

February 25, 2026

# IT IS FINISHED

*What's He Worth to You?*

Midweek Lent 2



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**Midweek Lent**

It is Finished:  
What is He Worth to You?

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES:** Our midweek theme is *It Is Finished*. With that remarkable phrase near the end of his suffering on the cross, our Savior indicated to the world that the price of pain for every sinner's atonement had been fully paid. The prophet Zechariah, hundreds of years before Jesus was even born, prophesied about the work the Savior would do. Each week in Lent we consider another aspect of the Savior's work through the prophet's eyes.

**LENTEN WORSHIP THEMES:**

February 18	Return to Me!
<b>***February 25</b>	<b><i>What's He Worth to You?***</i></b>
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
Palm Sunday	Look Up to See Your King!
Holy Thursday	A Cleansing Fountain
Good Friday	Gone in a Single Day
Easter Sunday	Our Fasting Gives Way to Feasting

**FELLOWSHIP INVITATION:** Each week of Lent, a group from Salem serves a fellowship supper between services from 5-6:30 pm. All are invited to enjoy the meal. Free-will offerings for the meal will support various ministries chose by the groups.

***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor Robert Edwards (*Vacancy Assistant at Christ, N. St. Paul & Hugo*)  
Piano/Organ: Madison Boerner, Robyn Stoller

# Order of Worship



## Opening Evening Song

CW 225

*The congregation sings the full song in unison.*



The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last.



A - men.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



to sing praise to your name, O Most High,



to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,



your truth at the close of day.

*Please stand.*

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: 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.**

M: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **(4pm) Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing** *Little Lights Choir*

- 1 Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, which before the cross we spend,  
life and health and peace possessing from the sinner's dying friend.
- 2 Here we rest in wonder, viewing all our sins on Jesus laid;  
here we see redemption flowing from the sacrifice he made.
- 3 Here we find the dawn of heaven while upon the cross we gaze,  
see our trespasses forgiven, and our songs of triumph raise.
- 4 Oh, that, near the cross abiding, we may to the Savior cleave,  
naught with him our hearts dividing, all for him content to leave!
- 5 Lord, in loving contemplation fix our hearts and eyes on you  
till we taste your full salvation and your unveiled glory view.

### **(6:30pm) Rejoice, the Lord is King!** *Men's Chorus*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Lord, the Savior, reigns: the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## Scripture Reading

Zechariah 11:7-13

<sup>7</sup>So I shepherded the flock marked for slaughter, particularly the oppressed of the flock. Then I took two staves and called one Favor and the other Union, and I shepherded the flock. <sup>8</sup>In one month I got rid of the three shepherds.

The flock detested me, and I grew weary of them <sup>9</sup>and said, "I will not be your shepherd. Let the dying die, and the perishing perish. Let those who are left eat one another's flesh."

<sup>10</sup>Then I took my staff called Favor and broke it, revoking the covenant I had made with all the nations. <sup>11</sup>It was revoked on that day, and so the oppressed of the flock who were watching me knew it was the word of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the LORD.

## Hymn of the Day: Christ Is the World's Light

CW 515



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;  
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;  
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;  
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.  
no one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.  
sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.  
give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the  
Who else u - nites us, one with God the  
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the  
give God the glo - ry, God with us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

“What’s He Worth to You?”

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God’s work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren’t expected to.

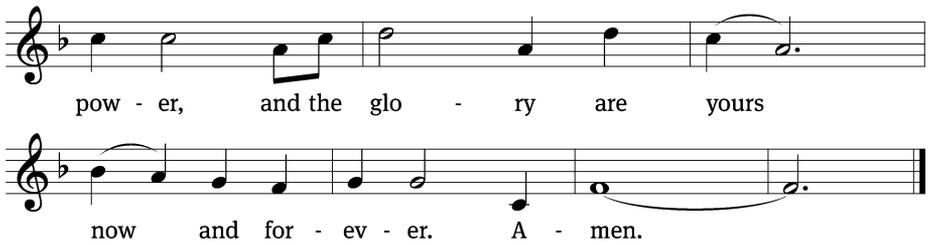
We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Lord’s Prayer

CW 230

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lored be your  
 name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
 dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
 we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
 liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the



## THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*The special Scripture readings that begin today are called the Passion History. Unlike the ordinary meaning of the word passion, the meaning of this word as it applies to the series of readings during Lent is based on the original Latin and Greek. Passio (Latin) and pascha (Greek) speak of suffering as reflected in our contemporary word compassion (“suffering with someone”). So we see a history of the suffering and death of our Savior. This year we watch videos portraying Matthew’s account of the passion history.*

### Passion History

Matthew 26:1–16

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

<sup>2</sup>“As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. <sup>5</sup>“But not during the festival,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup>“This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

<sup>10</sup>Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

After the video, the pastor and congregation join in the seasonal response...

**C:** All we, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds, we are healed.

## Blessing

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

**C:** Amen.

## Hymn: My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CW 753 sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-5



1 My worth is not in what I own, not  
2 My worth is not in skill or name, in  
3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the  
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the  
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2  
blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain  
ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

### Refrain



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

- 4 I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (Refrain)
- 5 Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. (Refrain)

## ***Silent Prayer and Announcements***

### **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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what i need  
*Prepare for Easter at Salem*

**Midweek Lenten Services** Wednesdays 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm  
Meal between 5:00 to 6:30 pm

**Palm Sunday Weekend (March 29/30)** Regular Worship schedule

**Maundy Thursday (April 2)** 6:30 pm Worship with Communion

**Good Friday (April 3)**

10:00 am Good Friday Worship

6:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae

**Easter Sunday (April 5)**

NO SATURDAY SERVICE on April 4th

7:00 am Easter Dawn Worship with Communion

8:00 - 10:30 am Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Easter Festival Worship

10:45 am Easter Festival Worship

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## Marriage Retreat



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St. Croix National Golf, Somerset, WI

Join us April 17–18 for our 2026 Salem Marriage Retreat, Built Stronger Together, a weekend designed to help you discover your God-given strengths and intentionally build one another up in faith and love. Using the CliftonStrengths assessment, couples will gain practical tools to strengthen their marriage, friendship, and everyday life together. Registration is open now exclusively for Salem members. Public registration begins March 1. To learn more or reserve your spot, visit [salemlutheran.org/retreat](https://salemlutheran.org/retreat).

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# TABLE TALKS

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## ***MADE TO MOVE: LEARNING IN MOTION***

Join us to learn how gross motor development and movement support learning and regulation. Hear from Occupational Therapist Jessie Polzin and participate in a discussion with Salem faculty and fellow parents. Come for practical insight, encouragement, and community. Childcare provided for ages 18 months–8 years (ask about infants). Register now: [www.salemlutheran.org/tabletalk](https://www.salemlutheran.org/tabletalk)

# Salem News and Notes

## Social Support & Scripture for Veterans

Beginning March 3rd, Salem will host a weekly coffee group for veterans on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. Veterans of all ages are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Our pastors or church leaders will drop in for brief devotions and encouragement from God's Word. The group is hosted by Outreach chairman Matt Dodge and open to member and nonmembers alike. To learn more or offer to help email Matt at [outreach@salemlutheran.org](mailto:outreach@salemlutheran.org).

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## Join Our Softball Team!

Batter up! Spring is just around the corner, and we're looking for players to join our men's slow-pitch softball team in the Woodbury Parks and Rec League. Game nights are Wednesday doubleheaders at Health East Sports Center in Woodbury, with the season running from early May through early August. Some experience is helpful, but all are welcome to inquire. For more information or to sign up, contact Tom Forster at 651-303-3548 or [tforster16@gmail.com](mailto:tforster16@gmail.com).

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## Save the Date for Vacation Bible School (VBS)

While it may seem like a long time off, planning is already underway for this summer's VBS for kids. This year's VBS program will be held June 15th-19th, with the family night picnic and games on Thursday the 18th.



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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*For our guests*

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

*For those with young children*

We love to see families worship together, and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, on the wall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome, too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

