



HE CAUSES US TO REMEMBER
HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.
HOW GRACIOUS AND
MERCIFUL IS OUR LORD!

PSALM 111:4, NLT



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As We Gather

Forgetfulness is part of our human nature. We forget where we placed our keys, we forget important dates, and—far too often—we forget the wondrous works of God. But our Lord does not leave us in our forgetfulness. Throughout history, He has acted to ensure His mighty deeds are remembered, especially His greatest work: the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Lenten season calls us to pause, reflect, and remember. Through His Word and Sacraments, God continually brings His grace before us, reminding us that, even when we forget Him, He never forgets us. Today, we gather to hear and proclaim His faithfulness, trusting in the One who is “gracious and full of compassion” (Psalm 111:4).

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

31 – When All Thy Mercies, O My God

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P The psalmist declares: "He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion." Yet how often we forget! We forget the Lord's mercy, we fail to recall His faithfulness, and we turn away from His wondrous works in Christ. Like Israel in the wilderness, we become proud, thinking we have built our own lives and secured our own future. Like Peter in the courtyard, we deny our Lord in thought, word, and deed. Let us, therefore, come before God in humble repentance, confessing our sins and seeking His grace.

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not remembered Your wondrous works or trusted in Your unfailing love. Instead, we have trusted in ourselves, forgotten Your commands, and failed to acknowledge You before others. We have denied You by our actions, our words, and our silence. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may walk in Your ways and proclaim Your faithfulness to all. Amen.**

P Our Lord is gracious and full of compassion! Though we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself. He remembers His covenant and has fulfilled it in Jesus Christ. Because of His wondrous work on the cross, your sins are forgiven. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

¹¹ “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹² lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; ¹³ and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴ when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵ who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—¹⁷ then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ “And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. ¹⁹ Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

²⁰ As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

⁸ Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. ¹² If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. ¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Passion History Reading

II. Trial and Denial

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away and brought Him into the high priest's house. They led Him to Annas first; for he was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus at a distance, and so did the other disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in, right into the courtyard of the high priest.

And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals in the midst of the courtyard stood there, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself at the fire. And after they had sat down together, Peter sat down with the servants to see the end.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; indeed, they know what I said."

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. And the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

But at last two false witnesses came forward, and bore false witness against Him, saying, "This Fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it that these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent, and answered nothing. And the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "I adjure You by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!" Then some began to spit in His face. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him the face and asked Him, "Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the one that struck You?" And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Now Peter was sitting outside, below in the courtyard. And a certain servant-girl, one of the servant-girls of the high priest, the one who kept the door, saw Peter warming himself as he sat by the fire. She came to him, and said, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." She said, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." She looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But Peter denied it before them all saying, "Woman, I do not know Him, I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch. And a rooster crowed.

And after a little while, when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and began to say to those who stood by, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth. This is one of them." Therefore they said to him, "You are not one of His disciples, are you?" And again he denied it with an oath. He said, "Man, I am not. I do not know the Man."

Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean." Those who stood by said to Peter: "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean,

and your speech shows it.” One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter therefore denied it again. He began to curse and swear, saying “I do not know this Man of whom you speak!” And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed a second time.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter called to mind the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.” And when Peter thought about it, he went out and wept bitterly.

Confession of Faith Luther’s Explanation of the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 43 – We Sing the Almighty Power of God

Sermon Text Psalm 111:4

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Sermon

Remember Wondrous Works

Offertory TLH 179 – On My Heart Imprint Thine Image

On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,

King of Grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures
 Have no pow'r Thee to ef-face. This the su - per -
 scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my Life, my
 hope's Foun - da - tion, And my Glo-ry and Sal-va - tion.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn

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