

**Sunday March 27, 2022**  
**Jesus and Pilate – Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*  
*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*  
*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**  
**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ted Jaszczak, Evelyn Richter.

**ATTN QUILTERS & CRAFTERS** The NEMN Synod Assembly will include a Quilt Auction & Marketplace again this year to raise funds for World Hunger. More info in the Narthex.

**GAME DAY!** if you LOVE to play games, join us today, Sunday, March 27th , from 2-4 pm for Game Day! Bring your favorite game to play with others. Bring a snack to share, refreshments will be provided.

**WOMEN of the ELCA HEARTLAND SPRING CONFERENCE** - Saturday, April 9, 2022. Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca 245 Central Ave South, Milaca. Registration is from 9:00 - 10:00. All women of Bethesda, please consider going and spend some time connecting and catching up with friends you know and meet some new friends. It is a wonderful time of fellowship. A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES** will continue in person and live streamed thru-out the Lent Season. Services will be at 5:30pm.

**EASTER LILIES** sales today during coffee time. Signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall today. Price is \$15. Buy one as a memorial to loved ones and to decorate the church for Easter.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in fellowship hall next to the serving window.

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**March 28, 2022 – April 3, 2022**

Monday	3/28	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Wednesday	3/30	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Lent Worship
Thursday	3/31	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	4/3	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

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# OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Calls us O'er the Tumult" #696 ELW

(Verses 1,3,4,5 - Please Rise on the last Verse)



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of truth,

**Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen**

### **PSALM: Psalm 145:10-13** *(Read Responsively)*

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

### **GOSPEL READING: John 18:28-40**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup>They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." <sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I?"

Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

<sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

*Please stand if you are able*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PEACE** - *Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

**OFFERING** - *Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Extravagant God,  
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Blessed Jesus,  
**in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

## BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✝ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN:

### “God are you Tired”

Dakota Road

Larry Olson



Oh God, are you tired of our emp - ty days, our  
Oh God, are you tired of our bombs and guns, the  
Oh God, are you tired of our end - less greed, our  
cal - loused hearts, our bro - ken ways? How  
rea - sons we give to kill some - one? How  
mind - less chase of lux - u - ry? How  
long till we wake up and heed your call? How  
long till we stand up and stop this race? How  
long till we cry out that some - thing's wrong? How  
long till we see that we don't know it all? May we  
long till we see you in ev - er - y face?  
long till our praise is more than a song?  
lose our - selves for you. May we lose our - selves for  
you. For the least and the lost, may we  
take up our cross and hum - bly fol - low you.



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!*

*Please come again.*

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality: Carolyn Morris, Bev & Wally Swenson

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Attendance: Sunday, March 20, 2022: In Person: 9:00 am 43 Online: 0 \*

Wednesday, March 23, 2022: In Person: 9:00 am 11 Online: 2

*\*(internet down)*



*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful” (Colossians 3:15).*

## **GIVE NOW FOR EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE**

Dear Friends,

I write to you again about our neighbors in Eastern Europe. First, I thank you for your outpouring of prayers and generosity — you are making a difference in the lives of people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response during this crisis are already at work. Because of your generosity, \$1 million will support the Lutheran World Federation and these member churches:

- German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania

They are distributing hygiene supplies, food, medicine, bedding and psychosocial and pastoral care to refugees and internally displaced people, most of whom are women and children.

Your support has made this possible, but more work remains. Your gifts to “Eastern Europe Crisis Response” will be used to in full (100%) to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Additional responses through partners in these countries and others in the region are expected in the coming weeks and months, and Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying those partners as the situation evolves. We pray for the Roma communities and foreign nationals who are facing racial and ethnic discrimination at the borders as they flee Ukraine. Our companions are ensuring that people in these marginalized groups will be treated with respect and dignity as they seek safety.

We know there are many organizations that you can choose to support, but it is only by giving to Lutheran Disaster Response that guarantees your gift will fund ELCA-supported work through faith partners in the region.

I invite you to watch this video

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF71r9IeEtg>) from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton about the situation in Eastern Europe and the ELCA's response.

Together we pray for our siblings in Ukraine and Eastern Europe. May God be with them in their time of need.

In Christ's service,



The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### **Ways you can give:**

1. Contribute using your regular offering envelopes. Designate as: "Eastern Europe Crisis". We will forward the funds to Lutheran Disaster Response for distribution.
2. By Mail - *Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response". Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check's memo line and send to:*  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**
3. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT)
4. Give online at: <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>