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Ash Wednesday

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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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The Common Service with the Imposition of Ashes

The congregation enters and is seated in silence.

PSALM 51

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: **Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

M: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

C: **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**

M: Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

C: **Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

M: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

C: **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

M: Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

M: Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

M: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

C: **Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.**

M: O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

C: **You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

M: In your good pleasure make Zion prosper;
build up the walls of Jerusalem.

C: **Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

Silence for meditation

INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us be still. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
I am truly sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The reception of ashes is not mandatory, but it may serve a useful purpose. The ashes call to mind that we are mortal because of our sin, and we will return to the dust from which we came. The sign of the cross calls to mind that Christ subjected Himself to death in order to redeem us.

Those who desire to receive ashes may approach one of the ministers at the baptismal font. Baptized children may come forward at their parents' discretion.

The minister applies ashes to the forehead or hand of each in the form of a small cross, saying:

M: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After all who desire have received ashes, the minister says:

M: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

C: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

M: By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,

C: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.
Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son †
and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN (CW 98)

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On your ho - ly
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af -
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see your
 4 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science
 5 Grant that I your pas - sion view With re - pent - ant



pas - sion; With your Spir - it me en - dow
 flic - tion; Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness
 pas - sion, But its cause to me make known
 grieve me, Let your cross my fear dis - arm;
 griev - ing. Let me not bring shame to you



For such med - i - ta - tion. Grant that I in love
 And your cru - ci - fix - ion; Make me see how scourge
 And its ter - mi - na - tion. Ah! I al - so and
 Peace of con - science give me. Help me see for - give -
 By un - ho - ly liv - ing. How could I re - fuse



and faith May the im - age cher - ish Of your suf -
 and rod, Spear and nails did wound you, How for them
 my sin Wrought your deep af - flic - tion; This in - deed
 ness won By your ho - ly pas - sion. If for me
 to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful pleas - ure Since for me



f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.
 the cause has been Of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!
 God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out meas - ure?

6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from you,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give you love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav'n above
 Sing your praise forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

M: Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1–13

¹So the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came and told him this:

There were two men in a city. One was rich and one poor. ²The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds. ³The poor man did not own anything except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He raised it so that it grew up together with him and his children. It ate from his food and drank from his cup. It slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his flock or from his herd to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. So he took the lamb from the poor man and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

⁵David's anger flared up against that man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this is as good as dead. ⁶In place of that lamb, he will restore four lambs, because he did this and had no pity."

⁷Nathan told David, "You are the man. This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says."

I anointed you king over Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave the house of your master to you, and I gave the wives of your master into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and the house of Judah. If this was too little, I would have added even more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword. You have taken his wife as your own wife. You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰So now the

sword will not depart from your house forever, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

¹¹This is what the LORD says. Look! I am raising up disaster against you from your own house. Right in front of your eyes I will take your wives and give them to your neighbor, and he will lie down with your wives in the sight of the sun. ¹²Because you acted in secret, I will do this in front of all Israel in broad daylight.

¹³David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan said to David, "The LORD himself has put away your sin. You will not die.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

^{6:1}As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ²For he says:

*At a favorable time I listened to you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.*

Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation!

CHOIR

Gospel of Grace

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

⁹Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.'

¹³“However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

¹⁴“I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

HYMN (CW 305)

From Depths of Woe I Cry to You



1 From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me,
2 Your love and grace a - lone a - veil To blot out
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
4 My soul is wait - ing for the Lord As one who



I im - plore you. Bend down your gra - cious ear to me;
my trans - gres - sion. The best and ho - liest deeds must fail
my own mer - it; It rests up - on his faith - ful Word
longs for morn - ing; No watch - er waits with great - er hope



My prayer let come be - fore you. If you kept
To break sin's dread op - pres - sion. Be - fore you
To them of con - trite spir - it. That he is
Than I for his re - turn - ing. I hope as



rec - ord of my sin And held a - gainst me
none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear your
mer - ci - ful and just— This is my com - fort
Is - rael in the Lord; He sends re - demp - tion



what I've been, How could I stand be - fore you?
strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
through his Word. We praise him for his mer - cy.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 4.
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Tune: AUS TIEFER NOT (87 87 887) Martin Luther, 1483–1546, alt.

¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”

“I Will Keep the Passover”

OFFERINGS BROUGHT FORWARD

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

M: O God of forgiveness, you know the transgressions of our hearts, bodies and minds. Break our hearts over our sins, and cleanse and renew them by your holy Word and Sacrament. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Blessed Lord, you have called your people to be reconciled to you in Christ. Grant steadfast, pure and courageous hearts to your pastors, that through all things they would remain ministers of your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, you instruct your people in the way of righteousness. Grant us faithful hearts, that in the Lenten days to come, we would serve you and our fellow man in selfless love and find our reward only in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Holy Lord, you blot out transgressions and wash away iniquity. Sustain the families of your Church, that husbands, wives and children would be cleansed from their sins and live together in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, look graciously on our nation and its leaders, all civil servants, and those who protect us and work for the common good. Drive away all disease and fear from us. Grant peace, we pray. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, behold in mercy all who are sick, who suffer and who rejoice. Be with all expectant mothers, all whose work is dangerous, the unemployed, those near death and those who mourn. Comfort us who are dust and must return to dust, with the promise that a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have sent your only begotten Son into our flesh to offer himself as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Trusting in his mercy, bring us in repentance and faith to your altar to eat his body and drink his blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

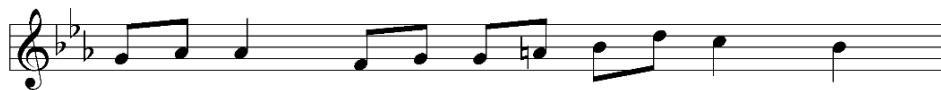
Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."


M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei




C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 309) Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward, then, with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields,
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread makes them that hun - ger whole,
Be - fore your al - tar, Lord, your ser - vants bow;



Him - self the vic - tim and him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirs - ty soul.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 304)

Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtsches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

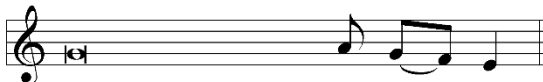
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 470)

Praise to You and Adoration



1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion,
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing



Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I
 Be with me through-out my life. Give me great - er



nev - er may From your fold or pas - tures stray,
 love for you, And my faith and hope re - new



But with zeal and joy ex - ceed - ing
 In your birth, your life, and pas - sion,



Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.
 In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1643-1703; tr. composite.
 Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Lent services continue each Wednesday

12:30 & 6:30 pm

March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

Potluck Dinner April 6

5:30 pm

Lent Sermons

March 9 – Luke 22:31,32

“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

Pr. Joel Jenswold

March 16 – John 18:12

“They Bound Him”

Pr. James Plocher – St. John’s Lutheran, Pardeeville

March 23 – Luke 22:66

The Semblance of Legality

Pr. Scott Schwertfeger - Zion Ev. Lutheran, Leeds

March 30 – Matthew 27:3,4

What to Remember When You Are Seized With Remorse

Pr. Jacob Scott – Zion Ev. Lutheran, Leeds

April 6 – Luke 23:13-25

Unreasonable Compromise

Pr. Peter Schlicht – Eastside Ev. Lutheran, Madison

Serving us today:

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson (6:30)
- Ushers: Dave Olson and Ben Olson (6:30)
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
- AV/Recording: RaeLyn Parker

