



Trinity Lutheran Church

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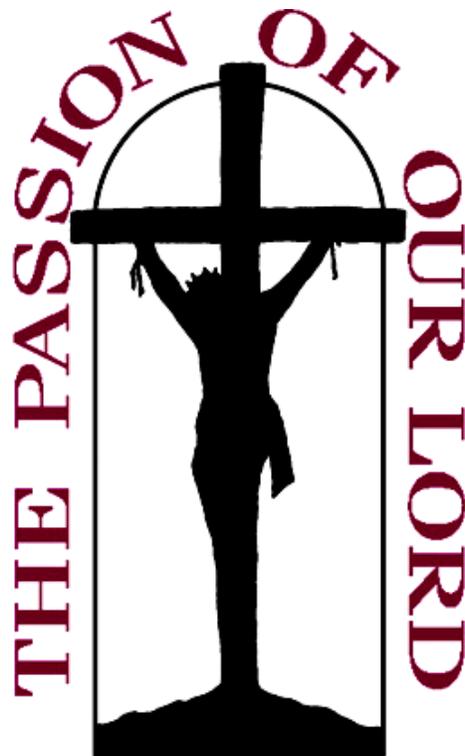
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Midweek Lenten Worship Week 4

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The Crucial Hours



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WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OPENING HYMN: 547 The Lamb

Please stand

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: Amen.

PSALM 51:1-10 (We read responsively)

Pastor: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Congregation: ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Congregation: ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Congregation: ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Pastor: ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Congregation: ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Pastor: ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Congregation: ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

ALL: 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.

Psalm Prayer-Pastor: Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS:

Pastor: Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Please be seated

PASSION STORY III

The detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials bound Jesus and brought Him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in. It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching, Jesus replied, "I have spoken openly to the world. I always taught in the synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus had said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. He said, "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" "If I said something wrong, testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" Then Annas sent him, still bound to Caiaphas, the high priest. The chief priest and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: We heard him say, "I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by

man." Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave him no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." The high priest tore his clothes. He asked, "Why do we need any more witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said "Prophesy! Who hit you!" And the guards took him and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself she looked closely at him and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus." "I don't know or understand what you're talking about." Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. He went out into the entryway. When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" Then he began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about," Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Continued.....

PASSION STORY III Continued.....

Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly. Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teacher of the law and their whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. When Judas, who betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty coins to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned, for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is this to us? That's your responsibility." So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and

hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field as the Lord commanded me."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. By His wounds we are healed.

Please stand

THE APOSTLES CREED: (We confess together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN: 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Please stand

SERMON THEME—I Will Keep the Passover

Sermon Text Matthew: 26:18

¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

SERMON—*Please be seated for the sermon.*

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING: Please be seated for the offering. We stand as the offerings are brought to the altar.

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, broken by this world of sin, we are an impatient people. In our times of seeking justice, facing distress, and struggling with situations, help us to patiently hope in You and Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises yet to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

P Gracious Lord, Your ways are not our ways, nor are Your thoughts our thoughts, nor Your time our time. As You were with Joseph in his time of trial and need in prison, You worked good through his waiting in faith. So also grant to us, by Your Holy Spirit, faith that holds to You at all times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

P We lift up those who cry out to You in distress and despair. As they wait for healing, peace, and comfort, be the rock of their salvation and hope in times of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

P Halfway through this Lenten journey, we wait to walk with Jesus in the culmination of His passion—His suffering, crucifixion, and death for the sins of the world. Grant us repentant hearts to know our need for a Savior, what You have given in Your one and only Son, and the forgiveness of sins and eternal good worked for the sake of the world through the one sacrifice needed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer as we wait for Your salvation.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom, as You have taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

10:30AM: Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

6:30PM: Luther's Evening Prayer

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and Keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 696 O God, My Faithful God

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- We welcome Rev. Bryan Osladil from our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sheboygan as our Guest Pastor today. May the Lord bless his words, he speaks to us.
- Next week Pastor Wayne King from St. Mark Lutheran Church in Belgium will be our Guest Pastor for our midweek Lenten worship service.

April 14— Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion, 6:30pm (Pastor Roy Peterson)

April 15— Good Friday, Noon & 6:30pm. (Please note the time change) (Pastor Roy Peterson)

April 17th— Easter Sunday with Holy Communion, 6:30am, 9:30am (Pastor Roy Peterson)

An Easter Breakfast will take place following the 6:30am worship service.

Please join us today for a soup and sandwich meal following the morning service, and beginning at 5:00pm before the evening service.

IT IS TIME TO ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Beautiful spring flowers can be purchased through the church and can be picked up on Easter. This year we are expanding our choices to include Lillies (white), Tulips (red or pink), Hyacinth (purple or white) and Daffodils (yellow). The cost is \$9.50 for each flower. Please let Connie Bitter know which flower/color you would like by dropping a note in her mailbox, by emailing her at connie.bitter@yahoo.com or by letting the church office know. **You will need to order no later than Sunday, April 3rd.** If you would like to recognize a loved one, we will list this in the bulletin. Please make sure you print clearly. Your flowers can be picked up after the last service on Easter Sunday.