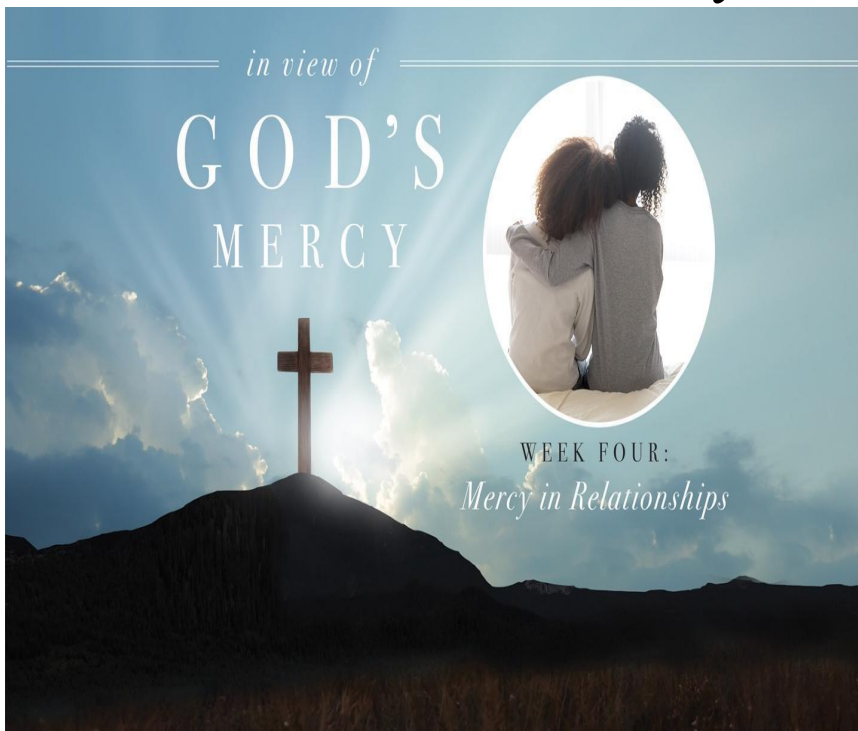


St. Johns Lutheran Church

In View of God's Mercy



Week 4: Mercy in Relationships

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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टको अनुग्रह परमेश्वरको प्रेम अनि पवित्र आत्माको सहभागिता तिमीहरूमा सधैं होस्।

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

We are united in Christ.

यसैले तिमीहरूले झूटो बोल्नु छोड्नुपर्छ। “आपसमा सधैं साँच्चो बोल।” किनभने हामी आपस्तमा एउटै शरीरका अङ्गहरू हौं।

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

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बात गर्दा चोट पर्ने शब्द नचलाऊ। मानिसलाई चाहिने कुरो मात्र गर जसले मानिसलाई बलियो बनाउँछ। तब मात्र तिम्रा कुरा सुन्नेहरू लाभान्वित हुन्छन्।

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

We are united in Christ.

जब दाज्यू-भाइहरू एक साथ मिलेर बस्छन त्यो अति नै राम्रो र
आनन्दपूर्ण हुन्छ।

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron.

We are united in Christ.

हारूनको शिरमा पोखिएको यो एक सुगन्धित तेल जस्तो लाग्छ।

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

We are united in Christ.

यो हर्मोन पर्वतबाट आएर सियोन पर्वतमा झरिरहेको हिउँ जस्तो छ।
किनभने यो सियोनमा थियो,

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

जहाँ परमप्रभुले अनन्त जीवनको आशीर्वाद दिनुभएको थियो।

Amen.

HYMN Jesus, Refuge of the Weary LSB 423

**Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us**

**Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice” (Ephesians 4:31).

तितोपना, रिस र आवेग त्याग कहिल्यै रिसमा नचिच्याउ र अर्काको निन्दा नगर। कुनै प्रकारको कुकर्म कहिल्यै नगर। (एफिसी 4:31).

We confess to God that we have often been bitter towards others, expressed sinful anger to them, clamored against them and have engaged in slander and malice. We have refused to forgive and have pursued revenge rather than reconciliation.

Holy God, we confess that we have not loved others as you have loved us. We have sinned against them, and in so doing we have sinned against you. We have not kept our tongues from evil but have slandered others. We have not sought peace but have pursued sinful revenge. Forgive our transgressions. Bring reconciliation and restoration to our relationship with you and our relationships with others.

We cry to you for mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्. ख्रीष्ट दया गर्नुहोस्. प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्.

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

Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

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In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the guilt of your sin. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

Amen.

उहाँले भन्नु हुनेछ, "ख्रीष्टले दिनुभएको अधिकारद्वारा म तिमीलाई, तिम्रो पापहरु पिता पुत्र र पवित्र आत्माको नाउँमा क्षमा गर्दछु। आमिन।"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have not loved one another as you command, you continue to show your mercy to us. In view of your mercy, transform us so that we view others as precious and love them as you have loved us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live graciously toward our neighbors. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ... Genesis 45:1-6,14-15

