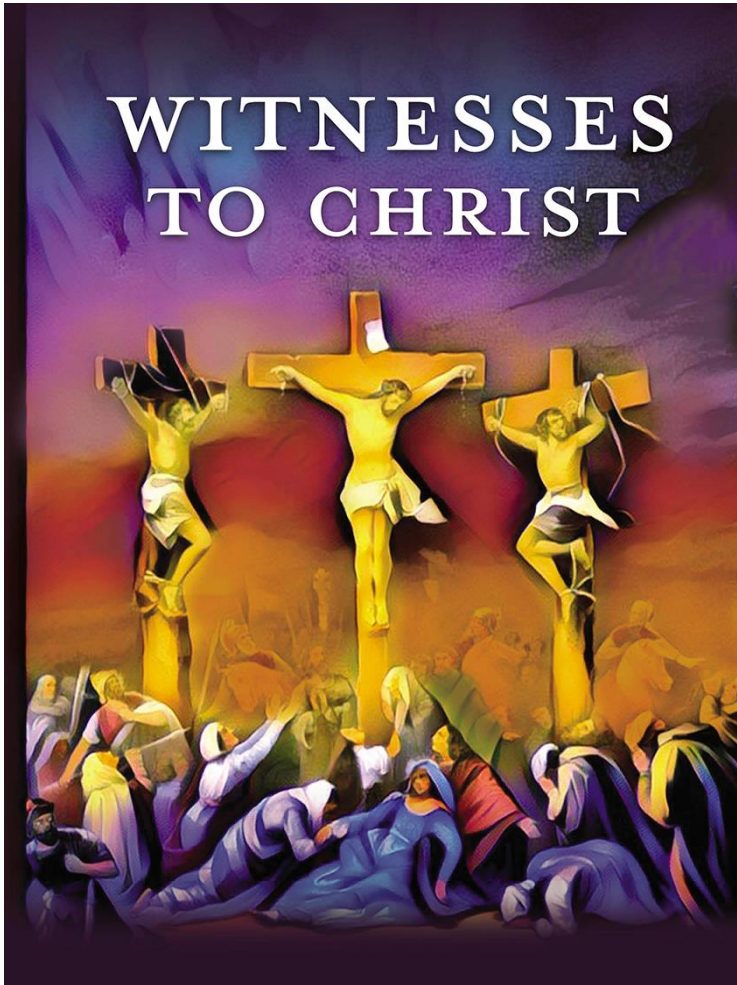


# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."*

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Prince** ~ *Vacancy Pastor*

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## AS WE GATHER

Pontius Pilate, a witness to Christ, consented to order Jesus' execution. Pilate may wash his hands and proclaim his own innocence in the death of Jesus, but Pilate is guilty. Pilate is caught between a rock and a hard place. Instead of doing what is right, Pilate has Jesus' flesh ripped, shredded, dressed in purple, and crowned with thorns. His hard heart is complicit in the death of Christ. While it may be an uncomfortable thought, Pilate's failures make us examine our own complicity in the evil of others. How have we deceived ourselves in proclaiming innocence? How have we been pressured into allowing evil to occur? Thanks be to God that our journey to the cross shows us Jesus' forgiveness.



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**WiFi Password** – HelloFriend

***A Special Welcome*** to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

**ALL LOOSE COINS** placed in the offering plate directly assist our future pastors with their education through Concordia Seminary's *"COINS FOR CHRIST"* program.

### **Participants in Worship This Evening**

Vacancy Pastor  
Music Director  
Greeter  
Video Stream

*Pastor Matthew Prince*  
*Jana Kuenzli*  
*Gerry Harger*  
*Ted Baroody*

## Prelude

*Jesus Sat with His Disciples*

Haugen

## Welcome and Announcements

*Congregation sits in silence*

*Stand*

## Opening Hymn

*Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service*

LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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## Invocation

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

## Opening Sentences

- P** As we continue our Lenten journey, we meet the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate.  
**C** **Pilate condemns Jesus to death by crucifixion.**  
**P** Pilate tries to release Jesus,  
**C** **but the crowds demand Barabbas.**  
**P** Pilate washes his hands of Jesus' blood,  
**C** **but Pilate is still guilty. Pilate caves to blackmail.**  
**P** Pilate cares more about keeping his position  
**C** **than he does about executing an innocent man.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Pilate can proclaim his own innocence and justify himself all he wants. He is still guilty. He is still a selfish sinner with a hardened heart who is complicit in the death of not only an innocent man, but of the sinless Son of God. We might be tempted to point a finger at Pilate to justify ourselves, but truth be told, we, too, struggle with hardened hearts. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him with repentant hearts and seek His forgiveness. Together we confess:
- C** **Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in what we have done and in all that we have failed to do. 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. We do not seek to wash our hands of these sins, Lord, but we seek Your forgiveness. We seek Your washing and renewal through the blood of Christ.**
- P** Almighty God, in His grace and mercy, has given His only Son, Jesus, to die and rise for our forgiveness and our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified and risen Lord, 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. We are washed clean and forgiven by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ!**

