



MIDWEEK OF LENT 4

THE COURTYARD: A PLACE OF RENEWAL

Immanuel Lutheran Church – LCMS

Lakefield, Minnesota

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AS WE GATHER

Christ comes to us in the midst of life. He does not wait until we get it all together. He comes to us as we are. This means that He often finds us at our worst. But remember, He does not come to accept us; He comes to forgive. He comes to strengthen our faith and to renew our lives with His love.

This evening, as Jesus is tried by religious authorities, Peter is tried before servants in a courtyard. Peter fails and falls. But Jesus remains firm, a foundation for all sinners. He comes to Peter and renews his strength.

This evening, we remember the words and work of our Lord. He comes to us in the midst of our weakness and sets us firmly upon the foundation of His love.

HYMN: “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (*LSB* 704)

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.**

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 . . . Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to know firsthand the troubles and trials

of this mortal life. In our terrors of conscience and fear, our first inclination is to run from You and from being identified with Your name. Give us peace in turmoil and steadfastness of heart under threat so that we may endure in the confession of Your name. Quiet our anxious hearts and renew a right spirit within us that in the day of trouble, we may call upon Your name and have courage. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

READING

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of

works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PSALM 51:1–10

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Your | steadfast love;*
according to Your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

³For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

⁴**Against You, You only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in Your sight,*
so that You may be justified in Your words
and blameless in Your | judgment.**

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶**Behold, You delight in truth in the inward |
being,*
and You teach me wisdom in the | secret
heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
let the bones that You have bro- | ken rejoice.**

⁹Hide Your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

READING

Luke 22:54–62

⁵⁴Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with Him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

HYMN: "I Know My Faith Is Founded" (*LSB* 587)

SERMON: "The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal" (*Luke* 22:54–62)

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 found strength and renewal for the completion of Your saving will and purpose on the cross, renew our own hearts and minds in Your truth, that we may walk in Your ways with the comfort of a good heart, a clear conscience, and a lively hope; 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: “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”
(LSB 668)

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Assisting with the Service

Preacher Pastor Phil Beukema
Elder Jim Berkevich (7:00)
Organist LaDonna Peterson (1:00)
Jayson Matasovsky (7:00)
Acolyte 7th-8th Graders (1:00)
Kiara Baumann (7:00)
Usher Merle Hendricksen (1:00)
(7:00)

We Remember in our Prayers

Leanne Oelke at Valley View
Sue Leopold, friend of Jan Bakalyar, recovering from
knee surgery
Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Franklin, Wisconsin as
Pastor has returned the Call
June Salzwedel recovering from hip surgery
Sheila Scholten on her upcoming cochlear surgery
Colten Stevens and Carmen Flores-Bleess on their
upcoming wedding 3/25
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
Joyce Meyer, Clyde Daberkow, Dave Ackermann, Doug
Hansen, 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

All those affected by COVID-19

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