

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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Worship –9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

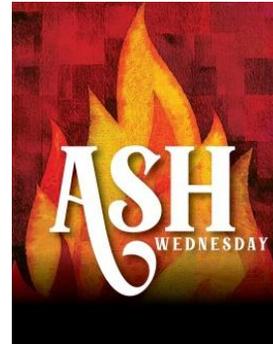
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**Zechariah**

*“Rebuilding hope in a troubled world”*  
**Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2026**  
**Part 1**  
*“First Things First” - Zechariah 1:1-6*

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Zechariah 9:9–10)

- P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**  
P: Behold, your King comes to you—  
**C: Righteous and having salvation.**  
P: Speaking peace to the nations.  
**C: And ruling from sea to sea—**  
P: To the ends of the earth!  
**C: God’s kingdom comes—**  
P: To us!  
**C: Through Jesus Christ our Lord!**



**OPENING HYMN LSB 435** “Come to Calvary’s Holy  
(1-3)

Mountain”

*As the opening hymn is sung, the FIRST Lenten candle is extinguished*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

- P: Merciful Father—  
**C: I am wrapped up in myself.**  
P: I cling to comfort and choose the easy way.  
**C: I want tweaking, not transformation.**  
P: Greed, envy, intolerance and jealousy mark my life.  
**C: I fail to learn, and what I have learned, I fail to practice.**  
P: I judge others with a standard I never use for myself.  
**C: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**  
P: Zechariah 13:1 states, “On that day there will be a fountain opened to cleanse from sin and uncleanness.” Because of Christ’s cross and crucifixion—Zechariah’s day is today! Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me for all. In a full, perpetual tide opened when our Savior died! In Jesus’ name, you are absolved, forgiven and loved! God’s kingdom comes to us—  
**C: Through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE LSB 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” (vs 4)**

**COLLECT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who repent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Zechariah 1:1-6

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN** “Death was Arrested” (North Point) – video

**SERMON** “First Things First” Zechariah 1:1-6 Pastor Nathan

**CREED** *Nicene Creed (Please stand)*

**OFFERING** “How He Loves” (David Crowder) – Video

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS *(LSB page 161, sung)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST-*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (*LSB page 163, sung*)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

**. DISTRIBUTION & ASHES**

“Just As I Am” (Shane Everette Band) – Video

LSB 419 “Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

LSB 550 “Lamb of God”

LSB 606 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN - "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (LSB643:1**



**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**C: and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**CLOSING HYMN LSB 878** “Abide with Me” (vs 1-2,5-6)  
(The Congregation leaves in silence)