



***Remember that
you are dust and
to dust you shall
return***

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024



Kyrie Eleison

LORD, HAVE MERCY

As We Gather

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before service.
- Please do not stack the disposable communion cups.

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THE CONGREGATION ENTERS THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY

DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three

February 14, 2024

11AM & 7PM

READING: 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.”

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.

Silence for reflection

THE LITANY

P O Lord,
C have mercy.
P O Christ,
C have mercy.
P O Lord,
C have mercy.
P O Christ,
C hear us.
P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.
P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.
P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.
P Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and passion;
by Your precious death and burial;
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death;
and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the
forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;
and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,

C **hear us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy. Amen.**

P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; 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

Lent prepares us for Easter. We focus on our own sin and repentance. The Imposition of Ashes, a practice that dates back to the Middle Ages, is a time during this worship service when ashes are placed upon individuals while Genesis 3:19 is recited for each person: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The ashes remind us that because we sin, we die, and dying we return to dust, to ash. And yet, we are Christians, and for us the last word is never, sin, or death, or ash. The last word is Jesus Christ.

So, if you choose to come forward this Ash Wednesday, the ashes will be traced upon your forehead precisely where Christ’s Name has graced you ever since it was put upon you with the water at your baptism. They will be given to you in the sign of the cross, reminding you that you belong to Christ, that He alone forgives you, and that there is no penance you can do to save yourself, in part or in full. Free of charge, it is He who cleanses you, He who saves you as a gift.

This gift of ashes is a reminder and a symbol, rich and deep, but nothing more. If you think that it will help your piety, your discipline, your faith, then come to the front for ashes on this first Wednesday of the purple season. And, if you do not, or if you would simply like to pass it by this year, please do! Faith finds an aid—but not its ground—in this ancient custom. The only ground of faith and life is Christ.

Always remember: with the ashes or without, you are free, as you are Christ’s.

✠ THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES ✠

The rite continues with the imposition of ashes.

The pastor receives ashes first, followed by the congregation.

Those desiring ashes are invited to come forward as the ushers dismiss them.

The pastor places the ashes on the forehead (or back of the hand if preferred) in the sign of the cross, saying: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

After receiving ashes, each person returns to his or her place in silence.

There is no statement of dismissal.

HYMN: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

LSB 419



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fer'd once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might-y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

HYMN: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

LSB 610



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

PLEASE STAND

✠ CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P I will go to the altar of God,

C to God my exceeding joy.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

PLEASE BE SEATED

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He

became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.” It is as if He said, “I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat.”

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Again, it is as if He said, “I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink.”

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

PLEASE STAND

C O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 3:1-19

Please be seated

A The Old Testament Reading for Ash Wednesday is from Genesis, chapter 3.

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the

fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman He said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
 and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,
 “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
 and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHORAL PSALM - Out of the Depths

Carl Schalk; 7PM

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice.
Let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplication.
If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,
O LORD, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.
My soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy;
with him there is plenteous redemption,
And he shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.

- Psalm 130, alt.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 45-49

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY *Joel 2:13b*

Please stand

C Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:17-27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN: "Before the Crowd the Most High God"

Owen Duncan



Be - fore the crowd the most high God, Whose face no flesh could
This rev - e - la - tion does not stand A - lone in his - to -
God gave His breath to dust and clay, And man with life was
In var - i - ous and man - y ways, God spoke to us of

see, Stood marked with wounds of scourge and rod and
ry, For Is - rael's past re - veals the hand Of
crowned, But he would sin— his Lord be - tray— And
old, But now in these con - clud - ing days, He

frail mor - tal - i - ty. "Be - hold the man!" So
God for us to see. For God used pro - phets,
to the grave was bound. This path towards death, since
gives His Son— be - hold! For ev - ery sign and

Pi - late cried, But we re - ply and call: "Be -
priests, and kings, And shep - herds too, and slaves, To
A - dam's fall, All flesh was forced to tread Till
pro - phe - cy Here meets its fi - nal goal In

hold our God!" Who when He died Re - vealed Him - self to all.
help us un - der - stand this thing: This cross by which He saves.
Christ would ford a way for all As first - born from the dead.
Christ Who hung up - on the tree To save the sin - ner's soul!

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Please be seated

*Please fill out the attendance sheets in the red fellowship folders in the
pew and pass to others in the pew.*

VOLUNTARY—From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Thomas E. Lock, 11AM

CHORAL VOLUNTARY - Agnus Dei

John Leavitt; 7PM

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

- Latin liturgical

OFFERTORY *LSB 192*

Please stand



C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Additional petitions conclude:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- 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 meet, 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 195



