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Revelation For the Church

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a church community with a heart for the world

Lenten Series

- Asking every member of the parish to participate in a six-week Lenten small group for Bible reflection and prayer—that will be 30-40 groups. Some groups for men, some for ladies, some for shut-ins, some for youth, some for couples, some for those who work during the day, and some for those who do not go out after dark ... one group for everyone!
- The small groups will use a specific section of Scripture. We want the Lenten Series to be an engagement with God—not simply the pooling of opinions and ideas. Furthermore, when we use a Scripture text in a group, that text helps to hold the conversation to task and keep the group engaged with each other. Anyone in the group can always ask something like, “Now where does that connect to today's Scripture?”
- The Lenten Series however will pick up themes in Revelation rather than being a study of Revelation. For example, in chapter 5, we find two parallel themes, the worthiness of the Lamb and the worship of God. In Lent, we might use this text or a later section to explore our call to worship God here at Our Savior.

Establishing the Vision at the Throne of God (chapters 4 & 5)

- 4.1 “a door standing open in heaven ... 'come up here'”
- 4:6 sea of glass (also Ex 24:10, Ezek 1:22, 26)
God can see into our realm, but we cannot fathom what is in His realm
- 4.5; 5:6 seven spirits or one Spirit (1:10, 4:2; cf 2:29, 3:6, 13, 22)
also seven horns, seven eyes (compare lamps, eyes in Zech 4)
- 5:1-5 who is worthy to open/declare the Word of God?
Lion of Judah (Gen 49:10, Hos 5:14)
Lamb who was slain-and raised (Isa 53; Jn 1:29; 1 Pt 1:19)
- 5:8-14 worship, all consuming worship
the four living creatures
the twenty four elders