

# Welcome

We are glad that you have  
joined us for worship.

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## OPENING HYMN:

#394 **Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (vs.1-4)**

V1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
sinners, ruined by the fall;  
here a pure and healing fountain  
flows to you, to me, to all,  
in a full, perpetual tide,  
opened when our Savior died.

V2. Come in poverty and meanness,  
come defiled, without, with-in;  
from infection and uncleanness,  
from the leprosy of sin,  
wash your robes and make them white;  
you shall walk with God in light.

V3. Come in sorrow and contrition,  
wounded, paralyzed, and blind;  
here the guilty, free remission,  
here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
they that drink shall thirst no more.

V4. They that drink shall live forever;  
    'tis a soul renewing flood.  
    God is faithful; God will never  
    break his covenant of blood,  
signed when our Redeemer died,  
sealed when he was glorified.

# INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of our God,

C: to whom all hearts are open and from  
whom no secrets are hidden.

# CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other:

C: Holy Father in heaven, I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of many sins. I am distressed by them and beg for your forgiveness. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

# ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: By the authority of Christ, I forgive  
you your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# PSALM 116 (Selected verses)

P: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

C: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

C: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

P: The LORD is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.

C: The LORD protects the simple-  
hearted; when I was in great need, he  
saved me.

P: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

C: that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

P: How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

P: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

C: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

# Psalm Prayer

P: God of mercy and might, through the suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage through this life that we may glorify you in the presence of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

# Passion Reading

## Part Six

Jesus' Death on  
the Cross



Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the Skull. And they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

It was the third hour when they crucified him, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left, and Jesus in the middle. Thus the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “He was counted with the lawless ones.” Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened above his head on the cross. The written charge against him read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. The sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city.

The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them. They cast lots to see what each would get. The undergarment remained. It was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

The people too stood watching. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!”

Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” Even the rulers sneered at him. In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves.

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him heaped insults on him. The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!”

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining.

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” – which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

A jar of wine vinegar was there. Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. But the rest said, "Leave him alone now. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him and take him down."

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he said this, he bowed his head and gave up his life.

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

The centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, and those with him who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and all that had happened. They were terrified, yet they praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man. Surely he was the Son of God!”

When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him stood at a distance.

They included many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs, among them Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and Joseph, and Salome the mother of Zebedee's sons. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may have faith. These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,” and, as another Scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.”

# Seasonal Response

All: All we like sheep have gone astray,  
and the Lord has laid on him the  
iniquity of us all. By his wounds we  
are healed.

HYMN: #423 **The Power of the Cross** (vs.1-4)

V1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,  
then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the pow'r of the cross:

Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
we stand forgiven at the cross.

V2. Oh, to see the pain  
written on your face,  
bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
crowning your blood-stained brow.

This the pow'r of the cross:

Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
we stand forgiven at the cross.

V3. Now the daylight flees;  
now the ground beneath  
quakes as its maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry.  
This the pow’r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
we stand forgiven at the cross.

V4. Oh, to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
for thro' your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
won thro' your selfless love!  
This the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God— slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