C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

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

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

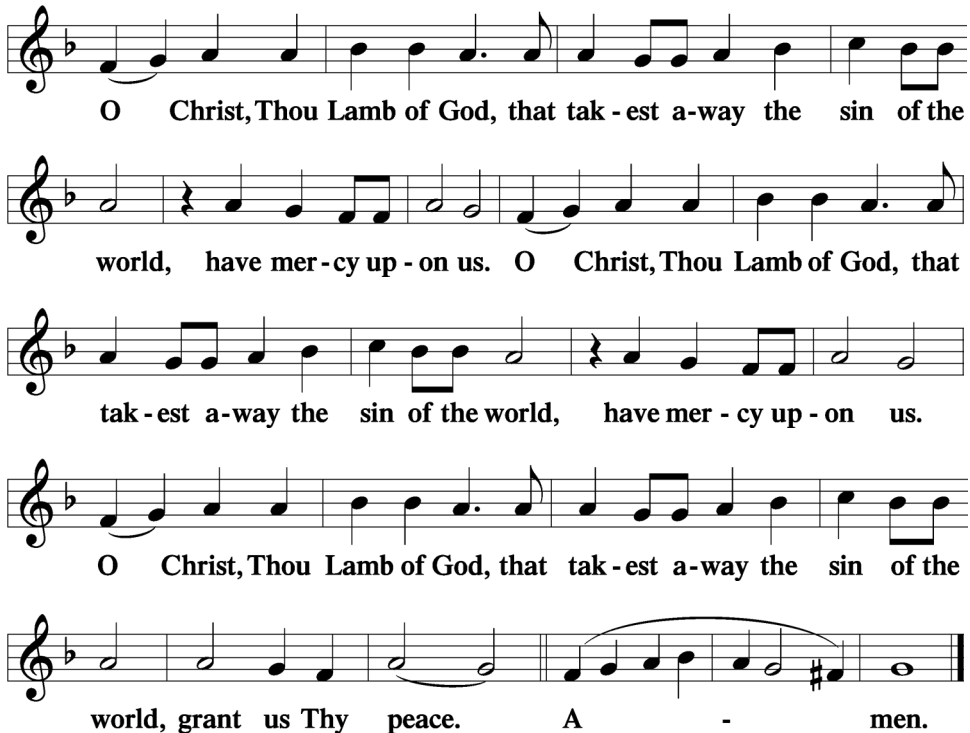


Agnus Dei

LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

LSB 198



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

DISTRIBUTION

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HYMN: "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

LSB 607



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
 4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the
 5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er
 bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it
 doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.
 nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

HYMN: "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth 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 No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee 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;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression,

It shall be as white as snow

By Thy blood and bitter passion;

For these words I now believe:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;

From the Law I stand acquitted.

Christ hath purchased my release

And my ev'ry sin remitted.

Naught remains my soul to grieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;

Also 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 doth receive.

HYMN: "Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness"

LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

HYMN: "In Adam We Have All Been One"

LSB 569



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel-lious man;
2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son
4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
That we might hear His Shep-herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.
Thou great Good Shep-herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.

Δ6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

DISMISSAL

Please stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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 His favor and ✕ give you His peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN: “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB

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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - 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!

SILENT PRAYER & CHIMES

POSTLUDE: Christe, du Lamm Gottes BWV 619

Johann Sebastian Bach

A New Hymn: Before the Crowd the Most High God

The theme for Lenten midweek services this year is entitled The Shadow and the Substance — How Old Testament Individuals Point to Christ. Each week as we look at a different character from the Old Testament, we will ponder specifically how this character's life and actions point to the events of Holy Week, of Christ on the cross.

The series is based on a new hymn written by one of our seminary fieldworkers, Owen Duncan. The hymn is entitled “Before the Crowd the Most High God”. Owen shares some background about this hymn. He writes:

“The hymn we are going to use during our Wednesday and Holy Week Lenten services this year is one that I wrote especially for this sermon series. A year or so ago, a friend of mine who was on his vicarage told me that his congregation was doing a sermon series about the types of Christ (figures in the Old Testament who point us forward to Christ). He also said that they were having trouble finding a good hymn for the series, and he asked if I might be willing to write a hymn for them. Finding myself with a little time on my hands, I did.

“This hymn, then, is about some of the figures in the Old Testament who point forward to Christ—Adam, Moses, David, Jonah, Noah, Joshua, Melchizedek, and Isaac—and how each of these figures points forward to Christ. I pray that throughout this series—and as you sing this hymn again and again—you might reflect on what the book of Hebrews reminds us of: that ‘In many and various ways God spoke to His people of old through the prophets, but now, in these last days, He has spoken to us through His Son.’ Rejoice this Lenten season over the fact that we have a God who has certainly not hidden Himself throughout the history of His people, but who has especially revealed Himself in His incarnation, when He came to this earth in human flesh and suffered and died—and rose to life—for you and for me.”

It is my prayer this Lenten season that, as we sing this hymn each week and as we ponder all the different characters and stories of scripture, we may grow richer in the knowledge and promises of our God.

~ David Gilson, Music Director
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Lent Supper, Class, & Service Schedules

Lenten Suppers will be served 5:30PM to 6:45PM prior to the 7PM service each Wednesday in Lent, except for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. Please join the fellowship!

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14

11AM/7PM Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Bring Your Own Dinner & Eat in the Gym

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

MIDWEEK LENT 1, Wed., Feb. 21

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: 20s&30s Bible Study—Homemade Soups & Salads

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 2, Wed., Feb. 28

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Mission & Stewardship Boards—Sloppy Joes

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 3, March 6

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Grace Guild—Baked Pasta, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 4, Wed., March 13

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Sunday Morning Bible Class—Casseroles & Salads

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

MIDWEEK LENT 5, Wed., March 20

11AM/7PM Lenten Service

5:30PM Lenten Dinner: Board of Elders—Hot dogs and hamburgers

6PM Beginning Bells, Children's Choir

6:15PM Midweek, Confirmation & LYF

8PM Choir

Serving in God's House Today — Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

11AM & 7PM

Preacher	Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Music Director	David Gilson
Music Group	Holy Cross Adult Choir
Accompanists	Sara Shroth Andy Goodman
Elder	11AM Joe Snyder 7PM Don Wischmeyer
Usher	11AM John Jackson 7PM Steve Liescheidt, Jennifer Reed

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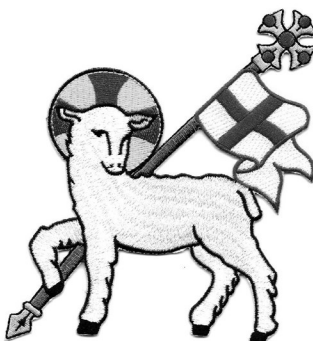
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