

## Jesus and Pilate

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
4th Week of Lent  
Jesus and Pilate

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

“Lamentation”

Gerald Peterson

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#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS\*

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN\***

*"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"*

**ELW #327**

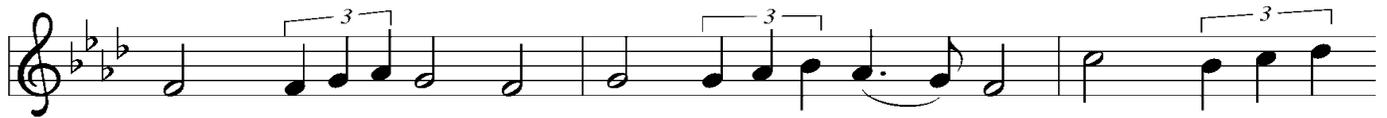
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tr. Sabine Baring-Gould

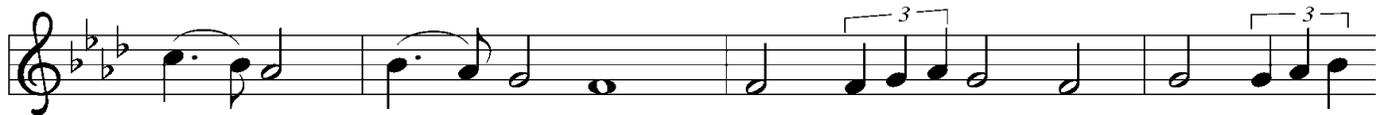
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1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward

3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -

from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the



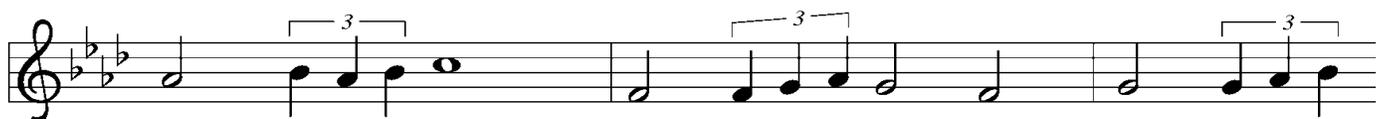
ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -

per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the

glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of

ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.

Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.

**\*INVOCATION\***

**P:** May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

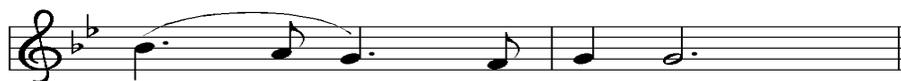
**C:** **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE\***

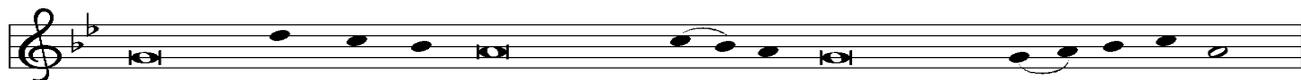
**ELW pgs. 193-194**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



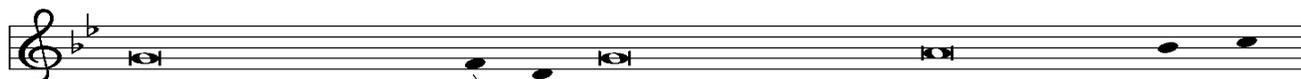
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



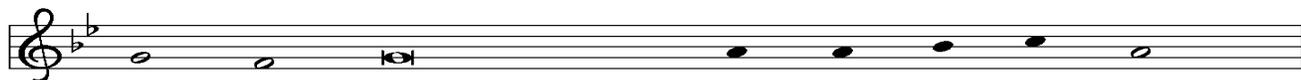
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

**\*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.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & OFFERING**

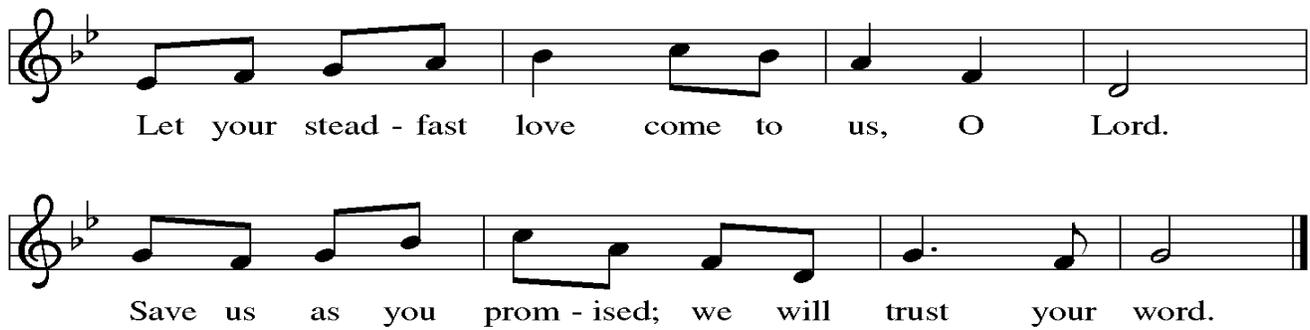
**Pastor Rick**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Light of Sothis 1 Grace"*

Amy Quate

Austin Naylor, Piano & Josh Zimmerman, Soprano Saxophone



**\*GOSPEL READING\***

**JOHN 18:28-40**

L: The good news according to John 18

<sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup> 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." <sup>32</sup> (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> 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?" <sup>36</sup> 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." <sup>37</sup> 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." <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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?" <sup>40</sup> They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.

L: The gospel of God.

**C: Praise be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rick**

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to

4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal

5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,

sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish

dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

**\*APOSTLES CREED\***

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*PRAYERS\***

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

**\*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: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

ELW pg. 199

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

**\*PREFACE\***

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY\***

ELW pg. 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, featuring some grace notes and longer note values. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth and fifth have two measures each.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION\***

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER\***

ELW pg. 112

Our Father 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 HYMN\***

*"Lamb of God"*

ELW pg. 201

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION**

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

arr. Jan Sanborn  
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**\*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\***

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN\***

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*  
Trinity Chancel Choir

Peter Lutkin  
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**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

*"Toccatà in E Minor"*

Johannes Pachelbel  
OL#241763

# Prayer List

## Members

Nyla Anderson  
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Wendy Thomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson  
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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.

## 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

## In Ministry Today

**Worship Assistant:** Gerry Olsen  
**Welcome Table Host:** Sharon Johnson  
**Fellowship Host:** Steve Backsen  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Prayer Writer:** Sara Mullarkey  
**Communion Team:** Bonnie McKenrick & Liz Johnson  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

### Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

### Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
Brenda Moore	<b>Financial Manager</b>
Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel	<b>AV Technician</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klaman	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

### Coming Up:

#### **Wednesday, Mar25**

6 pm Lenten Service & 6:30 pm Soup Suppers

#### **Saturday, March 28**

Spring Clean Up 9-12

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



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