

**Wednesday Lenten Service
March 14, 2018**



JESUS CHRIST
Is Our GREAT HIGH PRIEST

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Juneau, Wisconsin**

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Opening Hymn 98

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

STAND

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Psalm 51a

(congregation sings all)

located on page 86 in the front of the red hymnal

Psalm Prayer

P: Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Special Singing

K-2 Sings
Adult Choir

3:30 Service “Let Me Learn of Jesus”
6:30 Service “Just As I Am”

Passion Reading

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.

Seasonal Response

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Sermon Hymn 359

“Jesus, My Great High Priest”

Sermon

Hebrews 1:1-3 (EHV)

“Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest”

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. ²In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Offering

Prayers

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.

Prayer for Peace

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 376

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”

Pastor: Collin Vanderhoof
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Joan Hohenstein

Please join us for a meal in the church basement today from 4:30-6:00pm.

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