# Sermon Text

## Zechariah 13:1-3



# It Is Finished

*The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah*

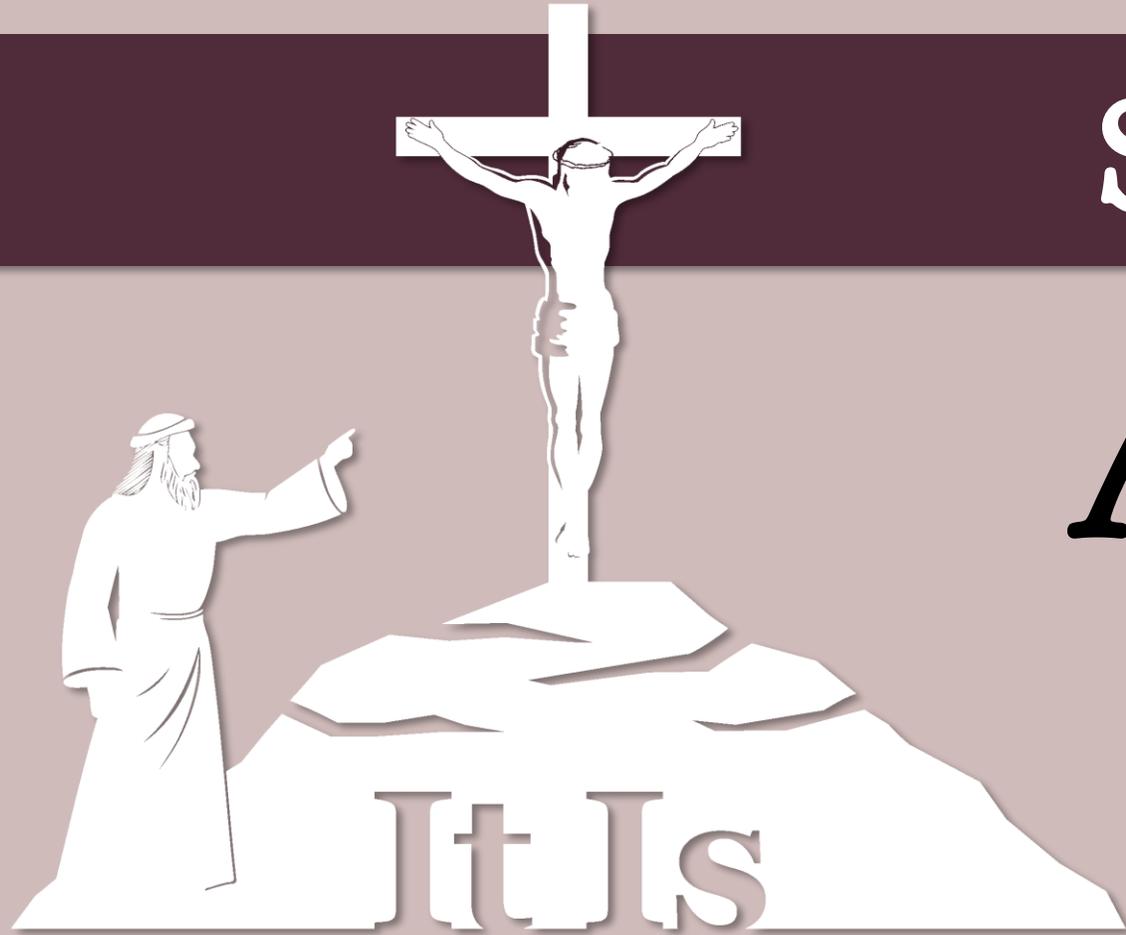
“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

“On that day, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more,” declares the LORD Almighty.

“I will remove both the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land. And if anyone still prophesies, his father and mother, to whom he was born, will say to him, ‘You must die, because you have told lies in the LORD'S name.’ When he prophesies, his own parents will stab him.”

Sermon Theme

# A Cleansing Fountain



It Is  
**Finished**

*The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah*



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# RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: listen to my cry.

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: hide me in the shadow of your wings.

P: In righteousness I shall see you;

C: when I awake, your presence will  
give me joy.

P: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.

# BLESSING

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #525 **The Lamb** (vs.1-5)

V1. The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!  
Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

V2.      The Lamb, the Lamb,  
            one perfect final offering.  
            The Lamb, the Lamb,  
let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
            Worthy is the Lamb  
            whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

V3. The Lamb, the Lamb,  
as wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
so still, his will,  
on our behalf the law to fill.  
Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

V4.        He sighs, he dies,  
          he takes my sin and wretchedness.  
          He lives, forgives,  
          he gives me his own righteousness.  
          Worthy is the Lamb  
          whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

V5. He rose, he rose,  
my heart with thanks now overflows.

His song prolong  
till ev'ry heart to him belong.

Worthy is the Lamb  
whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.



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*The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah*

Announcements.....

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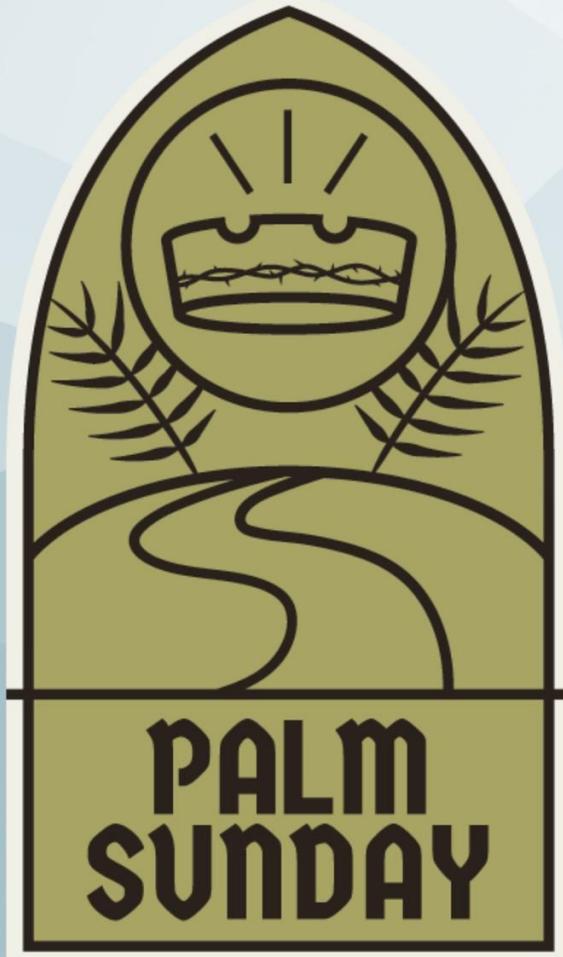


