

# Zechariah: Your Kingdom Come!



Who Will  
Take The  
Garbage  
Out?

Zechariah  
5:5-11

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
In His Arms Childcare

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# LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP 4

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## Theme of the Day:

Who will take the garbage out? Zechariah knows. In the prophet's seventh vision, the LORD's Messenger removes the garbage for all people for all time!

## WELCOME

## PRE SERVICE HYMN SING

## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP *(From selected verses in Zechariah 9:9–10)*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: Behold, your King comes to you—

**People:** Righteous and having salvation.

Pastor: Speaking peace to the nations.

**People:** And ruling from sea to sea—

Pastor: To the ends of the earth!

**People:** God's kingdom comes—

Pastor: To us!

**ALL:** Through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in Zechariah's seventh vision You take away the sin of Judeans. We thank and praise You that in a much greater way You take away the sin of the world through the sacrificial Lamb—Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray in His powerful and priceless name.

**ALL:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 5:5-11 *(NIV84)* *The Woman in a Basket*

<sup>5</sup> Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what this is that is appearing."

<sup>6</sup> I asked, "What is it?"

He replied, "It is a measuring basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land."

<sup>7</sup> Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! <sup>8</sup> He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed the lead cover down over its mouth.

<sup>9</sup> Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.

<sup>10</sup> “Where are they taking the basket?” I asked the angel who was speaking to me.

<sup>11</sup> He replied, “To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. When it is ready, the basket will be set there in its place.”

**HYMN** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” 611

**SERMON**

The Fourth Part in the Series  
Your Kingdom Come  
**Who Will Take The Garbage Out?**  
Zechariah 5:5-11

**HYMN** “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” 570

**PASSION READING PART 2**

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Drawn from the Four Gospels as translated from the Greek Text in  
GOD’S WORD TO THE NATIONS: The New Testament  
New Evangelical Translation (NET)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruit of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYER** (*Luther's Evening Prayer*)

Pastor: We pray,

**People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION** (*From Zechariah 9:9*)

Pastor: Behold, your King comes to you—

**People: Righteous and having salvation.**

Pastor: Speaking peace to the nations.

**People: And ruling from sea to sea—**

Pastor: To the ends of the earth!

**People: God's kingdom comes—**

Pastor: To us!

**People: By His Spirit.**

Pastor: God's kingdom comes through us—

**People: To the ends of the earth! Amen.**

### **HYMN** "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" 883

**Silent Prayer:** Who will take the garbage out? Jesus, you will—all of it. Thank you, forever! Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **POSTLUDE**

Here are some follow up questions based on the sermon "Who Will Take the Garbage Out?"

Read Zechariah 5:5–11 and answer these questions:

1. To put it mildly, this is a confusing vision! Here is some help. Jesus is the LORD'S Messenger. The woman stuck in the flying garbage can stands for Babylonian idolatry. The storks are God's appointed means to return sin to Shinar—an ancient name for Babylon.
2. How does the LORD's Messenger demonstrate His authority over idolatry and sin in this vision? In your life?
3. You do not need to live in the pain and brokenness of past sin. How does the LORD's Messenger finally and fully remove all of the messes in your life?