



***The Truth, the Whole Truth, and  
Nothing but the Truth***

**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

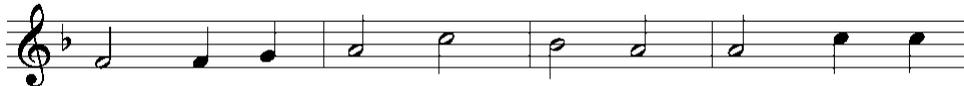


# Order of Service

## TONIGHT'S FOCUS: THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

### 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 - harm.  
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.

**Jesus Refuge of the Weary**

**#108 vs. 1 CW**

**Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,  
Oh, how oft your eyes offended, Gaze upon a sinner's fall!  
Yet, upon the cross extended, You endured the pain of all.**

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.**

**Jesus Refuge of the Weary**

**#108 vs. 3 CW**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for  
you!  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold your cross anew,  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified!**

## Passion Reading From the Gospel of Matthew - Matthew 26:57-75

<sup>57</sup> Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup> But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup> and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup> Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

<sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

<sup>71</sup> Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

<sup>72</sup> He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

<sup>73</sup> After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

<sup>74</sup> Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

## **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

*He Stood before the Court*



1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of  
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man  
3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner  
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to  
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the  
killed; the price is paid at last, the law of  
done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -  
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays  
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that  
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!  
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.  
day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.  
raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

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## Reading

Zechariah 8:14–17

<sup>14</sup>This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Just as I had determined to bring disaster on you and showed no pity when your ancestors angered me,” says the LORD Almighty, <sup>15</sup>“so now I have determined to do good again to Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid. <sup>16</sup>These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; <sup>17</sup>do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,” declares the LORD.

## Sermon

### Confession of Faith: The First Article (Creation)

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

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**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

My Song Is Love Unknown sts. 1-2, 4-5, 7



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -  
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would  
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their  
way. A mur - der - er they save, the Prince of life they  
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes  
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
who at my need his life did spend!  
them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.  
that he his foes from death might free.  
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

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