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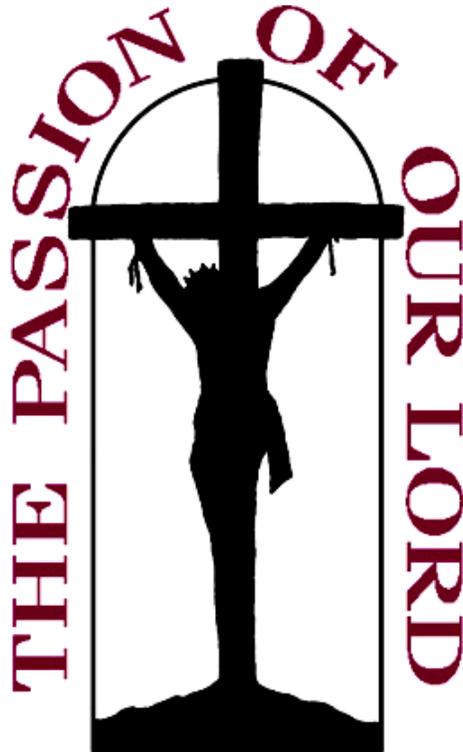
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Midweek Lenten Worship Week 6

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The Crucial Hours



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We Welcome you to Trinity Lutheran Church

AS WE GATHER - "Crucial Hour" is our theme this Lenten Season. Each week we have Biblical phrase recorded during Jesus' passion. Today's is from the Gospel of John 18:12 "So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him." A shame trail, done in darkness, will begin. Caiapha's plans are now being executed. Remember Caiaphas' prophetic words from John 11:45ff "So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death."

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

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Please stand

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 105:1–6*

- P** In this Lenten season, we journey with Joseph in Genesis
- C** **and come to the cross of Christ on Calvary.**
- P** Our journey with Joseph draws to a close as he reveals his identity to his brothers in Egypt. Through many events of injustice, unfairness, silence, waiting, and ultimately being raised up in the land, God had a plan. We respond with the psalmist:

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
C **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**
- P** Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- C** **Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

Confession – *Please kneel for the confession and absolution*

- P** As we come before the Lord, in Lenten reflection and in humble faith, we bring before Him our sins and sorrows, our faults and failings.
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

P God's plan for Joseph's life was nourishment and land for God's people, forgiveness and reconciliation for his brothers, and a foreshadowing of the One who would fulfill the perfect plan of redemption for us and for this world. Though our plans change, God's perfect plan ends in victory. God's plan is our Savior. 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please be seated

PASSION STORY

"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" With one voice they cried out to the governor. "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!"

Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder. Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify Him!" For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore, I will have him punished and then release him" But the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar.

Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement. It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour.

Pilate said to the Jews" "Here is your king." But they shouted "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your king? "We have no king but Caesar." When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was

starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. He said: "I am innocent of this man's blood, It is your responsibility!"

Let his blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers.

And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them: "Daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

For the time will come when you will say, "Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!"

Then, they will say to the mountains:" Fall on us!"

and to the hills: "Cover us!" "For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "The Place of the Skull).

There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

There they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate:" do not write, "The King of the Jews," but that this man claimed to be King of the Jews," Pilate answered "What I have written, I have written."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: 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.

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

423 Jesus Refuge of the Weary

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Please stand

SERMON THEME—They Bound Him

Sermon Text John 18:12

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews⁴ arrested Jesus and bound him.

SERMON—*Please be seated for the sermon.*

OFFERING— *We stand as the offerings are brought to the altar. Please complete a worship card located in the pews.*

Prayer of the Church

Psalm 51:10

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we see with Joseph's brothers what a guilty conscience does to selves and relationships. As we journey with him and look to the cross of Christ through it all, we thank You for the invitation to confess our sins and through Your Son to receive forgiveness and grace. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Bless us in this Lenten season in all we do, serving You in our respective vocations, families, homes, and relationships with others. Give us strength and courage as we live as Your witnesses and speak Your truth in love. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Be with those whose hearts are far from You, that their guilt be relieved, doubts be conquered, fears be given peace, dread given joy, and hopelessness given faith and trust in You. Be especially with those who request our prayers, and all who face struggles in their earthly journeys. Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** We pray in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer:
- C** **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
- P** What does this mean?
- C** **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**
- P** We now join together with this and all petitions in the prayer our Lord has taught us:
- 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.**

Closing 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

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

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We welcome Rev. Robert Steele as our Pastor today. May the Lord bless his words he Speaks to us today.

This week is the last Wednesday Lenten Worship Service.

Thank you to the Stewardship Committee for serving meals every Wednesday. Your hard work is certainly appreciated.

Maundy Thursday	6:30pm (With Holy Communion) - Pastor Roy Peterson
Good Friday	Noon & 6:30pm (With Holy Communion) - Pastor Roy Peterson
Easter Worship	6:30 & 9:30am (With Holy Communion) - Pastor Roy Peterson
Easter Breakfast	Following the 6:30am worship service

Palm Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday school.

Pastor Peterson would like the kids to meet in the narthex before the service you are attending. The kids will be given a palm and they will walk to the altar where Pastor Peterson will do a children service.

Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3

