

**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”*

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 – Part 2**

**“It’s Tool Time” - Zechariah 1:18-21**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 333** “Once He Came in Blessing” (vs1-3)

Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.  
Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish

Soon will come that hour—  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Life is defined by building.  
C: **We all build our lives upon something:**  
P: Towers of fear.  
C: **Houses of spite.**  
P: Chasing carrots of success.  
C: **Sprinting after the next thing.**  
P: And the thing after that.  
C: **These worldly paths lead to one place: Sin**  
P: Empty. Broken. Spent.  
C: **That's what sin does.**  
P: Yet, the Master Carpenter sees your attempts.  
C: **His tools are a cross, nails, and tomb.**  
P: He offers His best for your worst.  
C: **Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**  
P: Come near to me and hear my cries through Jesus:

*(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that  
though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P: I have great news! God hears your cries and sends the Deliverer. The day of the Lord has come – on a cross, in a tomb, through a grave – the King steps from His heavenly throne into the fray of His creation. All for you! He loves you. He died for you.

He rose for you. He forgives you. He restores you. The Kingdom is here in Jesus! Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

C: **“Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord. (Zech 1:3) Amen.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE LSB 333** “Once He Came in Blessing” (vs 4)

**Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heaven we bless You.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, your gift of victory comes chiefly in the weakness of our Savior's bitter suffering and death on a cross. Empower us to build our lives upon this amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Zechariah 1:18-21 And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns! And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these?” And he said to me, “These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.” Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. And I said, “What are these coming to do?” He said, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one raised his

head. And these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter it.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 4:1-11 (please stand)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN LSB 850** “God of Grace and God of Glory” v.1,3-4

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow’r;  
Crown Your ancient Church’s story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Cure Your children’s warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

**SERMON** “It’s Tool Time” Zechariah 1:18-21 Pastor Nathan

**CREED** The Apostle’s *Creed*. (*Please rise.*)

**OFFERING** “Even If” (MercyMe) – Video

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.  
**C:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “In Christ Alone” (Kristian Stanfill) – Video

**SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace as to love and serve the Lord.  
**C:** Thanks be to God!



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on bread alone, but  
on every word that  
comes from the mouth  
of God.” Matthew 4:4