

**Blessed Savior Lutheran Church**

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**Zechariah**

*“Rebuilding hope in a troubled world”*

**Sunday, March 15 - Part 5**

“First Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask” - *Zechariah 8:18-23*

**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 436** “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (VS 1-3)

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see.  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God’s own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Soften our hearts to Your ways, Your words, Your path for our life.

**C: Too often I keep pushing forward trying to blaze my own trail.**

P: Rather than living by trust,

**C: I live by fear.**

P: Rather than live by faith,

**C: I live by doubt.**

P: Rather than live by love,

**C: I live by anger.**

P: Help me to see that it starts with me.

**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 436 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (VS 4)

**Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid His breathless clay  
All is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, your crucified, risen ascended Son has sent us into the world to share the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear the Gospel may be drawn to saving faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord—

**C: Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 8:18-23

And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace.

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going.’ Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** Ephesians 5:8-14

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the ninth chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** "Rebuilder" (Carrollton) – Video

**SERMON** "First Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask" - Zechariah 8:18-23 Pastor Nathan

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

**ALL: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING** "You Say" (The War Within) – 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**

P:     Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed."..... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **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.**

### **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**

"Lord, I Need You" (Matt Maher) – Video

"O Savior, Precious Savior" (LSB 527)

**O Savior, precious Savior,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
All other names above:  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our Holy Lord and King.**

**O bringer of salvation,  
Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation  
Of love beyond our thought:  
We worship Thee; we bless thee;  
To Thee, O Christ we sing;  
We praise Thee, we confess Thee,  
Our gracious Lord and King.**

**In Thee all fullness dwelleth,  
All grace and pow'r divine;  
Thy glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is Thine,  
We worship Thee; we bless Thee;  
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
Our glorious Lord and King.**

**Oh, grant the consummation  
Of this our song above  
In endless adoration  
And everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee  
Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess Thee,  
Our Savior and our King!**

"God Loved the World so that He Gave" (LSB 571)

**God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood;  
Your Baptism, grants the highest good.**

**If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

## **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN LSB 456** "Were You There" (VS 1-3)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

## **SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace as to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

