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## As We Gather

Though we call Jesus King of kings, we often do not focus much on the nature of His kingdom. Today we continue our Lenten midweek series exploring how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings, who sits upon the throne of David, His father, forever. Each of the kings in Chronicles points us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises which the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. Today we consider Uzziah, a good king who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. Uzziah was a strong ruler; he expanded and strengthened Judah and, “as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper” (2 Chronicles 26:5). If Uzziah had a failing, it was that he presumed what belonged to others. He played like he was a priest. God sent him packing, warning him that what he sought was not for him.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

140 (1, 4-6) – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:5, 7-9; 2:2; Hebrews 4:16

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the 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.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 110

- P** The LORD said to my Lord,
- C** **“Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”**
- P** The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
- C** **Rule in the midst of Your enemies!**
- P** Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power;
- C** **In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.**
- P** The LORD has sworn And will not relent,
- C** **“You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”**
- P** The Lord is at Your right hand;
- C** **He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.**
- P** He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies,
- C** **He shall execute the heads of many countries.**
- P** He shall drink of the brook by the wayside;
- C** **Therefore He shall lift up the head.**

### Passion History

The Guiltless for the Guilty

The Jews were the more fierce, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place.”

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes stood there and vehemently accused Him. Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent

Him back to Pilate. That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for before that they had been at enmity with each other.

Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, said to them, “You have brought this Man to me as one who misleads the people, and indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him. No, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him, and indeed nothing worthy of death has been done by Him. I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished, whomever they requested. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow-insurrectionists. He had been thrown into prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder. And the multitude cried aloud and began to ask Pilate to do just as he had always done for them. For it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast. Therefore when they had gathered together, Pilate answered them, saying, “You have a custom, that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man; for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

But the chief priests and elders stirred up the crowd and persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” Then they all cried out at once, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas. Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas.”

Pilate therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. He said to them, “What then do you want me to do with Jesus, who is called Christ, Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” And they all shouted, “Let Him be crucified!” The governor said to them, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.” But they were insistent. They cried out more exceedingly, demanding with loud voices, “Let Him be crucified!” And the voices of these men and of the chief priest prevailed.

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but that rather a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it.” And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children!” And

wanting to gratify the crowd, Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested, and he released Barabbas to them, who for insurrection and murder had been thrown into prison.

## **Confession of Faith**

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## **Hymn**

149 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

## **Sermon Text**

2 Chronicles 26:1-5, 15b-21

<sup>1</sup> Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. <sup>2</sup> He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers. <sup>3</sup> Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. <sup>5</sup> He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper. <sup>15</sup> So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong. <sup>16</sup> But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup> So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men. <sup>18</sup> And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God." <sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar. <sup>20</sup> And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests

looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him.<sup>21</sup> King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.



*Sermon*

## Know Thyself: Uzziah

### Offertory

TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,  
King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures  
Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per -  
scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my  
hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo-ry and Sal-va - tion.

### General Prayer



## The 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.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

562 – Round Me Falls the Night

