



Lenten Worship

April 9, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

Allenton, WI

Revealing Our Sinful Nature

Opening Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea #814

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I
come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many' a conflict, many' a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

Be Merciful, O Lord Psalm 51A

Refrain



Tone



Have mercy on / me, O God,
according to your un- / failing love;
according to your great com- / passion
blot out my trans- / gressions.

Wash away all my in- / iquity
and cleanse me / from my sin.
For I know my trans- / gressions,
and my sin is always be- / fore me. **Refrain**

Against you, you only, / have I sinned
and done what is evil / in your sight.
Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow.
Hide your face / from my sins
and blot out all my in- / iquity.

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, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Passion History

Luke 23:26-56

²⁶As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on

his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then

“they will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’
and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’”

³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

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³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

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paradise.”

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

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Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be #578

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!

Oh, the height of Jesus’ love, higher than the heav’ns above,

deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity,
love that found me—wondrous thought—found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart comfort to a wounded heart,
peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own.
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, by your Spirit and your Word.
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

Sermon

Psalm 51:5

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

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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.

Closing Hymn

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain #394

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.

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

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.

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.



Announcements

Thanks to Pastor Mike Woldt for leading us in worship and preaching this evening. Pastor Woldt serves at David's Star Lutheran in Jackson.

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

Join us this week for all the special worship opportunities during Holy Week, as follows...

- Palm Sunday 7:30 & 9:45 a.m.
- Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday 1:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise 6:00 a.m. (followed by Easter breakfast)
- Easter Festival 9:00 a.m.

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