



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

Today's Theme:
**Look at the
One who was
Pierced**



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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

127 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

CW 430 sts. 1-2



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my
his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed
sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to



Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; proofs I
wound him, none would in-ter-vene to save; but the



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.
deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.

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Passion History

Matthew 27:57—28:20

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked

for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵So the

soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

127 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

CW 430 sts. 3-4



3 If you think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the



great, here you see its na - ture right - ly, here its
lost: Christ, the rock of our sal - va - tion, is the



guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load; 'tis the
wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

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SERMON - Look at the One Who Was Pierced

Sermon Text

Zechariah 12:10-13

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. ¹¹On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives, ¹³the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives,

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140 God Was There on Calvary

CW 433 sts. 1-3



1 God was there on Cal - va - ry, God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
2 All the world on Cal - va - ry cru - ci - fied the Prince of life,
3 Sin was there on Cal - va - ry, all the sins of ev - 'ry - one,



dy - ing that the world might live, there on Cal - va - ry.
pierced the hands of God's own Son, there on Cal - va - ry.
laid up - on God's sin - less Lamb there on Cal - va - ry.

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The Fifth Petition

P: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

P: What does this mean?

C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.

So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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.

140 God Was There on Calvary

CW 433 sts. 4-6



4 Love was there on Cal - va - ry, stream - ing from the heart of God,
5 Life was there on Cal - va - ry, flow - ing from his wound - ed side,
6 We were there on Cal - va - ry; we were par - doned, saved, set free,



reach - ing out for ev - 'ry - one there on Cal - va - ry.
spent that death it - self might die there on Cal - va - ry.
saved to live e - ter - nal - ly— bless - ed Cal - va - ry!

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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 whole book of Zechariah to review our Midweek Messages.

Live as Examples: Identify one child, a neighbor or niece or nephew etc., whom you can gift this Easter.

Labor in Love: Pray for your family members to attend worship on Resurrection Sunday at Siloah or another church