



Lenten Series:  
**Zechariah  
Walks Us to  
the Cross**

Today's Theme:  
**Our  
Punishment  
Should Never  
be Finished**



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*We gather in our midweek worship for serious contemplation of our sin and joyful relationship with our Savior, Jesus.*

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## **Lent Gathering Rite**

**M:** We gather to focus on Jesus' Passion.

**C:** **To see His resolve, consider His sacrifice and ponder His love.**

We gather in the name of our Triune God as we remember our baptism

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

We also gather to see and confess our sin.

**We confess that we scatter from our Shepherd, do not see Him as our worth King or High Priest. We flee from the truth and deserve to be pierced for our sin. Jesus forgive us, cover us, renew us, lead us.**

Our Good Shepherd, King and Priest, Jesus, has deemed you worth enough to choose to be pierced in your place. He has paid for all of your sins and has given you the truth to set you free.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

STAND

# 304 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654 sts. 1-4



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble  
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that  
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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## Passion History

Matthew 21:1–11

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>“Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

## 304 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654 sts. 5-7



5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let  
6 Now my con - science is at peace, from the law I  
7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have  
my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow  
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ has pur - chased my re - lease  
been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,  
by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I  
and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my  
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to  
do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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## SERMON - It Should Never Be Finished

### Sermon Text

Isaiah 59:12-20

<sup>12</sup>For our offenses are many in your sight,  
and our sins testify against us.

Our offenses are ever with us,  
and we acknowledge our iniquities:

<sup>13</sup>rebellion and treachery against the LORD,  
turning our backs on our God,

inciting revolt and oppression,  
uttering lies our hearts have conceived.

<sup>14</sup>So justice is driven back,  
and righteousness stands at a distance;  
truth has stumbled in the streets,  
honesty cannot enter.

<sup>15</sup>Truth is nowhere to be found,  
and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

The LORD looked and was displeased  
that there was no justice.

<sup>16</sup>He saw that there was no one,  
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;  
so his own arm achieved salvation for him,  
and his own righteousness sustained him.

<sup>17</sup>He put on righteousness as his breastplate,  
and the helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on the garments of vengeance  
and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

<sup>18</sup>According to what they have done,  
so will he repay  
wrath to his enemies  
and retribution to his foes;

he will repay the islands their due.  
<sup>19</sup>From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD,  
and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory.

For he will come like a pent-up flood  
that the breath of the LORD drives along.

<sup>20</sup>“The Redeemer will come to Zion,  
to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,”  
declares the LORD.

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## Catechism Confession

*First: What is the use of the keys?*

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?*

The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20, “[Jesus] breathed on [his disciples] and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”

## Lenten Prayer

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure

to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Communion Service: Our Lord Gives Himself to Us**

*(Stand)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is good and right to do this.**

It is truly good, right and a blessing that we at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and glorify Your glorious name, evermore praise You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Heavenly Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We now consecrate this bread and wine for special use in the sacrament.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as we are about to receive Your body and blood in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we ask a special measure of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us faith to recognize the real presence of Your body and blood in this bread and wine, and help us to receive the confident assurance that this body and blood was truly given and shed to take away all our sins. Grant that this assurance may not be shaken by any unrepented sin that may lie hidden in our hearts. But rather make us sorry for every sin and make us eager to please You with better lives in the days to come. Grant us Your blessings as we receive this precious sacrament, that we may be strengthened in our faith, in a sure and certain hope of everlasting life, and in our desire to serve You with all our hearts. Hear us for Your name's sake.

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant you Your peace. Amen.**

*Distribution of the Elements*

*After communing, the communicants sit and offer a silent prayer.*

**C:** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the sight of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your People Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, now and forever. Amen.

**P:** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
And his mercy endures forever.

*Prayer*  
**Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Text: Rev. Rolfe Westendorf

### 349 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

CW 823



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In thine arms I rest me; foes who would op - press me  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee;  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,  
5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long in an - guish  
can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!  
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



shall my spir - it lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?  
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
nor thy threats a - larm me while I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry told with tempt - ing voice.  
though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash; yet, though sin and  
God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour; earth and all its  
Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my  
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, thou art still my



naught to hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him.  
Sav - ior move me since he deigns to love me.  
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

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## Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

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# Siloah Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement

It is our God-given mission to **WITNESS** to the full and free forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ in our community.

**Our Objectives are:**

- To **LEARN** more and more about God's grace through his Word and Sacraments in worship, Bible study, and our Christian school for strengthening of our faith, fellowship, and families.
- To **LIVE** as examples of God's grace as we gather to encourage one another and to help the physically and spiritually needy in our congregation, our community, and the world.
- To **LABOR** in love to share God's grace, the sweet message of the gospel, with our diverse community and all with whom we come in contact.

**Actions steps from today's worship:**

**Learn More and More:** Listen to or read the entire book of Zechariah to get ready for the next five midweek sermons which will be based on verses from that prophet. Focus on next Wednesday's text: Zechariah 8:14-17

**Live as Examples:** Choose someone you need to build or restore a relationship with and send them a card or gift.

**Labor in Love:** Think of a member of Siloah or family member that does not come to church every week and invite them to come to dinner and worship next Wednesday.



**How can we be certain that God  
accepted the perfect life and death  
of Jesus in our place?**

**The Bible tells us that Jesus rose from the  
dead and that "He was raised to life for  
our justification." Romans 4:25**  
**Justification means being declared not guilty.**

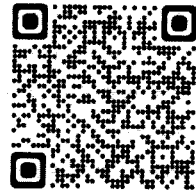
# 2026 Ash Wednesday, Lenten, and Resurrection Sunday Schedule at Siloah Lutheran Church

February 18th, 2026, **Ash Wednesday Church Service**  
at **6:30 P.M.** with Communion.

**Lent:** February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th in Hoffmann Hall

- Lent Suppers: **5:30 P.M.**
- Lent Worship Service: **6:30 P.M.**

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**Maundy-Thursday Service**  
April 2, 2026, at **6:30 P.M.**

**Good / Bittersweet Friday Service**  
April 3, 2026, at **6:30 P.M.**

**Resurrection Sunday Schedule on April 5, 2026**

- Sunrise Service at **8:00 A.M.**
- Breakfast at **9:00 A.M.**
- Festival Service at **10:00 A.M.**

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