



Rescue from Chaos

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
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MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

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Welcome to Worship! Rarely, if ever, is chaos a good thing. We all know how life feels with things seem out of control – at least, our control. Out of the disordered chaos at the beginning, God created order, beauty, and life! Satan has been working since to bring chaos back, and he often seems to succeed. God’s Word today helps us to see how God is still overcoming chaos, and how He can calm the chaos for us!

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THE PRELUDE: 4:30 “Glory Be to Jesus”

7:00 “For Me to Live in Jesus” -F.W. Marpurg

THE OPENING HYMN: “Baptismal Waters Cover Me”

Hymn 616

- 1 Baptismal waters cover me As I approach on bended knee;
My Father’s mercy here I plead, For grievous sins of thought and deed.
- 2 I look to Christ upon the tree, His body broken there for me;
I lay before Him all my sin, My darkest secrets from within.
- 3 Lord, may Your wounded hand impart Your healing to my broken heart;
Your love alone can form in me A heart that serves You joyfully.
- 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shepherd speaks, but You are heard;
Through him Your hand now stretches out, Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.
- 5 Baptismal waters cover me; Christ’s wounded hand has set me free.
Held in my Father’s strong embrace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

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THE OPENING VERSICLES (LENT): (page 260)

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C: **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.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PASSION READING

LEADER: Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. They said,

ALL: "But not during the feast or the people may riot."

LEADER: Jesus said to His disciples,

MEN: "As you know, the Passover is two days away – and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

LEADER: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked,

ALL: "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

LEADER: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

WOMEN: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

LEADER: When evening came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them,

MEN: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

LEADER: And while they were eating, He said,

MEN: "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

LEADER: They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other,

ALL: "Surely not I, Lord?"

LEADER: "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

WOMEN: Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus told him,

MEN: "What you are about to do, do quickly."

LEADER: but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. When he was gone, Jesus said,

ALL: "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, then God will glorify the Son in Himself, and will glorify Him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

LEADER: Simon Peter asked Him,

MEN: "Lord, where are you going?"

LEADER: "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

ALL: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying,

LEADER: "Take and eat, this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

ALL: Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying,

LEADER: "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

WOMEN: Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them,

LEADER: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactor. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may

eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

ALL: When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

+++ 7:00 THE ANTHEM: "A Lenten Meditation"

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE LENTEN RESPONSORY: (page 263)

L: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

L: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: (page 264)

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or
maidservant,**

his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

THE SERMON HYMN: "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

Hymn 820

1 My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.

- 2 He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us, As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.
- 3 For as a tender father Has pity on his children here,
God in His arms will gather All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.
- 4 His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word —
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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THE SERMON: "Rescue from Chaos"

THE PRAYERS: (page 265)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind,
let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for
the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us
all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

THE EVENING PRAYER: (page 266)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BLESSING: (page 267)

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

Hymn 923

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" -J.G. Walther

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Serving in Worship

Preacher: Pastor Ralph Blomenberg **Lector:** Pastor Will Fredstrom

Liturgists: Pastor James A. Rodriguez, Jr., Pastor Philip E. Bloch,

Vicar Case Farney **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

4th Grade Handbells(4:30) **Adult & Youth Choir**(7:00) **Brass**(7:00)

4:30 p.m. Audio: Aaron Bloch **Elder:** Steve Bobb, Joe Bullard

7:00 p.m. Ushers: Karl Anderson, Randy 'Dude' Dittmer, Dennis Klinge, Matt Pumphrey, Larry Stahl
Elder: Carl Emily, Wes Baker **Counting:** BJ Sinclair, Ryan Sinclair, P.J. Stein, Chad Hageman, Gerry Sinclair, Eric Fish **Acolyte:** Rose Kruse **Audio/Video:** Kelly Luecke

+ IMMANUEL MIDWEEK SERVICES +

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 & 7:00 P.M.

March 1 "Rescue from Chaos"

March 8 "The Place and Pain of Faith"

March 15 "Shocking Repentance in Nineveh!"

March 22 "Purification: The Refining Fire of Repentance"

March 29 "Saving from Sin's Slavery"

April 6 Maundy Thursday - "Forgiveness Covers Sin"

Communion 4:30 and 7; stripping of the altar

April 7 Good Friday - "The Cross Changes Everything"

Noontime, 12:15

Children 4:30

Tenebrae 7:30

April 9 Easter - "Rising to our New Life!"

Sunday 6:30, 9, 11:15; Monday at 7

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