



ASH WEDNESDAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



† DIVINE SERVICE †

*Due to the solemn character of the day, the opening hymn is omitted.
The pastors enter in silence.*

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.
From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.
Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The ashes are imposed upon the penitents in a similar manner as one would take communion. While others are receiving their ashes, you are encouraged silently pray Psalm 51 (or other penitential psalms such as 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143) found in the front of our Hymnal.

After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his or her place in silence. Once all who desire have received their ashes, our service will continue with the absolution.

ANTHEM “Were You There/There Is a Balm in Gilead” (arr. Brant Adams)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

T SERVICE OF THE WORD T

PSALM

Psalm 51:1–13; antiphon: v. 17

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

C **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

C **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

C **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

C **Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C **Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

C **Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not

despise.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Joel 2:12-19

After the reading:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:2-11

After the reading:

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ANTHEM

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"
Faith Lutheran Choir

(Lynette Maynard)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

(LSB 607)

PASSION READING

Mark 14:1-9

SERMON

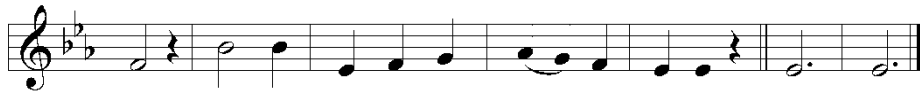
"Misjudging Eyes"

(Mark 14:1-9)

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Lord Jesus Christ, in contrition, we today enter the holy season of Lent to meditate on the sufferings and death that You endured to save us. Help us never to misjudge the value of Your sacrifice for us but always to hold it as our dearest treasure and fix our eyes upon You, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P May Your willingness to deny Yourself, take up the cross, and suffer for us inspire in us a hatred of sin and a zeal to follow Your example for the sake of our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Grant to all pastors and missionaries the courage to proclaim Your cross as saving wisdom from on high, even though the world considers the Gospel folly. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Grant us to escape from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. Give us strength to supplement our faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. Prevent us from being ineffective or unfruitful in our vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P You know everything we need before we ask. Plead to the Father on our behalf so that, even though our own prayers are insufficient, we may nonetheless receive everything we need for the sake of Your merits; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; Psalm 136

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

- P Lift up your hearts.
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
- Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink

His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

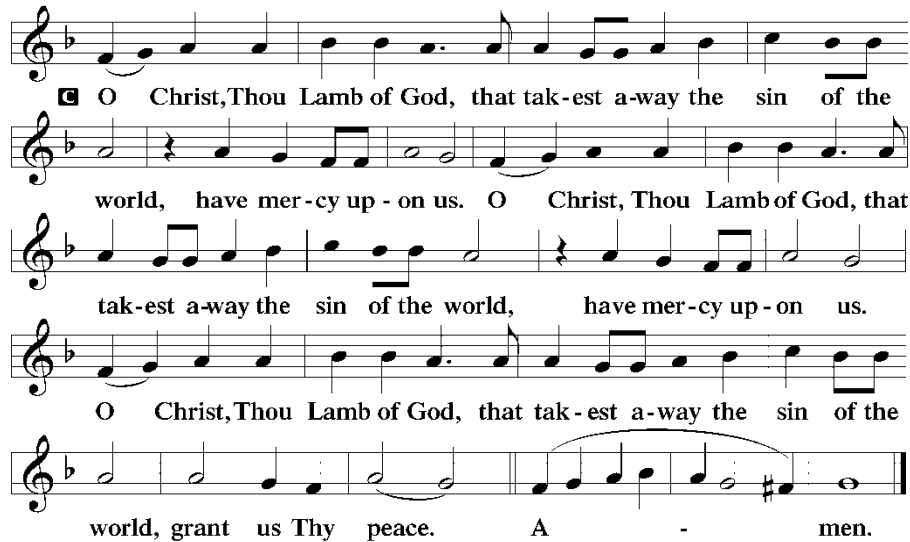
PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI



■ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

ANTHEM

"One Bread, One Body"
Faith Lutheran Choir

(J. Foley, arr. M. Hayes)

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

(LSB 423)

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

(LSB 421)

Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face

(see below)

1 Our eyes be - hold the Sav - ior's face And
 2 Our fo - cus flits and fails to see The
 3 Our sights train on the dread - ful cross. Be -
 4 Our vi - sion blurs with anx - ious tears As
 5 Our view scans for the com - ing Day That

yet can - not per - ceive That His per - spec - tive
 One whose stead - fast gaze Pro - pelled Him to the
 neath His know - ing eyes, Our sins are bare and
 Je - sus' eye - lids fall To con - quer sin and
 ev - er - more grows near, When Je - sus wipes our

held our grace Be - fore we could be - lieve.
 dark - ened tree En - vel - oped in death's haze.
 set for loss; He sees us as His prize.
 all our fears And tear in two our pall.
 tears a - way And all is crys - tal clear.

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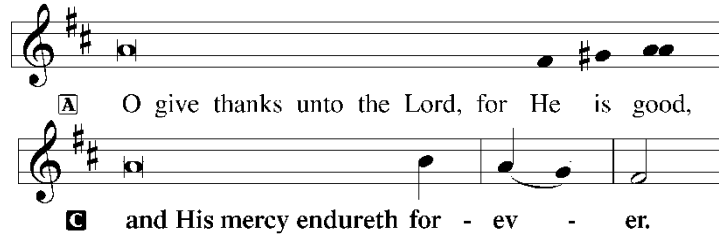
NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Your body and blood we have received a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal Kingdom. May this heavenly food sustain us on our journey through this world of sin and woe so that, even if our bodies are reduced to dust and ashes, we may enjoy the gifts of resurrection and eternal life with you; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P 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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

(LSB 440)

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Joel 2:12–19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.
¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?
¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;

gather the children,
even nursing infants.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.
¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples,
“Where is their God?””
¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.
¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,
“Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.”

2 Peter 1:2–11

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

¹[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then

you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”