



Look at the One Who Was Pierced

PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

MIDWEEK SERIES: IT IS FINISHED

During this midweek Lenten series, we turn to the Old Testament book of Zechariah to hear God's promises spoken centuries before Holy Week. Through vivid and specific prophecies, Zechariah points us to the final days of Jesus' life—His humble entry into Jerusalem, His betrayal, the scattering of His disciples, and His piercing on the cross. These are not vague predictions, but precise promises that unfold as Jesus walks the road to the cross. With each step toward His suffering, another word of God is fulfilled, moving us closer to the moment when Jesus will finally declare, "*It is finished.*" As we listen to these ancient words during Lent, we see that Christ's suffering was no accident or detour, but part of God's saving plan from the beginning. Zechariah helps us slow down and see Holy Week not as a tragedy spiraling out of control, but as the faithful completion of God's Word. In this series, we are invited to repent, to trust, and to marvel that when Jesus says, "*It is finished,*" our salvation truly is complete.

February 25: What's He Worth to You?

March 4: Scattered Sheep

March 11: The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth

March 18: The Kingly Priest

March 25: Look at the One Who Was Pierced



Order of Service

TONIGHT'S FOCUS: LOOK AT THE ONE WHO WAS PIERCED

Opening Hymn

Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow the wood - land,
2 The rule of day is o - ver and shin - ing
3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this



field, and mead - ow; the world in slum - ber lies.
jew - els cov - er the heav - en's bound - less blue.
wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.
night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - en, with prayer and song be
Thus I shall shine in heav - en, where crowns of gold are
Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not
Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -



tak - en; let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
giv - en to all who faith - ful prove and true.
fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.

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Confession of Sins

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

#105 vs. 4 CW

**My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression, My shame on Calvary.
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy I implore you; Redeemer spurn me not!**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our
deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in
peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are
forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall
serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

#105 vs. 5 CW

**What language should I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
Oh, make me your forever, And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Out live my love for you.**

Passion Reading

Matthew 27:27-66

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³ They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴ There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, [a] lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and^[c] went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph,^[d] and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³ “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵ “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you

know how.”⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Reading Response

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

By His wounds we are healed.

Hymn of the Day

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like
3 If you think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil
4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-u-ge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my
his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-
great, here you see its na-ture right-ly, here its
lost: Christ, the rock of our sal-va-tion, is the



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed
sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to
guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners



Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; proofs I
wound him, none would in-ter-vene to save; but the
point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the
wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.
Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

Reading

Zechariah 12:10–13

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. ¹¹On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives, ¹³the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives.

Sermon

Confession of Faith: The Third Article (Sanctification)

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Offering

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.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest Re - deem - er,
2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent



whom we love, foun - tain in life's des - ert drear - y, Sav - ior
pent - ant vow, as we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be -



from the world a - bove, of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less death has brought us
hold your cross a - new, till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; yet, up - on the
life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, on - ly what your
from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, you en - dured the pain of all.
grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

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