उत्पत्ति 45:1-6,14-15

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the

household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

यूसुफले अब केही क्षण पनि आफूलाई नियन्त्रणमा राख्न सकेन। तिनी त्यहाँ भएका सबै मानिसहरूको अघाडी रोए। यूसुफले भने, “प्रत्येकलाई यो ठाउँ छोडी जानु भन।” यसर्थ मानिसले त्यो ठाउँ छोडी दिए। खाली ती दाज्यू-भाइहरू मात्र यूसुफसित बसे। त्यसपछि यूसुफले तिनी को हुन् भने।² यूसुफ रोइरहे अनि फिरऊनको घरमा भएका जन्मै मिश्र देशीहरूले सुने।³ यूसुफले उनका दाज्यू-भाइहरूलाई भने, “म तिमीहरूका भाइ यूसुफ हुँ। के मेरा बाबु कुशल हुनुहुन्छ?” तर दाज्यू भाइहरूले तिनलाई उत्तर दिएनन्। तिनीहरू अलमल्ले परे अनि घबराएका थिए।⁴ यसर्थ यूसुफले आफ्ना दाज्यू-भाइहरूलाई फेरि भने, “म कहाँ आऊ। म बिन्ती गर्छु, तिमीहरू मेरो नजिक आओ” यसर्थ तिनीहरू यूसुफको नजिकमा गए। अनि उनले तिनीहरूलाई भने, “म तिमीहरूको भाइ हुँ। म त्यही भाइ हुँ जसलाई तिमीहरूले मिश्र देशमा कमारोको रूपमा बेचेको थियो।”⁵ अहिले चिन्ता नगर। तिमीहरू आफैँसित आफूले गरेको कार्यको निम्ति नरिसाऊ। मलाई यहाँ ल्याउनमा परमेश्वरको एउटा योजना हो। म यहाँ तिमीहरूको जीवन बचाउनुको निम्ति छु।¹⁴ त्यसपछि तिनको भाइ बिन्यामीनसित यूसुफले आलिङ्गन गरे अनि तिनीहरू दुवैजना रुन शुरू गरे।¹⁵ त्यसपछि यूसुफले आफ्ना सबै दाज्यू-भाइहरूलाई म्वाइँ खाए अनि तिनीहरूको निम्ति रोए। त्यसपछि उनका दाज्यू-भाइहरू उनीसँग कुरा गर्न थाले।

HYMN Son of God, Eternal Savior LSB 842 v. 1-3

**Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us**

**Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of Love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

EPISTLE READINGS ... Ephesians 4:29-32 एफिसी 4:29-32

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

²⁹ बात गर्दा चोट पर्ने शब्द नचलाऊ। मानिसलाई चाहिने कुरो मात्र गर जसले मानिसलाई बलियो बनाउँछ। तब मात्र तिम्रा कुरा सुन्नेहरू लाभान्वित हुन्छन्। ³⁰ पवित्र आत्मालाई दुःखीत नतुल्याऊ। आत्मा नै

प्रमाण हो के तिमी परमेश्वरका हौ। उपयुक्त समयमा परमेश्वरले तिमीलाई मुक्त गर्नु हुनेछ भन्ने देखाउनुलाई नै उहाँले त्यो आत्मा दिनुभएको हो।³¹ तितोपना, रिस र आवेग त्याग कहिल्यै रिसमा नचिच्याउ र अर्काको निन्दा नगर। कुनै प्रकारको कुकर्म कहिल्यै नगर।³² आपसमा दयालु र कृपालु बन। परमेश्वरले ख्रीष्टमा तिमीहरूलाई क्षमा दिए जस्तै तिमीहरूले पनि एक-अर्कालाई क्षमा देऊ।

HYMN Kyrie - II (Lord, Have Mercy) LSB 944

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्. प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्. प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्.
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प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्. प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्. प्रभु दया गर्नुहोस्.

SERMON

OFFERING Choir

PRAYERS

Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today with broken relationships.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

When we have alienated ourselves from others due to corrupting talk, put words in our mouths that foster reconciliation.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

When we have alienated ourselves from others due to falsehood, help us to speak the truth in love with our neighbor.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

When we have alienated ourselves from others due to bitterness and anger, renew a right spirit within us to work toward peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

When we have alienated ourselves from others due to a refusal to forgive, soften our hearts so that we may forgive as you have forgiven us.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

We praise you that while we were yet sinners, you still loved us and sent Christ to die for us, reconciling us to you.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will build one another up by extending your grace to others.

Lord, have mercy.

Parmeshur le kripa garun परमेश्वरले कृपा गरुन

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who reconciled us to you.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Said together with Nepalese)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मती ६:९-१३)

प्रभु को प्रार्थना

‘हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुने पिता,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र रहोस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा झैं यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
आज दिनभरिको भोजन हामीलाई दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गरिदिनुहोस्।
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर हामीलाई दुष्टहरूबाट बचाउनु होस्।'
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम सदासबैदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमेन।

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

परमप्रभुले तिमीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिऊन् र रक्षा गरून्।
परमप्रभुको मुहार (मुखारबिन्द) तिमीहरूमाथि चम्काऊन्,
अनि तिमीहरूमाथि अनुग्रह गरून्।
परमप्रभुले तिमीहरू माथि दया दृष्टि राखुन्,
अनि तिमीहरूमा शान्ति दिऊन्।

SONG Mamaa Shuddha Ridaye Srijnos (Create In Me A Clean Heart) - Sung by the Nepalese

ममा शुद्ध हृदय सृजनोस्, प्रभु
सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्
ममा शुद्ध हृदय सृजनोस्, प्रभु
सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्
ma-maa shuddha ridai sri-janos, prabhu
satye aatmaa punar-jivit paar-nos
ma-maa shuddha ridai sri-janos, prabhu
satye aatmaa punar-jivit paar-nos

मलाई तपाईंको सामुन्नेबाट
ननीकाल्नुहोस्
पवित्र आत्मा मबाट नलैजानोस्

मुक्तिको उमङ्ग मलाई फेरि दिनुहोस्
सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्
सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्
ma-laai tapaaiñ-ko saam'ne-baaTa
na-nikaal-nuhos,
pavitra aatmaa ma-baaTa na-laijaa-nos
mukti-ko umañga ma-laai feri dinuhos
satye aatmaa punar-jivit paarnos
satye aatmaa punar-jivit paarnos

Create in Me a Clean Heart (*Sung in English*)

**Create in me a clean heart oh God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart oh God
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from thy presence,
O Lord, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

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