

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Zechariah

“Rebuilding hope in a troubled world”

Sunday, March 22 - Part 6

“The Redeemer’s Refinery” - Zechariah 13:1-6

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 437 “Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed” (VS1-4)

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov’rign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures’ sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: The prophet Zechariah brings a word from the Lord:

C: “I will bring that group through the fire and make them pure.

P: I will refine them like silver and purify them like gold.

C: They will call on my name, and I will answer them.

P: I will say, ‘These are my people,’

C: and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’” (Zech 13:9)

P: I too have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight

C: Forgive me. Revive me. Restore me.

P: Refine me and make me pure.

C: Wash me clean in Your Living waters.

P: I call upon Your name, Jesus.

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 437 “Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed” (VS 5)

**But drops of grief can ne’er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
‘Tis all that I can do.**

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, when you died, the spear through your side brought forth a sudden flow of blood and water that forgives sin, heals hurts and destroys demons. Send forth your Holy Spirit so that we benefit and are saved by these marvelous gifts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 13:1-6

“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

“And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness. And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive, but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’ And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 11:17-27, 38-53

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing

around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

“Jesus is my Superhero”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN LSB 761 “Rock of Ages”

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

SERMON "The Redeemer's Refinery" - Zechariah 13:1-6 Pastor Nathan

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

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (Shane Everette Band) – Video

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN LSB 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

SENDING

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

