

IT IS FINISHED

The Kingly Priest



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Midweek Lent

It is Finished: The Truth, the Whole Truth,
and Nothing but the Truth

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	The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth
March 18	<i>The Kingly Priest</i>
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 Ryan Wolfe

Piano: Abigail Ibisch

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Order of Worship



Opening Evening Song

CW 225

The congregation sings the portions in bold print responsively with the Pastor.



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 6:9-13

⁹The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁰“Take silver and gold from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. ¹¹Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jozadak. ¹²Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. ¹³It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’

Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

CW 561

Soloist sings verse 1. The congregation may join in the remaining verses.



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



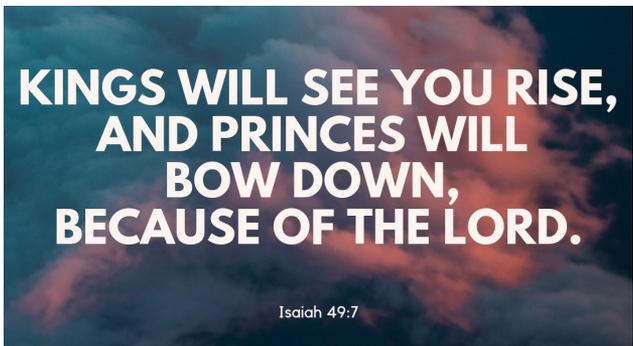
Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his
heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Sermon

Based on Zechariah 6:9-13

“The Kingly Priest”



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 26:57-75

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸But 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.

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

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

⁶²Then 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?” ⁶³But 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.”

⁶⁴“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.”

⁶⁵Then 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. ⁶⁶What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

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

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

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

⁷¹Then 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.”

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

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

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

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

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, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

CW 581



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark-ened
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
heart and mind; else the world had yet en-thralled me,
bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,



had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it



sin that stained me, cleans-ing me to be your own; for this
none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know-ing
of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -



pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

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

Holy Week Devotions — "Of First Importance" Looking for a way to go deeper this Holy Week? A free digital devotion book is available with one devotion per day from Palm Sunday through Easter. Each entry meditates on the death and resurrection of Christ through 1 Corinthians 15 and includes an audio recording. Sign up to receive them by daily email at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions.

built stronger **TOGETHER**



Marriage Retreat

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17

April 17-18, 2026
Salem Church, Stillwater, MN
\$100 per couple

Marriage is a journey of growth, love, and partnership, and it's strongest when couples intentionally build one another up. At this retreat, you'll explore your God-given strengths and become better equipped in your marriage, faith, friendship, and everyday life together.

Using the Clifton StrengthsFinder assessment, you'll identify your top strengths while learning to recognize and appreciate your spouses. Our hope is that you leave with a deeper sense of unity and a renewed purpose in your relationship.



Our guest speaker, Emily Krill, is the founder and facilitator of Messy Worship, a ministry dedicated to helping people discover their God-given strengths and connect with God in the everyday messy moments of life. Emily is a wife, mom of five boys, singer for the CCM band His Way, and writer for Time of Grace ministry.

*Register online [salemlutheran.org](https://www.salemlutheran.org)
Contact the church office with any
questions! Scholarships are available.*



Social Support & Scripture for Veterans

Salem hosts a weekly coffee group for veterans 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 members and nonmembers alike. To learn more or offer to help email Matt at outreach@salemlutheran.org.

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. 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.

Celebrate WELS Missions!

Salem members are invited to save the dates for some special opportunities to grow in faith and celebrate the work God is doing. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will hold its spring rally at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West St. Paul. on April 11th. This rally is free to all and will feature Tammy Leyrer talking about WELS humanitarian and mission work in Indonesia. The LWMS national convention will be held in Madison, WI June 25-28. Find out more about the national rally at www.lwms.org.

Hudson Easter Vigil — "Watch and pray." (Matthew 26:41)

Join us for a continuous vigil of prayer and reflection from Good Friday evening until Easter dawn, as we keep watch over a replica of Christ's tomb through the night at Emmanuel in Hudson, WI. Participants sign up for two-hour slots at hudsoneastervigil.com. Couples and friends are welcome to sign up together, and drop-in visitors are always welcome. Good Friday worship is April 3 at 7:00 PM; Easter Sunday worship is April 5 at 9:00 AM followed by breakfast. Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All are welcome.

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.**

