

WELCOME!
Trinity Lutheran Church
March 8, 2026



- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude - *By Pam Sherman***
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Gathering Song

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”
LBW 98



* **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

LBW 98

**1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my sov'reign die?**

**Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?**

**2 Was it for sins that I had done
he groaned upon the tree?**

**Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!**

* **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

LBW 98

**3 Well might the sun
in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker,
died for his own creatures' sin.**

**4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.**

* **“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”**

LBW 98

**5 But tears of grief
cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give
myself away:
'tis all that I can do**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

• **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Holy God, you are faithful to us even when we act faithlessly. You call us and claim us even when we live as though we do not know you. Restore us to wholeness, and renew in us a commitment to follow in the way of Jesus each day of our lives. In his name we pray.

C: Amen.



• **Scripture Reading**

L: Our scripture reading is from the Gospel of John, Chapter 18.

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

- **John 18:12-27**

¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus.

- **John 18:12-27**

Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of

- **John 18:12-27**

this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. ¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

- **John 18:12-27**

²⁰Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”

²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck

- **John 18:12-27**

Jesus on the face, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

²³Jesus answered, “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if

I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?” ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him,

- **John 18:12-27**

“You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

- **John 18:12-27**

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon



Sermon



Sermon



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Sermon



Peter's
“I Am” Saying:
“I am not...
His disciple.”
“I am not...
with Him”

I AM Statements OF JESUS

JOHN 6:35

I AM THE BREAD
OF LIFE

JOHN 8:12

I AM THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

JOHN 10:7

I AM THE DOOR
OF THE SHEEP

JOHN 10:11

I AM THE GOOD
SHEPHERD

JOHN 11:25

I AM THE
RESURRECTION AND
THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

I AM THE WAY THE
TRUTH AND THE LIFE

JOHN 15:1

I AM THE TRUE VINE

Sermon



Sermon



“Church” Bowling League

Sermon

18: 25-27

TAKE HIM TO
CAIAPHAS

AREN'T YOU
ONE OF HIS
DISCIPLES?

I AM *NOT!*

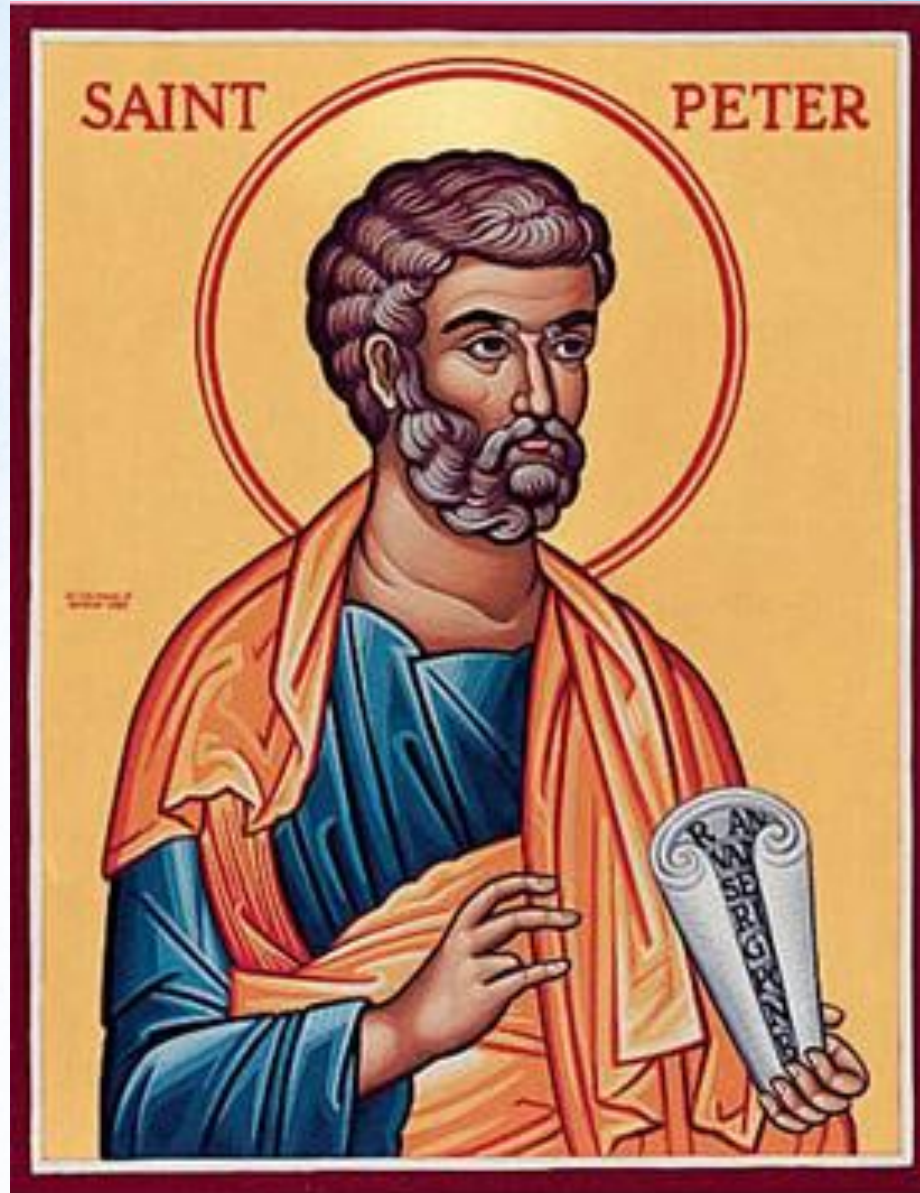
DIDN'T I SEE
YOU IN THE GARDEN
WITH HIM?

