



Jesus and Pilate

Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, March 14, 2026
4th Week of Lent
Jesus and Pilate

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

American Folk Hymn

arr. Mark Hayes

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GATHER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: God of Justice,
God of Compassion,
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,
We have so much still to learn.

By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply –

C: **its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender truths transform us more each day.**

P: Through fires that refine and valleys of death, you have guided us.

C: **You draw us into the heart of Wisdom,**

P: Saving us from the lies of destruction.

C: **Turning us towards hope that liberates.**

P: But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you..

And so, when we are afraid. Or hurt. Or weary...

We betray the very One who brought us thus far.

C: **We confess, we still shame Jesus, when he turns over tables.**

P: We confess, we still condemn Jesus, when he breaks the rules to which we are loyal.

C: **We confess, while Jesus is torn from the arms of his mother by ICE,**

P: killed by his own lovers – so afraid of desiring trans women,

C: **and sitting lonely on the street with no family to welcome them home,**

P: our loyalties are often elsewhere.

C: **Our priorities are not your own.**

P: Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.

C: **Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.**

P: Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.

(pause in silent prayer)

P: Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.
C: **God does not bind us to our regrets.**
P: Or forever hold us to what we once believed.
C: **God says, come and follow!**
P: Know forgiveness and sin no more.
C: **Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!**
P: Wherever new life is desired,
C: **may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.**
P: Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

'Enfleshed'

GATHERING SONG

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715
Bernadette Farrell

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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*
- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of truth, Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Rick

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 18:28-40

The good news according to John 18

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) ³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.

L: The gospel of God.

C: **Praise be to God.**

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WOV #660

African American spiritual
Arr. ©2006 Augsburg Fortress OL#51526

1. I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CREED

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

From siblings in Christ at *Reconciling Works*, 2026.

PRAYERS

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Sung Response: **Lord, listen to your children praying,**
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
 Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Come to our gathering and receive our offerings. Be with us in this place and listen to our stories. Sit beside each one of us and be warmed by the fire. See our dancing and listen to our singing. Teach us new steps, new tunes, and new words.

C: Amen.

MEAL

***A COMMUNION PRAYER (MARY REMEMBERS HER SON) ***

P: Five bullets and a hundred lashes on my son's body;
I greet you still, *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: Five bullets and a hundred more they stopped his heart and cancelled my own,
I bid you still, *lift up your hearts.*

C: We lift them up to God.

P: Five times and hundred more I ask God if it is still right to give God thanks and praise.

They asked him, "Are you who they say you are?" He told the truth. Upon him the anger of Rome and their obsession with their peace and their order rained from their whips and fired from their guns. They have killed my son.

For they have forgotten the God who has breathed upon us the breath of Life; they have forgotten the One who gave life when they took his life away.

On the night that my son was to be given up for betrayal, desertion and death, he took bread from the plate gave it to me and said,

C: "Take this and eat."

P: And then he gave me something to drink and said,

C: "Take this and drink."

P: Breathe upon these gifts now, O God, your breath of life so we may remember again how to live.

For as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we will remember Jesus and all the sons who have been taken away from their mothers. We will remember the daughters who have been snatched from their homes. We will remember.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Creator God, in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

"Eat This Bread"

ELW #472

W: Taizé Community

M: Jacques Berthier

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Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these gifts that we have received sustain us and sustain the people in their struggle. May these gifts give us courage to stand in solidarity with those who have been persecuted. May these gifts bless us with strength to fight, so that peace may be actualized in our communities. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

L: Oh God, may we receive your blessing, through sharing your blessings beyond borders. May we receive gifts, from those who carry nothing. May we recognize you, in people we don't know. And may we all find a safe home and peace in you, who had no place to lay your head.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Drive Out the Darkness"

Dan Marotta, Isaac Wardell,
John Swinton & Paul Zach
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Refrain

Come O come be our light

Drive out the darkness

Come Jesus come

1. Ev'ry year under the thorn
Ev'ry wrong that we have known
Ev'ry valley will be raised
The ancient ruins will be remade (*refrain*)

2. Ev'ry weapon made for war
Ev'ry gun and ev'ry sword
Will be melted in the flame
To be used for gardening (*refrain*)

3. In the emptiness of grief
Through the night of suffering
Ev'ry loss and in the tears
God our comfort O be near (*refrain twice*)

Ending

Come O come be our light
Drive out the darkness
Come and end all the violence
Come and do not be silent
Come we cling to Your promise
Come You'll break all injustice
Come Jesus come

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

Prayer List

Members

Nyla Anderson
Jill Rose
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Mary Ann Armstrong
Marilyn Hartig
Polly Sersen
Tim Anderson
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Mary Ann Miller
Barb Klamann
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Wendy Thomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe
Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe
Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe
Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz
Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye
Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Sherry Albertson-Clark
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host:
Prayer Writer: Sara Mullarkey
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
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Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
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Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

Wednesday, Mar 25

6 pm Lenten Service & 6:30 pm Soup Suppers

Saturday, March 28

Spring Clean Up 9-12

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (March 16) Spring Break

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (March 17) St Patrick's Day

6:30 pm Council-Room 2

Wednesday (March 18)

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1
6 pm Lenten Taize Service
6:30 Lenten Soup Supper
6:45 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

Thursday (March 19)

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2
5:30 pm Pub Theology V3 @ O'Dell's

Friday (March 20)

10 am Quilting-Room 2

Saturday (March 21)

5 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday (March 22) 5th Week of Lent

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
9 am Youth Group-Room 6
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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