



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

Today's Theme:  
**What's He  
Worth to You?**



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

REMAIN SEATED

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 worthy 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

### 369 Beautiful Savior

CW 522



1	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	King	of cre - a - tion,	Son	of
2	Fair	are the mead - ows,	fair	are the wood - lands,	robed	in
3	Fair	is the sun - shine,	fair	is the moon - light,	bright	the
4	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	Lord	of the na - tions,	Son	of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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BE SEATED

## Passion History

Matthew 26:57—27:56

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup>But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup>But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup>and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’”

<sup>62</sup>Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup>“You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

<sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup>and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

<sup>71</sup>Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

<sup>72</sup>He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

<sup>73</sup>After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

<sup>1</sup>Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. <sup>2</sup>So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>"I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

<sup>5</sup>So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

<sup>6</sup>The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." <sup>7</sup>So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. <sup>8</sup>That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, <sup>10</sup>and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

<sup>11</sup>Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup>When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup>But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>15</sup>Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup>For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup>While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup>But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup>“Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered.

<sup>22</sup>“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup>“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup>When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”

<sup>25</sup>All the people answered, “His blood is on us and on our children!”

<sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup>After they had

mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup>They came to a place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). <sup>34</sup>There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup>When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>Above his head they placed the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

<sup>38</sup>Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup>Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” <sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup>“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” <sup>44</sup>In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

<sup>45</sup>From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup>About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

<sup>47</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup>Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

<sup>50</sup>And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup>and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup>They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

<sup>55</sup>Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. <sup>56</sup>Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

### 349 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

CW 823 sts. 1-3



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;



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



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.



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



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.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677, abr.; (sts. 1-2): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; (st. 3): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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# SERMON - What's He Worth to You?

## Sermon Text

Zechariah 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>10</sup>“Take silver and gold from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon. Go the same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. <sup>11</sup>Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and set it on the head of the high priest, Joshua son of Jozadak. <sup>12</sup>Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’

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## 349 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

CW 823 sts. 4-5



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,



Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!  
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



Naught to me thy sto - ry told with tempt - ing voice.  
though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Pain or loss or shame or cross shall not from my  
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, thou art still my



Sav - ior move me since he deigns to love me.  
pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

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## The Fourth Petition

**P:** Give us today our daily bread.

*P: What does this mean?*

**C:** God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*P: What, then, is meant by daily bread?*

**C:** Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

## 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.

## 477 What Is the World to Me

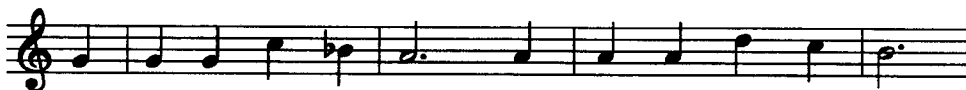
CW 717 sts. 1, 4



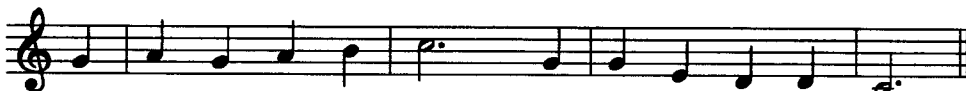
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;  
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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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:** Read next Wednesday's text: Zechariah 12:10-13

**Live as Examples:** Consider how you might be a blessing to a relative or friend and offer to help them with a task, spend time with them or bless them financially or with something they need.

**Labor in Love:** Make a final invite to someone to join you for the meal next Wednesday at 5:30 PM at Siloah and stay for worship. Offer to pick them up.

## **2026 Lenten and Resurrection Sunday Schedule at Siloah Lutheran Church**

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### **Lent: March 25th, in Hoffmann Hall**

- Lent Meal: 5:30 P.M.
- Lent Worship Service: 6:30 P.M.

### **Maundy Thursday Service**

April 2nd, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

### **Good / Bittersweet Friday Service**

April 3rd, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

### **Resurrection Sunday Schedule April 5th, 2026**

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