

Antonia Fortress

The Fortress Antonia, named for General Marc Anthony, stands at the northeast corner of the temple area, and is the nerve-center of Roman government in Jerusalem. It is a combination of police station and civil courts building . . . although not to be confused with the religious Jewish court of the Sanhedrin.

Lenten Drama Series

Stop 5- Antonia Fortress

Characters:

Tour Guide - Pastor Joel Remmers
Soldiers - Aidan Leonard, Emma Leonard,
Sienna Mlady and Payton Powell
Caiaphas - John Boltz
Jailer- Brady Willicott
Pilate - Pastor Chad Power
Extra Voices - Arron Diecker, Braydon
Power & Craig Kautz



Lenten Judas Purse

Judas Purse Offerings will go to Tartu Academy and Home of Hope in Estonia. Funds need to be raised before November 15th, 2024, to pay off the mortgage and sustain ministries including: Bible School, Christian Youth Work, Pastoral Care, Educating Pastors, Christian Radio, and helping Ukraine refugees. Please fill your purple Lenten bags with your change and drop it off in the offering plate, in the large Judas purse in the sanctuary at the north door, or bring it to the Church Office. Don't forget to return the information card with your name written on it inside your Judas Purse.



Lenten Food Drive

The Lenten Food Drive is happening now! Please bring your non-perishable food items to the Friendship Gathering Area and place them in the shopping carts. Food will go to the Hastings Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

First St. Paul's Church Staff

Pastor Joel Remmers, Senior Pastor

Chad Power, Associate Pastor

Ann Auten, Director of Worship & Music,
and Seminarian

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Alexa Hintz, Christian Education Director

Jayden Baete, Communications Intern

Jon Martin, Director of Facilities

Organists: Helen Karloff, Donna Kerr
and Becky Conway

Join us for Holy Week!

March 27th - Wed. Lenten Service - 7:00 p.m.

March 28th - Maundy Thursday Services
12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. First Communion

March 29th - Good Friday - Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

March 30th - Easter Saturday 6:00 p.m.

March 31st - Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.

Traditional Service - 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Services - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Connections Educational Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3

Sun. 6:00 p.m. Wed. 11:00 a.m.

Next Week's Drama:



6th Stop - Skull Hill

Journey to the

Holy Lands

A Lenten Pilgrimage

March 20, 2024



Jerusalem at Passover

Drama Series

Fifth Stop

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Lenten Service

Reflective Music

Prelude by Emma Schroeder “Amazing Grace”

Announcements

Litany of Peace

L: Grace and peace be with you in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Praise be to Our God who is gracious and merciful.

L: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call on him in the day of trouble, and he will answer you.

L: Let the wicked be thwarted.

C: Let the unrighteous turn from their ways.

L: Let them turn, O Lord, to you.

C: For you are gracious and forgiving.

L: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

C: And he who has no money, come, buy and eat.

L: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

C: Praise be to our generous and compassionate God.

Please share the peace with those around you.

Praise Song

"Run to the Father"

Psalm Responsory

Psalm 62

L: For God alone; my soul waits in silence.

C: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress: I shall not be greatly shaken.

L: How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

C: They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths but inwardly they curse.

L: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

C: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

L: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

C: Trust in him at all times, O people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

L: Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

C: Put no trust in exhortation; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

Confession: Psalm 51:1, 3-4, 7-8 (NRSV)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

L: For I know my transgressions.

C: And my sin is ever before me.

L: Against you, you alone, have I sinned,

C: And done what is evil in your sight,

L: So that you are justified in your sentence.

C: And blameless when you pass judgment.

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.

C: Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

L: Let me hear joy and gladness;

C: Let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading:

Malachi 4:1-3

Second Reading:

Acts 21:27-36

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 27:1-2; 11-26

Hymn No. 337 “Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”

Jerusalem at Passover Drama/Homily

Fifth Stop: Antonia Fortress

Praise Hymn

“Death Was Arrested”

Apostles Creed

C: 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.

Offering

Offertory by Ryan Hofmann

“Be A Light”

Prayers of the Church

L: We thank you, O God.

C: You are making all things new.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

L: May the abundance of God bless you, the strength of Christ keep you, and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, shine upon you forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn No. 338

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Sending