

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU -

- To everyone who volunteered to prepare and serve tonight’s supper prior to the service! Lenten Suppers are at 5:00 p.m. If you’d like to help with meals, sign up in the fellowship hall!
- To the choir and Jason Diestler for adding beauty and praise to our worship in our Father’s house.

“HIS FINAL STEPS,” LENT 2023 - This year’s Lenten midweek worship theme is “His Final Steps.” Join us Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. as we trace our Savior’s final steps to the cross—and His first steps from the empty tomb! Join us next week as we see how Jesus’ final steps led Him to His enemies.

DIVINE CALL - Pastor Van Kampen has formally returned his call to serve at Christ Lutheran in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and will continue to serve here at Christ the King. Pastor would like to thank all of you for your prayers and your wise counsel while he deliberated this call. Continue to keep Christ Lutheran Church in your prayers, that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into His ripe harvest fields.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:	
SUNDAY (2/26)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 3:15 p.m.
TUESDAY	Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (3/1)	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Lenten Supper, 5:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service, 6:30 p.m.
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OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.

HIS
FINAL
Steps

ASH WEDNESDAY, 2023



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

His Final Steps... Welcome to tonight’s worship service! As we gather in these midweek Lenten services, we will be meditating on our Savior Jesus’ final steps as He makes His way to the cross at Mt. Calvary. **Tonight we see how Jesus’ final steps led to His Father’s house.**

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY

Return to the Lord! Ash Wednesday calls us to a forty-day journey of repentance and renewal. Ashes remind us that we are mortal (“Ashes to ashes, dust to dust”), and mark our sorrow over sin and our hope in God’s forgiving grace and mercy. Having received His forgiveness in Jesus Christ, we seek a renewal of faith and life so that we may live as God’s own baptized children.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

Guests and visitors, thank you for joining us today! Please sign the Guest Book before you leave (the red binder in the front of church). Please, come and worship with us again!

There is a Parents’ Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From there you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. It is an abbreviated form of the Service of Holy Communion, found on p. 15ff in the front of the red hymnal.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of “close communion,” communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Rod Meves
Altar Guild	Lila Barlament & Jan Johnson

THANKSGIVING

M: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: **We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.**

M: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

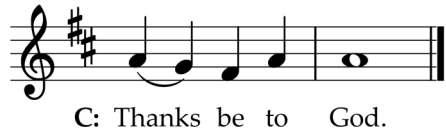


THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

*You may be seated.
During the Distribution, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table | 315

Please stand.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

“Now Dismiss”

Lord, now lettest 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
people 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 with - out end. A - men.

The Order of the Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday

Please stand.

HYMN

Now the Light Has Gone Away | 653

INVOCATION & CONFESSIONAL DIALOGUE *Psalm 57:1-2; Psalm 51:1-4, 5, 7, 9*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
C: For my soul trusts in You;
M: I will cry out to God Most High,
C: To God who performs all things for me.
M: Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;
C: According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.
M: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
C: And cleanse me from my sin.
M: For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.
C: Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight...
M: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
C: And in sin my mother conceived me.
M: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
C: Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
M: Hide Your face from my sins,
C: And blot out all my iniquities.
M: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
C: For my soul trusts in You;
C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

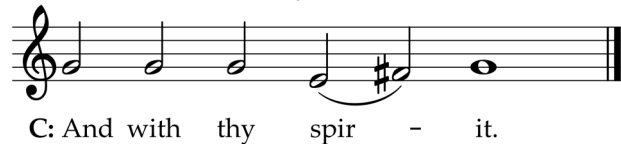
M: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION & COLLECT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray: 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.



You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 59:12-20 *The Redeemer will come to Zion to bring salvation from our sin.*

For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them:
¹³ In transgressing and lying against the LORD, And departing from our God,
Speaking oppression and revolt,

