



## Lenten Worship

April 2, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

Allenton, WI

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### *Recognizing Against Whom We Sin*

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#### Opening Hymn

#### Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted #430

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;  
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,  
David's son, yet David's Lord;  
proofs I see sufficient of it:  
'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, as you hear him groaning,  
was there ever grief like his,  
friends through fear his cause disowning,  
foes insulting his distress?  
Many hands were raised to wound him,  
none would intervene to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him  
was the stroke that justice gave.

If you think of sin but lightly  
nor suppose the evil great,  
here you see its nature rightly,  
here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,

see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,  
here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the rock of our salvation,  
is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,  
sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded  
who on him their hope have built.

### **Invocation**

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

### **Confession of Sins**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.  
**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

## Psalm

## To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul - Psalm 25A

### Refrain

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in  
you I trust, O LORD my God.

In you, Lord my God, I / put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me / your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, Lord, your great mer- / cy and love,

for they are / from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;

according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, / are good.

### **Refrain**

Lord, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.

Look on my affliction and / my distress

and take away / all my sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.   ***Refrain***

## **Psalm Prayer**

Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Passion History**

**Luke 23:1-25**

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

<sup>3</sup> So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>4</sup> Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

<sup>5</sup> But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

<sup>6</sup> On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. <sup>9</sup> He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an

elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup> Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.” <sup>[17]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> But the whole crowd shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” <sup>19</sup> (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

<sup>20</sup> Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. <sup>21</sup> But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

<sup>22</sup> For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

<sup>23</sup> But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided to grant their demand. <sup>25</sup> He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

## Hymn

## Before You, God, the Judge of All #655

Before you, God, the judge of all,  
with grief and shame I humbly fall.

I see my sins against you, Lord,  
my sins of thought and deed and word.

They press me sore; to you I flee:

O God, be merciful to me!

O Lord, my God, to you I pray:

O cast me not in wrath away!

Let your good Spirit ne'er depart,

but let him draw to you my heart  
that truly penitent I be:  
O God, be merciful to me!

O Jesus, let your precious blood  
be to my soul a cleansing flood.

Turn not, O Lord, your guest away,  
but grant that justified I may  
go to my house at peace to be:  
O God, be merciful to me!

## Sermon

Psalm 51:3-4

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## Offering

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## Prayer

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness.

**Refresh us with the joy of salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn      O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken    #432: 1, 3, 6–7

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken  
that such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?  
Of what great crime have you to make confession,  
what dark transgression?

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,  
this I do merit.

I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,  
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
to do your will shall be my sole endeavor  
henceforth forever.

And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven  
to me the crown of joy at last is given,

where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,  
I too shall praise you.

## Announcements

**Thanks to** Vicar John Wendland for leading us in worship and preaching this evening. Vicar Wendland is in his third year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, serving at David's Star Lutheran in Jackson.

**Thanks also** to Barb Olsen who served as our accompanist this evening.

**Join us** next Wednesday as we welcome Pastor Mike Woldt from David's Star Lutheran in Jackson. We'll continue our focus on Psalm 51 with our *Reflections on Repentance*.



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**Psalm**

**To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul - Psalm 25A**

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