

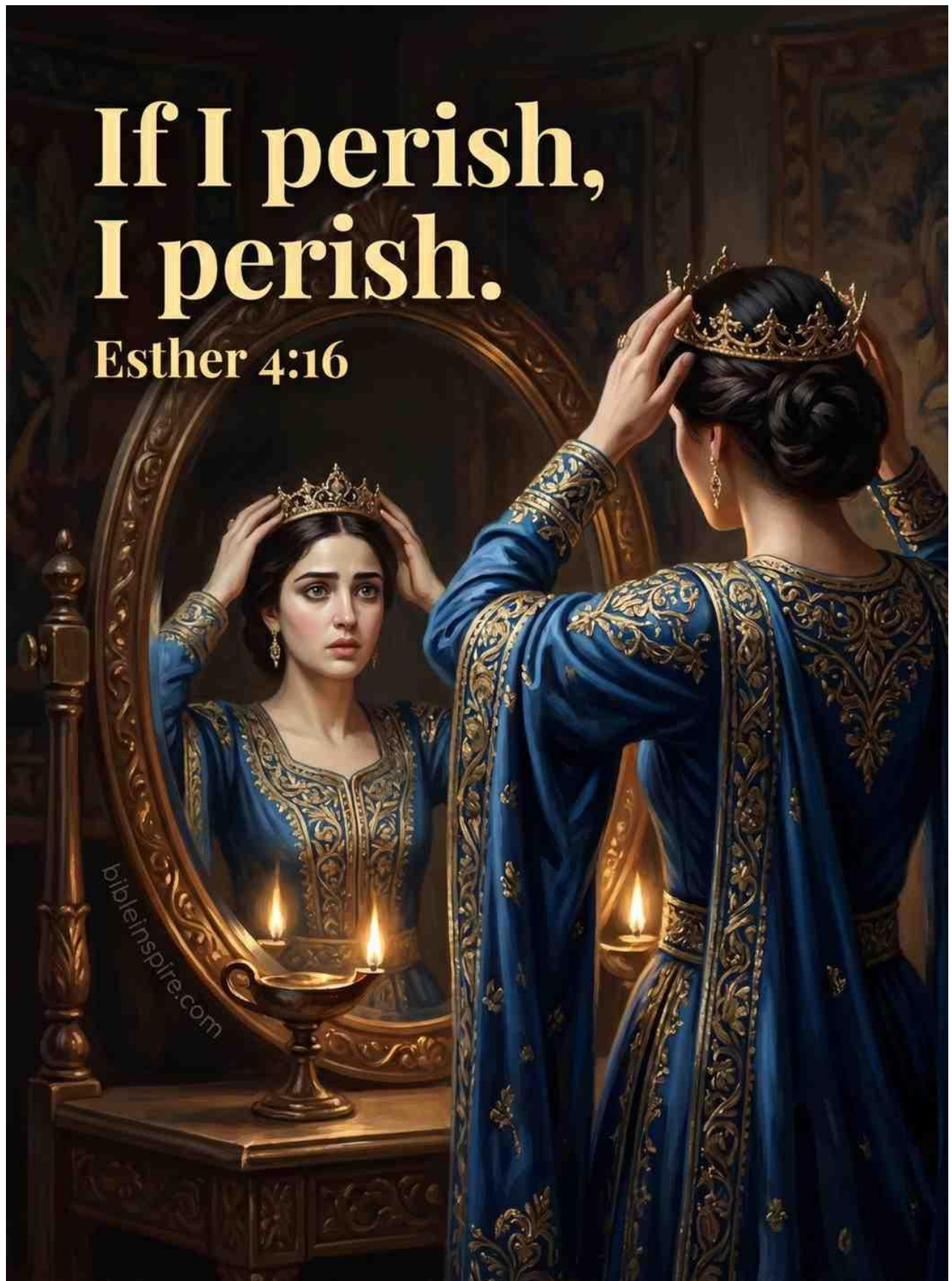
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**If I perish,
I perish.**

Esther 4:16



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Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.

Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Esther 4:12-16

R: ¹² When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³ Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.

¹⁴ For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

¹⁵ Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ACS #33 (Our Hearts Burn v.2)

Gospel

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 15th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Arlin Scott

Hymn of the Day

Build a Longer Table

ACS #1062, vv. 1,2,4

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offertory

Look Who Gathers a Christ's Table

ACS #977, vv. 1,4

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here.

Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

ACS #36

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Lamb of God

ACS #40 (Lamb of God)

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

L: The holy Three, the holy One

increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love,
and ✝ grant you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW #651, vv. 1,3,5

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

Arlin Scott is authorized to preside over Holy Communion at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer by permission of Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod.



† JoAnn is having a knee replacement (Karin's friend); Karen Cherry former member recovering from a fall in her home; Linda Vahl (Robin's friend) recovering at Glenwood; Troy Ludwig; Chelsea (Betty's granddaughter); Brad (Robin's nephew); Kim (Robin's sister); Bob suffering from depression (Donna's Brother in law); Gail Tenbus; Jan Ludwig; Darcy Ludwig; The Godwin family is dealing with Larry's Parkinson's disease.

† Prayers for our nation as we face conflict in the Middle East.

† Prayers for all people affected by the war.

† Prayers for our Military and their families.

What's happening this month at Our Redeemer

Mondays, 5 pm Stretch & Prayer.

Wednesdays, 9 am Quilting and fellowship with The Love Ladies (and gents).

Service over Summer Project list of items needed available in the Narthex

Saturday August 22 9 am Breakfast

Sunday, August 23 10:30 am Blessing of the Backpacks/Staff Installation, *Lunch provided after worship on this day.

We are thankful for those helping with worship today

Worship Leader

Arlin Scott

Music

Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

Reader

Tim Pompey

Ushers

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

We have a YouTube Page. Scan the Qr code below to Re-watch a missed worship service.



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