

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”

Thursday April 2, 2026 Part 8 – Maundy Thursday

“Covenant Blood” - Zechariah 9:11-13

WELCOME

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

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 & EXTINGUISHING LENT CANDLES

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)” (Chris Tomlin – Video)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: We often find ourselves in stuck places.

C: **Stuck in anger.**

P: Stuck in fear.

C: **Stuck in worry.**

P: Stuck in doubt.

C: **These are Satan’s go-to tools to keep me from You, Jesus.**

P: Satan wants me to remain stuck.

C: **Stuck people are just that – stuck.**

P: Going nowhere in life, spinning my wheels of faith.

C: **Forgive me when I get comfortable in a stuck place.**

P: Send Your Spirit and Word as a rescue line.

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.**

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his body and blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive these gifts thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:11-13

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 11:26-34

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31-35 (please stand)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 13th 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 LSB 739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

SERMON "Covenant Blood" - Zechariah 9:11-13 Pastor Nathan

CREED *Nicene Creed (Please stand)*

OFFERING LSB 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (VS 1-5)

Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love
By love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined
We are in Him made one.

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

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

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

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

"There Is a Fountain" (Aaron Shust) – Video

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (LSB 434 vs 1)

**Lamb of God, pure and holy
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" (LSB 619)



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of Your Son. Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth, until our joy is complete in heaven and we share the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN LSB 880 “Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow” (vs. 2, 3, 5)

The Congregation leaves in silence.