died to redeem us and to give us life again.

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People: "Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might, and honor, glory, and blessing."

Leader: We join all the creatures in heaven and on earth and under the earth, saying,

People: "Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb forever and always."

Leader: And all of God's creatures said,

People: "Amen!"

People: "Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might, and honor, glory, and blessing."

We join all the creatures in heaven and on earth and under the earth, saying,

People: "Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb forever and always."

And all of God's creatures said,

People: "Amen!"

And then the elders fell down and worshipped. So we continue to love and worship our King as Sanctify leads us!

[IN-PERSON WORSHIP ONLY] CLOSING SONG: *Days of Elijah/Hallelujah Chorus* -Sanctify

OFFERING: -Pastor David

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ANNOUNCEMENTS -Pastor David

Next Sunday's message: King of Kings: Reigning with the King

Wednesday night: Community Dinner, Grow Groups, Echo & Youth Group

MEMORY VERSE -Pastor David

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BENEDICTION -Pastor David