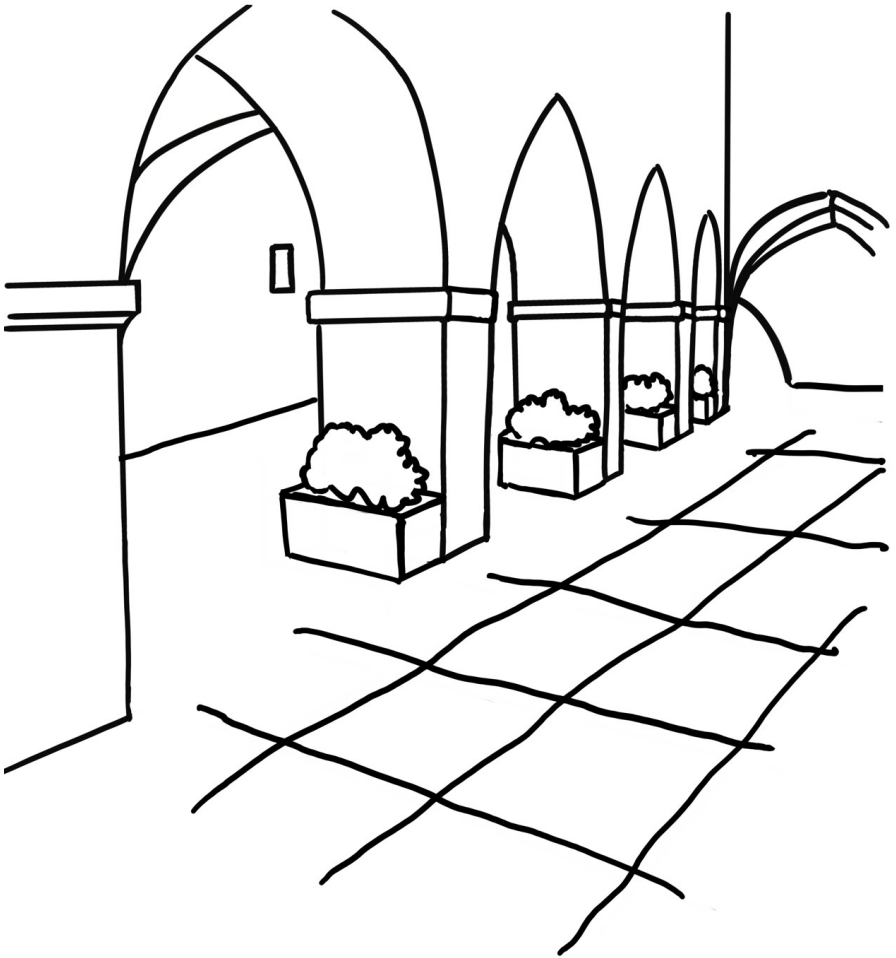


Places of the Passion

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent



The High Priest's Courtyard

*"Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him.
"You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. But he denied it.*

Wednesday – March 22, 2023 – 6:30 PM

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WE CALL ON GOD'S NAME

WE SING

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

LW #97

WE WALK WITH OUR SAVIOR TO JERUSALEM

P: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C: To see the depths of His love.

P: To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

C: To gaze upon the heights of His grace.

P: To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

C: We follow Christ to the courtyard.

P: It belongs to the High Priest Caiaphas – but Peter is there and so are others.

C: Three times Peter denies that he even knows Jesus.

P: But all is not lost. After His collapse God's grace is amazing.

C: Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where You guide!

WE SING

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

LSB #685:1,2

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah 53:8-12

⁸By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken. ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. ¹¹After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

⁷¹Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷²He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

⁷³After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."

⁷⁴Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

ANTHEM

"Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary"

Memorial Choir

KIDS' TIME

MEDITATION

"Your Guilt Covered"
(Matthew 26:69-75; Isaiah 53:12)

Pastor Aaron Asmus

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father, trusting in His forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.

C: Gracious and most merciful Father, In the light of Your holiness I see myself as I really am. And I am guilty. I confess that I have impure thoughts and unclean lips. I think too highly of myself and too little of others. I've even cast You aside when I've thought that the cost for trusting You is too great. Forgive me, and set me again on the path that leads to life.

P: Deal with me not as I deserve, but according to Your mercy; not because I am worthy, but because You are gracious.

C: Forgive us, Lord. Have mercy on us.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's mercy and love is greater.)

P: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C: I shall follow where You guide!

WE SING ***"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"*** **LSB #575**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: Jesus invites us to walk with Him to the High Priest's Courtyard, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

C: Let us ever walk with Jesus!

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. **C: Amen.**

WE SING ***"Luther's Evening Prayer"***

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Note – Our offerings are received in the offering boxes located near our entrances.

Our Lenten Series continues next Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM as we visit Pilot's Judgement Hall Fellowship meal is served from 5 – 6:00 PM

*Palm Sunday is April 2 (regular worship service times)
Maundy Thursday is April 6 (6:30 PM communion service)
Good Friday is April 7 (6:30 PM worship service)
Easter Sunday is April 9 (Worship at 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM)*

Regular worship hours on Sunday mornings:

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:00 AM; Sunday School hour for all ages: 9:30 AM

8:00 AM worship services use more traditional hymnody & liturgy

9:30 AM worship services blend traditional & non-traditional music accompanied by keyboard

11:00 AM worship services include contemporary Christian music led by our worship team.