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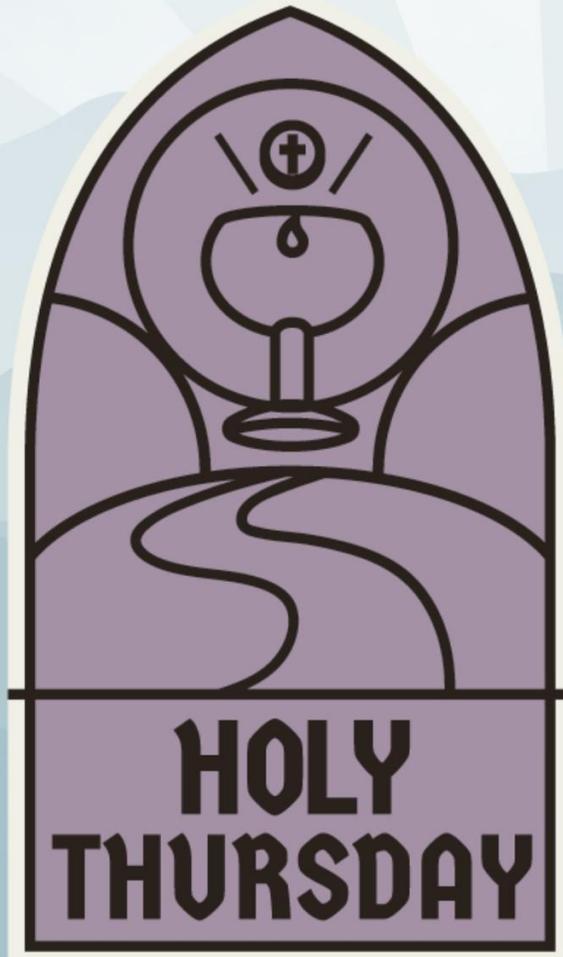
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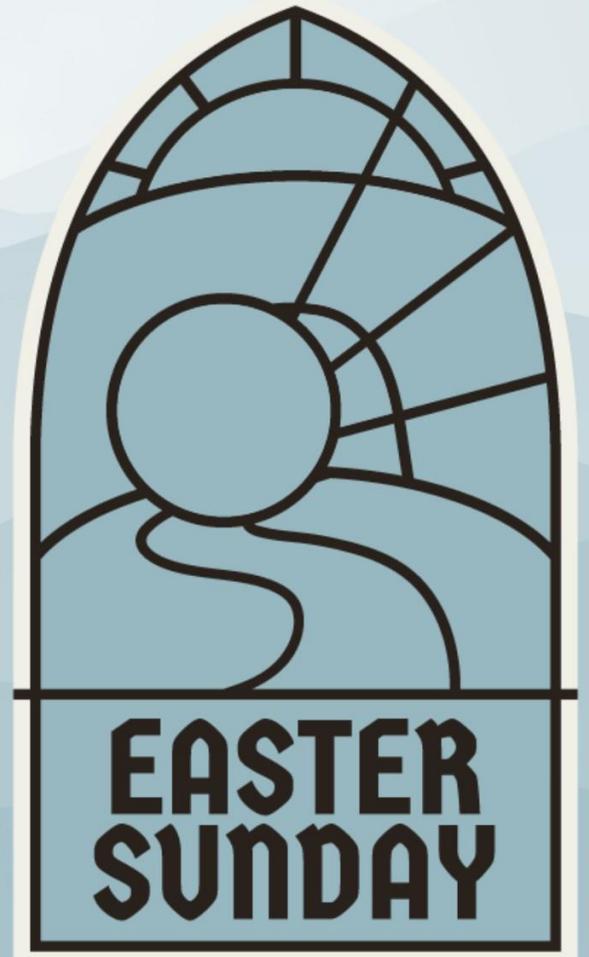
March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30am



April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm



April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm



April 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

# Thanks for Serving

- ✝ Guest Pastor Scott Spaulding–  
✝ Bloomington Lutheran
- ✝ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Flock: #1 – Tim Russow

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