

Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church

March 11, 2018, 11:00 am

Liturgical Season: Lent

What does this mean?

Lent gives us forty days of preparation for Easter. In repentance, sacrifice, and devotion, we ready our hearts and minds for the story of Christ's death and resurrection. Purple, found on paraments and decorations throughout the church, reminds us of the penitence and sacrifice to which God calls us in this season. Christ invites us to prepare our hearts and lives in holiness and humility.



We're glad you're worshipping with us today! As you enter worship please honor the holiness and prayerfulness of the worship space.

Today's Theme: Truth.

Jesus is standing before us and he testifies to the truth about himself even as he prepares to die for us.

Opening Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Praise Music

Lord, Reign in Me
You Are So Good to Me

Brenton Brown
Chaffer/Pasley/Pasley

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

The Narrative Lectionary readings from the Gospel of John during the month of March cover a short amount of chronological time. From the time of Jesus' arrest and betrayal by Peter to his crucifixion it will be a little over 24 hours. It will feel like we are going through Holy Week during these Sundays in March. By the end of the night when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples he is arrested and betrayed by Peter. Then he will stand trial before Pilate, he will be handed over for death and in the last act of darkness he will be crucified. The texts in March will tell us much about ourselves. But they will tell us even more about God's love and the way of suffering Jesus chose for our sake.

Lesson

John 18:28-40

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. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." 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." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 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?" 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." 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." 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. 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?"

They shouted in reply, "**Not this man, but Barabbas!**" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark Aune

Sermon Questions for Reflection:

When Jesus says "everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice," what 'truth' is he referring to?

How is the truth of Jesus connected to listening to his voice and are you listening to His voice in your life?

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when the truth about you was difficult to hear?

Is it harder for you to accept the truth when it involves sacrifice or change on your part?

Anthem*I Can Just Be Me*

arr. Laura Story

Apostles' Creed

FIRST ARTICLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

SECOND ARTICLE: 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.

THIRD ARTICLE: 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.

RESPONSE AND MEAL

We respond to the Word, and God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

The Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Words of Institution

We welcome you to Holy Communion. We extend the hand of Christian fellowship and invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior to participate as His guest at His table. Communion will be by intinction, meaning that we will hand you a wafer and ask that you dip it into the wine. We have non-wheat wafers available; simply notify the pastor when you come forward. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please indicate your participation in Communion on the Connection Card in the bulletin. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and a pastor will come to you.

The structure of the Apostle's Creed is divided into three articles: Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification. It is intentionally Triune, to reflect the nature of God. During Lent we focus our attention on the Second Article, or the Saving work of Christ. Consider how Luther's explanation of the Second Article might add to your Lenten reflection: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may be His own and live under Him in his kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."

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.

Communion Distribution/Offering *You Are My King* Billy James Foote
(*Amazing Love*)

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

Worship Leader:

May the grace of our Lord be with you,
Now and always may you stay blameless 'til he comes.

Congregation:

**May the love of our Lord be with you,
Now and always may you stay blameless 'til he comes.**

Closing Song *Build Your Kingdom Here* Rend Collective

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SERVING TODAY

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Pastor Megan Torgerson

Intern Kiara Jorgenson

Music Director: Lisa Griffin

Band Members: Keri Hommez, Ryan

Engelhardt, Jay Matuzak, Dave Hofgren,
Eric Solberg.

Media Team: Matt Howard

Wayne Worth

Lay Reader: Darci Knowlton

Baptized today into the Christian Faith
and into the Augustana Family:
9:45~Rosalind Cassidy Koziol, daughter
of Patrick and Caroline Koziol. Sponsors
for Rosalind are Kristin Koziol, Nate
Bond and Davon Williams.

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