

IT IS FINISHED

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



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Midweek Lent

It is Finished: The Truth, the Whole Truth,
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Welcome! 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?
March 4	Scattered Sheep
March 11	<i>The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth</i>
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 chosen by the groups.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Preacher: Pastor Sam Lor (*St. John's, Minneapolis*)

Piano: Luke Dorn

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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.**

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 8:14-17

¹⁴This 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, ¹⁵"so now I have determined to do good again to Jerusalem and Judah. Do not be afraid. ¹⁶These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; ¹⁷do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this," declares the LORD.

GUIDE ME IN

YOUR TRUTH
AND TEACH ME,

FOR YOU ARE GOD MY SAVIOR.



PSALMS 25:5



Hymn of the Day: He Stood before the Court

CW 408



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!

Sermon

Based on Zechariah 8:14-17

“The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth”

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 contemporary word compassion ("suffering with someone"). So we see a history of the suffer-

ing and death of our Savior. This year we watch videos portraying Matthew's account of the passion history.

Passion History

Matthew 26:36-56

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵²"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641 sts. 1, 3, 5, 7



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us
3 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through-out the
5 O keep us in your Word, we pray; the guile and
7 O grant that in your ho - ly Word we here may



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
earth no rest is found, and false-hood's spir -
rage of Sa - tan stay. Oh, may your mer -
live and die, dear Lord; and when our jour -



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
it wide has spread, and er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
cy nev - er cease; give con - cord, pa-tience, cour - age, peace.
ney's end - ing here, re - ceive us in - to glo - ry there.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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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

Holy Week Devotions — "Of First Importance"

Martin Luther College has once again created a free digital devotion book for Holy Week, March 29–April 5, featuring one devotion for each day from Palm Sunday through Easter. The eight devotions walk through 1 Corinthians 15:3–11, meditating on the death and resurrection of Christ. Sign up to receive each devotion by daily email (including an audio recording) at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions or read them online once Holy week comes.

Easter for Kids

Register today - ages 3 to 6th grade

Saturday, March 28th, 2026 • 10 am - Noon

Don't Let Easter Get Lost This Year

Every spring, Easter faces some stiff competition. Pastel baskets, chocolate bunnies, and egg hunts have a way of swallowing all the attention.

For kids especially, it can be hard to connect the cheerful chaos of spring to the most profound moment in the Christian story.

That's exactly why Salem has Easter for Kids.

Your kids are already learning this story at Salem.

Easter for Kids is a chance to live it together as a family in a way that sticks long after the candy is gone.

Designed for kids ages 3 through 6th grade but
this morning is for the whole family.

Scan the QR code to register.



LAST CHANCE

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS



PROF. PAUL KOELPIN (Martin Luther College- New Ulm)
Christ Through Us - Explore key moments from WELS history, including the challenges faced along the way and the lessons they continue to teach us today.



DR. LORI RYAN (Holy Trinity- New Hope)
Hospitality Bootcamp: Evangelism in Action - Learn how practicing intentional hospitality- in your home, neighborhood, workplace, and community- becomes a powerful and accessible form of evangelism.



ST. MARK MINISTRY TEAM (St. Mark- Mankato, MN)
Resurrection Work: Real Insights for Turnaround Churches - Hear firsthand how church leaders navigated a true ministry turnaround and gain a practical roadmap for renewal and resurrection in church life.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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.**

