

# Ash Wednesday



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## Silent Prayer Before Worship

God, Father and Creator, we thank You for all the gifts you have given us. During this holy season of Lent, help us to change and grow. As we journey together toward the light of Easter, we know You are with us in all that we do. Amen.

## Congregational Prayers

✠ John & Bea Beilke	✠ Diane Grieve	✠ Don & Kathy Jungwirth
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## Lectionary Summary for Ash Wednesday

### ***Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart, for He Has Reconciled You to Himself***

On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our face toward His cross and Passion in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by way of repentance, and thus we return to our dying and rising in Holy Baptism. Christ Jesus, “*who knew no sin,*” became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin and in His resurrection we “*become the righteousness of God*” (2 Cor. 5:21). As God has thereby reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, “*now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Cor. 6:2). He has provided the sacrificial Lamb, and He has left “*a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering*” (Joel 2:14) in the Eucharist. He summons us to return to Him with all our heart because He is “*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love*” (Joel 2:13). We do so with faith and confidence in Him, and so we pray to Him as our Father, give to the needy from a heart of love, and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18).

## Order of Service

*Special with Elements of the Holden Evening Prayer*

## Hymn of Invocation

## LSB 433 Glory Be to Jesus

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1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

## Opening Responsory

## Jesus Christ, You Are the Light of the World

Sung by Cantors

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Cantor: Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,  
The light no darkness can overcome.  
Stay with us now, for it is evening,  
And the day is almost over.  
Let your light scatter the darkness,  
And shine within your

people



Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.

# Evening Hymn

# Joyous Light

All Sing

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1.) Joy-ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov - ing  
2.) In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
3.) You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

4  
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
7 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
10 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ing falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
13 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

16  
light our hearts a - new.  
free and make us whole.  
on to end - less day.

## Evening Thanksgiving

Sung Responsively

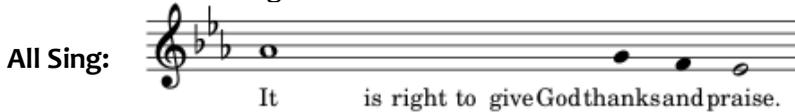
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Cantor: May God be with you all.



Cantor: Let us sing our thanks to God.



Cantor: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe,  
From old you have led your people by night and day.  
May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,  
For your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways,  
And you are the light and life of all creation. Amen.

## Psalmody

Psalm 142

P: I call to the Lord for help, I plead with him.

C: **I bring him all my complaints; I tell him all my troubles. When I am ready to give up, he knows what I should do.**

P: In the path where I walk, my enemies have hidden a trap for me.

C: **I look beside me and I see that there is no one to help me; there is no one to protect me; no one cares for me.**

P: Lord, I cry to you for help;

C: **You, Lord, are my protector; you are all I want in this life.**

P: Listen to my cry for help, because I am sunk in despair.

C: **Save me from my enemies, who are much stronger than I am.**

P: Rescue me from my trouble;

C: **then in the meeting of your people I will praise you, because you have been good to me.**

## Gloria Patri

C: **Glory to the Father be, And to Christ, eternally.**

**Glory to the Spirit raise.**

**Join all nature in her praise:**

**From creation's ancient shore**

**Unto life forevermore.**



## Imposition of the Ashes

### Choir Anthem

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Stand

### Gospel Reading

*Mark 14:26-52*

<sup>26</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” <sup>30</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” <sup>31</sup>But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.” <sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Sit

## Theme Hymn (sung to the tune of LSB 450 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded')



The voices of the Passion,  
Those words from ancient days—  
What message do they fashion  
As on your cross I gaze?  
In words that once were spoken,  
In speech now overheard,  
Grant me, O Lord, this token:  
To hear your living Word!



## Sermonic Introduction

Drama

*Overheard: Conversations by the Cross  
Malchus and Mark*

## Sermonic Conclusion

## Theme Hymn (sung to the tune of LSB 450 'O Sacred Head Now Wounded')



Lord, when with fears I'm stricken  
To drive me from your sight,  
My faith, O Savior, quicken  
To know your saving might.  
What blessing I inherit  
when standing at your side:  
Your righteousness and merit  
My nakedness to hide!



## Offering

Stand

## Prayers

- P: O Lord, how shall we stand before you in the nakedness of our sin, our guilt, our shame?
- C: **How shall we stand, save robed in the righteousness of your righteous Son, our Savior, Jesus the Messiah?**
- P: And how shall we know his righteousness made ours unless you speak to us, opening our ears and healing our hearing by the power of your sanctifying Spirit,
- C: **that hearing, we may believe; and believing we may follow; and in following we may not be ashamed.**

- P: Work in us, O God, the miracle of healing faith,  
 C: **faith in him whose blood was spilled to forgive us even when we fail and flee; faith in the forgiving love that returns us once again to the hard and pleasant paths of righteousness,**
- P: in Christ our Lord, by whom we 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.**



## Holy Communion

### **In Preparation for Holy Communion**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar for those who are repentant of their sins, seek the forgiveness of God, and seek to lead a godly life by word and deed. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins. Our Lutheran confession acknowledges: The Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink. Anyone who has not been instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, is asked to first speak with the pastor.*

*For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Matthew 5:23-24*

## The Words of Our Lord

- 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."

## Distribution Hymn I

## LSB 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93. Text and tune: Public domain



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



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Create in me a clean heart,  
O God,  
and put a new and right  
spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

## Distribution Hymn 2

LSB 550 Lamb of God

Text and tune: Twila Paris, 1958

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

### *Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.



Dear Lord, As we enter  
this Solemn and Holy  
Season, we pray that  
you would send your  
Holy Spirit upon us that  
we might prepare ourselves  
for these coming 40 days of Lent.  
Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth  
and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so  
that we can understand the magnificence of Your  
Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your  
Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of  
Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

## Distribution Hymn 3

### LSB 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Text and tune: Public domain



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-raise;  
*Continues on next page*



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!

## Final Blessing

Sung Responsively

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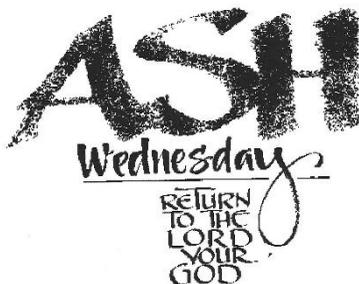
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Cantor: Let us bless our God:  
Praise and thanks to you.  
May God, Creator, bless us and keep us,  
May Christ be ever light for our lives,  
May the Spirit of Love be our guide and path for all of our days.

All Sing:



A - - - men.



## Closing Hymn

## LSB 543 What Wondrous Love is This

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.

Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven; Text and tune: Public domain



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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God's Blessings on the rest of your Week!