

**March 13, 2024**



**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church**

**Juneau Salem-Lowell Horicon**

# God on Trial: Truth

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**Opening Hymn 543**

**“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”**

*Please stand*

## **Confession of Sins**

In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**Amen.**

**I confess that I am by nature sinful.**

**I am guilty of many sins.**

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

**For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.**

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Psalm 1**

**“Blessed Are They”**

## Psalm Prayer

Lord, let your Word so saturate our souls that we grow into lush trees bearing fruit for you. When the voices of the wicked tempt us to stray down other paths, keep us on the way that leads to our heavenly home. We ask this, confident that you watch over the way of the righteous; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Special Anthem

Junior Choir	3:30 PM	"Bethlehem and Calvary"
Adult Choir	6:30 PM	"Come To Me, You Weary"

## Passion Reading for Week Five

Mark 14:66 – 15:15 (EHV)

*Peter Denies Jesus, Jesus' Trial in Pilate's Court, Barabbas or Jesus?*

P: Pastor    M: Men    W: Women

P: While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said,

**W: "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!"**

**M: But he denied it, saying, "I don't know or understand what you are saying," and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.**

P: When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there,

**W: "This is one of them."**

P: But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean."

**M: But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him:**

P: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

**W:** *As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.*

**M:** **Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”**

**P:** He answered him, “It is as you say.”

**M:** **The chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”**

**W:** *But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.*

**P:** At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

**M:** **Pilate replied, “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?” In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.**

**W:** *But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.*

**M:** **Again, Pilate replied to them, “Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”**

**W:** *“Crucify him!” they shouted back.*

**M:** **But Pilate said to them, “Why? What has he done wrong?”**

**W:** *But they shouted even louder, “Crucify him!”*

**P:** Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

**P:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

John 18:33-40 EHV

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<sup>33</sup> Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

<sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release the King of the Jews for you?”

<sup>40</sup> Then they shouted back, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” (Now Barabbas was a rebel.)

## Offering

*Please stand*

## Prayer

O God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light.

**We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper.**

To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Closing Hymn 514**

**“You Are the Way; through You Alone”**

*Pastor: Pastor Heyer, St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam*

*Organist: Matthew Lober*

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Lenten Meal hosted by our  
**Church Council**



**MENU**

**Hot Ham Sandwiches**

**Cheesy Potatoes**

**Green Beans**

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## PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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#### Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

#### Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

### Bible Classes

#### Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

#### Monday

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6:30 PM

#### Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

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6:30 PM

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