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

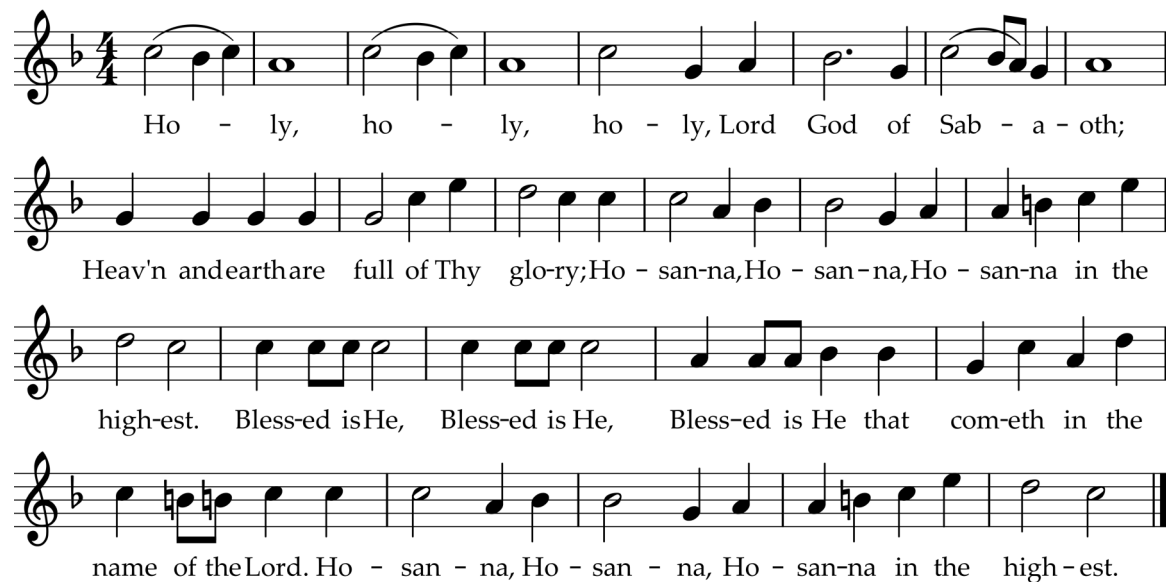
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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



THE *AGNUS DEI* (“LAMB OF GOD”)

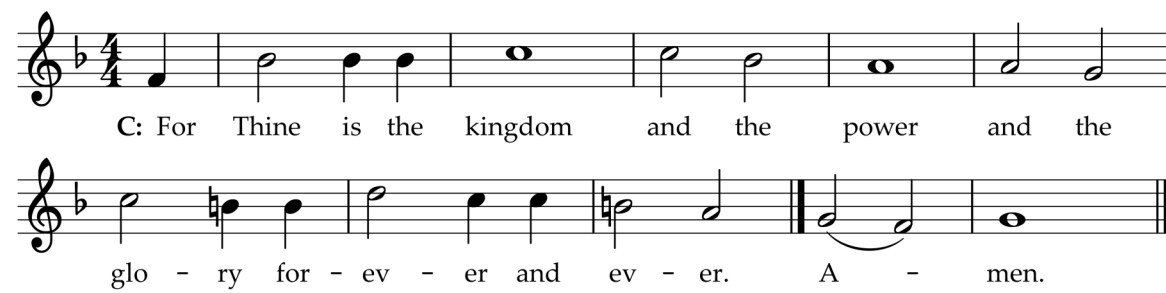




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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;



C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

¹⁴ Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off;

For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

¹⁵ So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.

¹⁶ He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor;

Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him;

And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

¹⁷ For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head;

He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

¹⁸ According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries,

Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay.

¹⁹ So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west,

And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood,

The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

²⁰ " The Redeemer will come to Zion,

And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.

SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20-6:2

Do not receive the grace of God in vain.

We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

^{6:1} We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

GRADUAL (*Verse of the Day*)

Joel 2:13

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 18:9-14

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"



C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

¹³ "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

¹⁴ "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may be seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.



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

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



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: 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. On the tree of the cross You gave salvation to all mankind that, whence death arose by the fault of one man, thence also life might arise by the obedience of one Man; and that even as Satan once overcame by a tree, likewise by a tree he was overcome, through the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
M: For cleansed and renewed hearts, that our God who knows our every transgression would also forgive them by His Holy Word and Sacrament, and that, cleansed from their sins, we would live together in God’s peace; for faithful hearts to serve both God and others in selfless love, and for the heavenly reward that comes only from our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
M: For our nation and its leaders, all civil servants, and those who protect us and work for the common good, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
M: For the sick, the suffering, and for all who rejoice, that He would drive all disease and fear away from us according to His will; and for all of us who are dust and must return to dust, that we may firmly believe that “a broken and contrite heart God will not despise,” let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
M: For all who commune, that they may trust in Christ as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world, eating and drinking His body and blood with repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
M: To Him alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.



CHOIR

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

HYMN OF THE DAY

With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh | 323

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Matthew 21:12-17

His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY

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.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING