

# IT IS FINISHED

*Scattered Sheep*



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## Midweek Lent

It is Finished:  
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**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!
February 25	What's He Worth to You?
<b>March 4</b>	<b><i>Scattered Sheep</i></b>
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 Seth Krueger (*Divinity, West St Paul, MN*)

Piano: Abigail Ibisch

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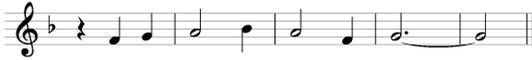
# Order of Worship



## 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) God Loved the World**

*Preschool Choir*

- 1 God loved the world, so much that He gave His own Son, to die for me.  
All who believe, in Jesus Christ, they shall receive eternal life.
- 2 My sins are great, but greater He who took them all forgiving me.  
Because He lives so then, shall I; for Jesus gives eternal life!

### **Scripture Reading**

*Zechariah 13:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>“Awake, sword, against my shepherd,  
against the man who is close to me!”  
declares the LORD Almighty.

“Strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered,  
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

<sup>8</sup>In the whole land,” declares the LORD,  
“two-thirds will be struck down and perish;  
yet one-third will be left in it.

<sup>9</sup>This third I will put into the fire;  
I will refine them like silver  
and test them like gold.

They will call on my name  
and I will answer them;

I will say, ‘They are my people,’  
and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’ ”

# Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness,  
7 And when, dear Lord, be - fore your throne in heav - en



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
the sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;  
to me the crown of joy at last is giv - en,



Of what great crime have you to make con -  
the Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants  
we for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -  
where sweet - est hymns your saints for - ev - er



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?  
owe him, who would not know him.  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.  
raise you, I too shall praise you.

## Sermon

Based on Zechariah 13:7-9

### “Scattered Sheep”

## 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 - lowed 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  
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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 contempo-*

rary 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 26:17-35

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’ ” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

<sup>21</sup>And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup>They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup>Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

“ ‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

<sup>32</sup>But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>33</sup>Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

<sup>34</sup>“Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

<sup>35</sup>But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

*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: How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

CW 523



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all  
2 Be-hold the Man up-on a cross, my sin up-on his  
3 I will not boast in an-y-thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea-sure, that he should give his on-ly Son to  
shoul-ders. A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call  
wis-dom. But I will boast in Je-sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea-sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss.  
out a-mong the scof-fers. It was my sin that held him there  
death and res-ur-rec-tion. Why should I gain from his re-ward?



The Fa-ther turns his face a-way as wounds which mar the  
un-til it was ac-com-plished; his dy-ing breath has  
I can-not give an an-swer. But this I know with



Cho-sen One bring man-y sons to glo-ry.  
brought me life. I know that it is fin-ished.  
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran-som.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

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exactly  
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

# built stronger TOGETHER

## Marriage Retreat



APRIL 17-18 | \$100  
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](http://salemlutheran.org/retreat).

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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. 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.

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### **February Diaper Drive**

A HUGE thank you from the Caring Committee for all of the diapers and/or wipe donations! This year we chose to support Christian Life Ministries in Little Canada an area pregnancy and family resource center. This ministry serves at-risk families through education and the sharing of God's Word.

# Easter for Kids

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 • 10 am - Noon

Easter is the heart of our faith and we want your children to feel that. Join us for a special morning where families explore the death and resurrection of Jesus together through crafts, games, and Bible stories crafted for young hearts and hands. This is what Salem does best. We help parents to pass their faith on. Free and open to all. Ages 3 through 6th grade.



Register at [salemlutheran.org/easterforkids](https://salemlutheran.org/easterforkids) — we can't wait to see your family there!

JESUS ANSWERED,

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except *through me.*”

JOHN 14:6

# 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.**

