



MIDWEEK OF LENT 3

THE BETRAYAL: A PLACE OF ETERNAL LOVE

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AS WE GATHER

Human love changes over time. Sometimes it deepens; other times it fades. Our Lord, however, brings a love that is eternal. His love for you existed before you were born and continues into life everlasting. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for you. This evening, we meditate upon our Lord's eternal love.

When Jesus rises from prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, nothing is what it seems. This is the hour when darkness reigns. A kiss becomes betrayal. Disciples no longer follow. Religious leaders fight against their God. Yet, into this hour of darkness, Jesus brings an eternal love. Into this world of constant changes, Jesus brings an unchanging mission. He is faithful to His name and comes to save us from our sin.

Meditate this evening upon your Savior's eternal love. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, and, in a world of constant change, what a blessing it is to know our Savior's love that never fails.

HYMN: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (*LSB* 849)

LENTEN SENTENCES

- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Rend your hearts and not your garments.
C **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P** Jesus said, “If any man would come after Me,
C **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”**
- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
C **He was bruised for our iniquities.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

CANTICLE: “Sing Praise to the God of Israel” (*LSB* 936)

PRAYER

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You seek not our death or destruction but our life and salvation. Speak Your Word of rescue to our sin-sick hearts and fearful souls. Call us forth from the darkness of our guilt and shame. Bring us into the light of Your presence where Your forgiveness dwells. Restore us to Your people that our wandering ways may end. Direct us to the path Your Son has made that we may walk in it by faith and never depart from its hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**
- P** Again let us pray . . . Kind Father, we have betrayed You and exchanged our hope for the bitterness of envy and jealousy and the shame of our selfish wills. In Your

goodness, do not leave us in our guilt but forgive Your servants. As Your Son spoke in forgiveness from the cross, help us to hear its voice call us to repentance and to the blessed gift of a clear conscience through absolution. Make us new that with the courage and strength of Your love we may bend our wills and wait upon Your wisdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

READING

1 Peter 5:6–11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 36

¹Transgression speaks to the wicked deep | in his heart;*
there is no fear of God be- | fore his eyes.

²**For he flatters himself in | his own eyes***
that his iniquity cannot be found out and | hated.

³The words of his mouth are trouble | and deceit;*
he has ceased to act wisely | and do good.

⁴**He plots trouble while | on his bed;***
he sets himself in a way that is not good;
he does not reject | evil.

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,*
Your faithfulness | to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;***
Your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast You save, | O Lord.

⁷How precious is Your steadfast love, | O God!*

The children of mankind take refuge
in the shadow | of Your wings.

⁸**They feast on the abundance | of Your house,***
and You give them drink
from the river of | Your delights.

⁹For with You is the foun- | tain of life;*

in Your light do | we see light.

¹⁰**Oh, continue Your steadfast love**
to those who | know You,*
and Your righteousness to the up- | right of heart!

¹¹Let not the foot of arrogance come up- | on me,*
nor the hand of the wicked drive | me away.

¹²**There the evildoers lie | fallen;***
they are thrust down, unable | to rise.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

READING

Luke 22:47–53

⁴⁷While He was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss Him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This” (*LSB* 543)

SERMON: “The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love”
(*Luke* 22:47–53)

CONFESSION

- P** Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
- C** **He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God.**
- P** Take off the sandals from your feet,
- C** **for the place where you are standing is holy ground.**
- P** Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
- C** **She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.**
- P** Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips,
- C** **and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!**
- P** But in the very place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,”
- C** **there they will be called “sons of the living God.”**
- P** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- C** **You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- P** Lord, open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light

C and from the power of Satan to God,

P that they may receive forgiveness of sins

C and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ.

P O Lord,

C have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

PRAYER

P I desire then that in every place the people should pray,

C lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C let my cry come to You.

P In the day of trouble I call upon You,

C and You answer me.

P Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C listen to my plea for grace.

P Let us pray . . . O Lord, our God, we acknowledge Your great goodness toward us and praise You for the mercy and grace that our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have known.

C We sincerely repent of the sins of this day and those in the past. Pardon our offenses, correct and reform what is lacking in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

P Inscribe Your Law upon our hearts, and equip us to serve You with holy and blameless lives. May each day remind us of the coming of the night when no one can work.

C **In the emptiness of this present age keep us united by a living faith through the power of Your Holy Spirit with Him who is the resurrection and the life, that we may escape the eternal bitter pains of condemnation.**

P By Your Holy Spirit bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments.

C **Preserve these gifts to us and to all Christians. Guard and protect us from all dangers to body and soul.**

P Grant that we may with faithful perseverance receive from You our sorrows as well as our joys, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, and all things come by permission of Your fatherly hand. Let us pray for . . . [individual names may be mentioned] . . . and for all people as they have need.

C **Keep us this day under Your protective care and preserve us, securely trusting in Your everlasting goodness and love, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

P Help us, O Lord, this night

C **to live without sin.**

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Have mercy on us.**

P O Lord, let Your mercy be on us.

C **As our trust is in You.**

P Hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **And let our cry come to You.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this hour suffered the betrayal of Your own, give us courage and strength that we may abide confidently in Your love

and not surrender our faith in the hour of testing. Guard our hearts from fear and keep us in steadfast faith and love, that we may serve You with all fidelity and abide in Your peace to the end of our days; whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

HYMN: “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” (*LSB* 707)

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Pastor Phil Beukema
Elder Shane Rossow (7:00)
Organist LaDonna Peterson (1:00)
Brenda Matasovsky (7:00)
Acolyte 7th-8th Graders (1:00)
Delaney Krumwiede (7:00)
Usher Merle Hendricksen (1:00)
Roger and Beth Carlson (7:00)

We Remember in our Prayers

Sheila Scholten on her upcoming surgery
Our Principal/Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, Dean Jennissen and his family
Joyce Meyer recovering at Colonial Manor following hip surgery
Ruby Ackermann on her 90th birthday 3/16
Colten Stevens and Carmen Flores-Bless as they will be wed 3/25
Pastor Beukema and Brandi as Pastor considers a Call to Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Franklin, Wisconsin
Principal Jason Roslansky and family as he has accepted a K-12 Principal position in Tanana, Alaska for the 2023-2024 school year
Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Meadows and Golden Horizons in Worthington, Keelson Harbour and Accura HealthCare in Spirit Lake, Pathstone in Mankato, Good Sam in Jackson, Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn, Accura HealthCare in Milford
Clyde Daberkow, Dave Ackermann, Doug Hansen, Albert Henning, Betty Hage, Adrian Connell, Ines Henning, Chuck Bergmann, Berniece Kolander, Joyce Rossow, Bev Hall, Darlene Stender, dealing with health issues
Stacey Dunker, mother of ILS student Janessa Dunker; Lori Koerselman, friend of Amy Altman; Pastor Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Marcus Lere, grandson

*of Joyce Bretzman; Carol Olson, from Wisconsin;
Denny Daberkow; Duwayne Hoffman, father of Tracey
Beeck; Jim Salentiny, uncle of Mark Freking; dealing
with cancer*

*Bill Tusa, brother of Marie Kruse; Rieny Rossow, brother of
Betty Hage and brother-in-law of LaNell Rossow; Ava
Zyskowski, sister of Pastor Phil Beukema; Mike Conro,
friend of Pastor and Brandi Beukema; Charlotte
Swarm, daughter of David and Inez Kosen; Pastor
Travis Loeslie, Bethlehem Morristown; Rob Pohlman,
son of Ken Pohlman; Jacob Boe, son of Rose
Parrington; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles Voehl
(Lila's son), dealing with health issues*

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