

betrays you.”<sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed.<sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

### **Matthew 27:11-24 Jesus Before Pilate**

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

<sup>12</sup> When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor’s custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.”

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> “Which of the two do you want me to release to you?” asked the governor.

“Barabbas,” they answered. <sup>22</sup> “What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him!”

<sup>23</sup> “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

<sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. “I am innocent of this man’s blood,” he said. “It is your responsibility!”



## ***Lenten Worship***

**Jesus before the Sanhedrin**

**Jesus is denied by Peter**



**Jesus is judged by Pilate**



***St. Paul's UCC  
Henderson, MN***

**February 24, 2021  
7pm**

Organ Prelude  
Ringing of the Bell

**\*Call to Worship**

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

Come together and wait for God.

**We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.**

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

\*Hymn            Just as I am, Without One Plea            #285 vs 1-2

**Scripture Readings**

**Matthew 26:57-68**

Reflections

Hymn #128 vs 1

**Matthew 26:69-75**

Reflections

Hymn #128 vs 2

**Matthew 27:11-25**

Reflections

Hymn #126 vs 2

**Pastoral Prayer – Silent – Lord's Prayer – Cares Chorus**

**Offering**

Invitation        Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves ...

**For hearers forget, but doers act - and they will be blessed in their doing.**

Let us be doers of the word as we bring our offering today.

Hymn                            In Christ Alone            The NCrew  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjiiF83q7G0>

**Benediction**

**Matthew 26:57-68    Jesus Is Questioned by the Council**

<sup>57</sup> After Jesus had been arrested, he was led off to the house of Caiaphas the high priest. The nation's leaders and the teachers of the Law of Moses were meeting there. <sup>58</sup> But Peter followed along at a distance and came to the courtyard of the high priest's palace. He went in and sat down with the guards to see what was going to happen.

<sup>59</sup> The chief priests and the whole council wanted to put Jesus to death. So they tried to find some people who would tell lies about him in court. <sup>60</sup> But they could not find any, even though many did come and tell lies. At last, two men came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man claimed that he would tear down God's temple and build it again in three days."

<sup>62</sup> The high priest stood up and asked Jesus, "Why don't you say something in your own defense? Don't you hear the charges they are making against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus did not answer. So the high priest said, "With the living God looking on, you must tell the truth. Tell us, are you the Messiah, the Son of God?"

<sup>64</sup> "That is what you say!" Jesus answered. "But I tell all of you, 'Soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right side of God All-Powerful and coming on the clouds of heaven.'"

<sup>65</sup> The high priest then tore his robe and said, "This man claims to be God! We don't need any more witnesses! You have heard what he said. <sup>66</sup> What do you think?"

They answered, "He is guilty and deserves to die!" <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and hit him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "You think you are the Messiah! So tell us who hit you!"

**Matthew 26:69-75    Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." <sup>71</sup> And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup> And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the man." <sup>73</sup> After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent