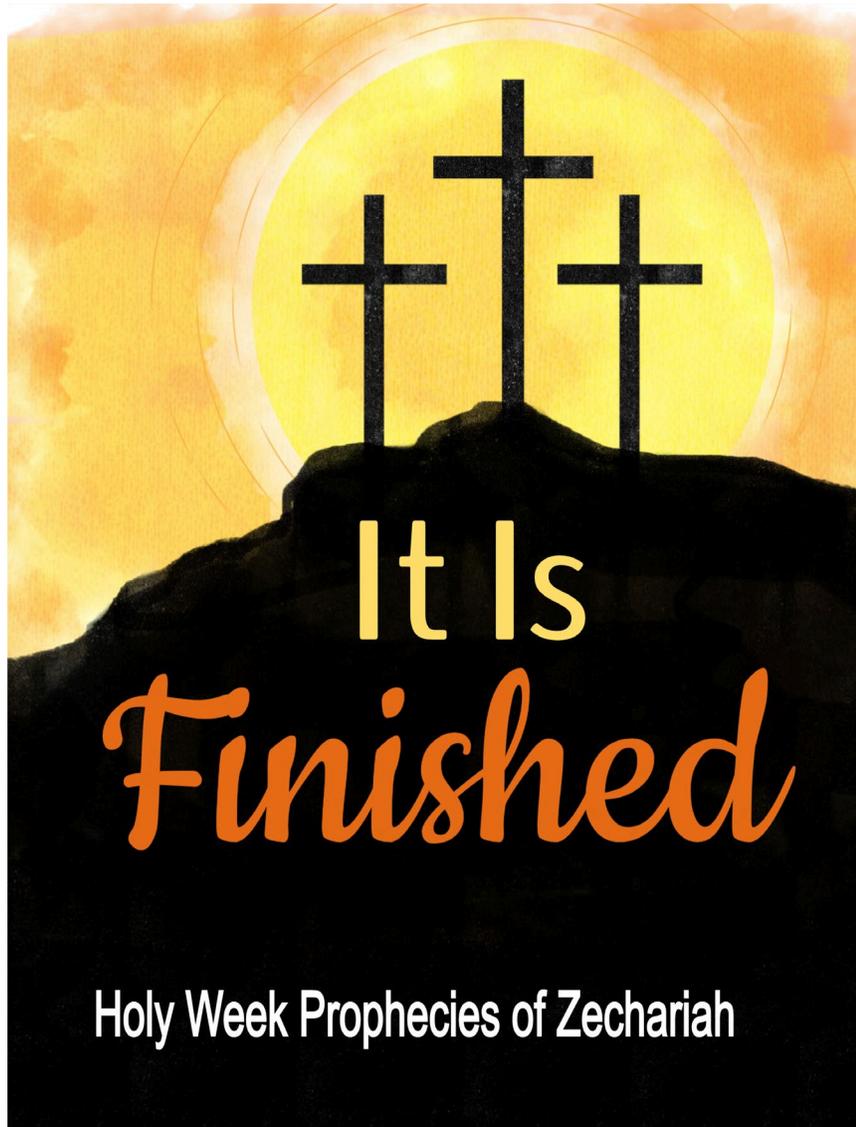


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**Wednesday Night Lent Service    February 25, 2026**  
**THEME: " WHAT'S HE WORTH TO YOU"**

**435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

**1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;**

**Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.**

**2 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;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.**

**3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, 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.**

**4 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.**

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P O Lord, open my lips,

**C and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

**Psalmody**

*Psalm 119:17–24*

<sup>17</sup>Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.

<sup>18</sup>**Open my eyes, that I may behold  
wondrous things out of your law.**

<sup>19</sup>I am a sojourner on the earth;  
hide not your commandments from me!

<sup>20</sup>**My soul is consumed with longing  
for your just decrees at all times.**

<sup>21</sup>You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,  
who wander from your commandments.

<sup>22</sup>**Take away from me scorn and contempt,  
for I have kept your testimonies.**

<sup>23</sup>Even though princes sit plotting against me,  
your servant will meditate on your statutes.

**24 Your testimonies are my delight;  
they are my counselors.**

**Psalm Prayer (all)**

**Lord, Your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, You penetrated my heart with the light of Your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve You in holiness. Let Your word shine through all I say and do that others may see You and praise Your saving name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

*Sit*

**The Passion Reading - Part 1- The Lord's Supper**

**609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

**1 Jesus sinners doth receive;**

**Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**2 We deserve but grief and shame,**

**Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.**

**Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**4 I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.**

**Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

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## **Reading**

*Zechariah 11:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>So I became the shepherd of the flock doomed to be slaughtered by the sheep traders. And I took two staffs, one I named Favor, the other I named Union. And I tended the sheep. <sup>8</sup>In one month I destroyed the three shepherds. But I became impatient with them, and they also detested me. <sup>9</sup>So I said, "I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die. What is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed. And let those who are left devour the flesh of one another." <sup>10</sup>And I took my staff Favor, and I broke it, annulling the covenant that I had made with all the peoples. <sup>11</sup>So it was annulled on that day, and the sheep traders, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Then I said to them, "If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them." And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver. <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the lordly price at which I was priced by

them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter.

**Sermon**                    **“What’s He Worth to You?”**

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Prayer**

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**Kyrie**

***LSB 233***

**C Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**C 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.**

## **Collects**

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C And let my cry come to You.**

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Collect**

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Collect for Peace**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## **Benedicamus *LSB 234***

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

***LSB 234***

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

## **425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**1 When I survey the wondrous cross**

**On which the Prince of Glory died,**

**My richest gain I count but loss**

**And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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