NO!

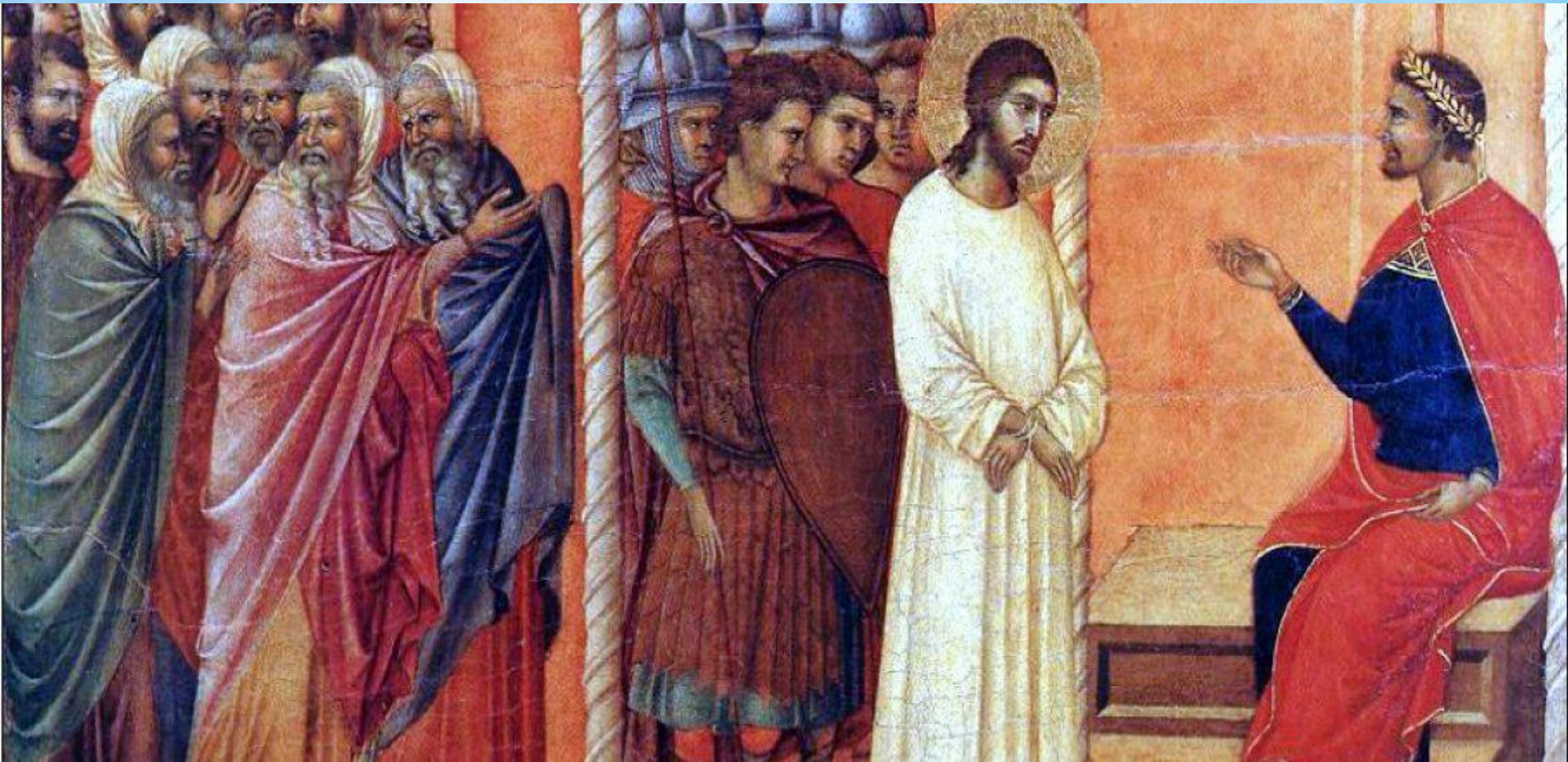
COCK-A-DOODLE-DO!



Sermon



Sermon



Sermon



* Hymn of the Day
“Ah, Holy Jesus”
LBW 123



*** “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW 123**

**1 Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee
hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

*** “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW 123**

2 Who was the guilty?

Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason,

Jesus, hath undone thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus,

I it was denied thee;

I crucified thee.

*** “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW 123**

**3 Lo, the Good Shepherd
for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnèd,
and the Son hath suffered;
for man’s atonement,
while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.**

*** “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW 123**

**4 For me, kind Jesus,
was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow,
and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish
and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

*** “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW 123**

**5 Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

* **NICENE CREED**

C: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

* **NICENE CREED**

**C: We acknowledge one
Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of mercy and grace,

The congregation will respond with:

C: We lift our prayers to you.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and entrust all things to your eternal care. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

* OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER



*** THE 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.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church
Announcements

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

ELW 335



* **“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW 335**

**1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

* **“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW 335**

**2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

* **“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW 335**

**3Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

* **“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW 335**

4 Near the cross

**I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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