## Psalm

*Psalm 26*

- P** Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.  
**C** **Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.**  
**P** For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in Your faithfulness.  
**C** **I do not sit with men of falsehood,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

- P** I hate the assembly of evildoers,  
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- C** **I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around Your altar, O LORD,**
- P** proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,  
and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
- C** **O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house  
and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,  
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- C** **in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**
- P** But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;  
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- C** **My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great assembly I will bless 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.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 11:17–21*

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, the eleventh chapter.

<sup>17</sup>“Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’ <sup>18</sup>And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. <sup>19</sup>And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup>that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. <sup>21</sup>But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.”

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 4:1–6*

- P** The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fourth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of

the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 19:1–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. <sup>2</sup>And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup>When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>So Pilate said to Him, "You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin."

<sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar."

<sup>13</sup>So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup>They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup>So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

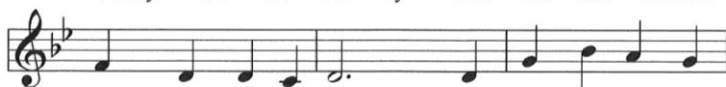
*Sit*

# Series Hymn

## *'Behold! The Lamb of God,' John Said*



1 "Be - hold! The Lamb of God," John said, "Who  
 2 The Way— of jus - tice was de - prived; The  
 3 Christ's glo - ry is not seen by those Who  
 4 May we this ho - ly Len - ten - tide Christ's



takes all sin a - way." This Lamb is Christ, who  
 Truth— was o - ver - run; The Life— was all from  
 view God's Word as dross, For world - ly wis - dom  
 Pas - sion clear - ly see; This som - ber vi - sion



in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.  
 Christ de - rived; God glo - ri - fies His Son!  
 nev - er knows How gain could come from loss.  
 will pro - vide The truth that sets us free.



"Be - hold your King!" by Pi - late scourged; Sin's  
 "I am the Bread of Life," Christ said; "My  
 Yet, this the glo - ry of the Christ: His  
 Hear John, who speaks of what he knows; Come,



hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,  
 sa - cred blood for all, I shed;  
 per - fect life He sac - ri - ficed,  
 fol - low on the path Christ chose:



While "Cru - ci - fy!" the hate - ful urged, Their  
 Who eats and drinks of Me is fed." All  
 His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt  
 The cross, the tomb from which He rose In



Sav - ior to be - tray.  
 death by Christ un - done.  
 can - celed on the cross.  
 joy - ous vic - to - ry!



## Sermon

*Stand*

### Magnificat *(spoken responsively)*

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
**C** **for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**  
**P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
**C** **For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;**  
**P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
**C** **He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**  
**P** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
**C** **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**  
**P** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.  
**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.**

*Sit*

### Offering *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*

(Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.)

### Voluntary

*And Can It Be?*

arr. Campbell

*Stand*

### Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy.  
**C** **Christ, have mercy.**  
**P** Lord, have mercy.

### 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.**

### Prayers

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

For all who seek the truth, that they might find the truth in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all whose hearts are hardened by sin, that their hearts might be softened and their desires turned to others, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our president, vice president, and governor, that they might lead our nation and state, seeking truth, liberty, and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all Senators and members of the House of Representatives, that they may represent their constituencies well, seeking not their own enhancement and advancement, but the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the justices of the Supreme Court and all judges throughout the nation, that the Holy Spirit would guide them to judge with wisdom and clarity, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who have been deceived, whether by their own foolishness or by others, that God might deliver them from their enslavement to lies, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those who are sick, injured, or recovering from surgery, [*especially* . . .], that God might provide healing in His time and in His way, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those who lost loved ones recently, [*especially* . . .], that they might be comforted by the power and hope of resurrection and eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## *No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

LSB 444



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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# Postlude

## *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Wilson

***We invite you to join us for these Lenten/Easter Activities:***

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| ✝ Palm Sunday Worship Service       | 3/24/2024 |
| 10:00 am                            |           |
| with Palm March and Confirmation    |           |
| <br>                                |           |
| ✝ Maundy Thursday Communion Service | 3/28/2024 |
| 7:00 pm                             |           |
| <br>                                |           |
| ✝ Good Friday Tenebrae Worship      | 3/29/2024 |
| 7:00 pm                             |           |
| <br>                                |           |
| ✝ Easter Sunday Breakfast           |           |
| 8:30 am                             |           |
| Easter Sunday Festival Service      | 3/31/2024 |
| 10:00 am                            |           |