

Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord.

Ash Wednesday begins the special season of penitential reflection that we call Lent. Ashes are a sign of repentance and sorrow and also a reminder of our human mortality. As this day and this season remind us of our sin and its wages, it is with repentant joy that we are also reminded of our forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Intending to amend our sinful lives, we receive with thankfulness the forgiveness He has promised to give in the Lord's Supper. Out of love for God's Word and God's people, the churches of the Missouri Synod have promised to practice close communion; and guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the Pastor or Worship Elder before the service. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Divine Service III

LSB 184

Pastor: 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.

***LITANY**

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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***HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:1-21 Pew Bible Page 1503

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

***NICENE CREED** LSB 191

SERMON HYMN: "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" **LSB**
607

SERMON

OFFERTORY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Chancel Choir

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** LSB 196

***BENEDICTION** LSB 234

This concludes the service for online viewing

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194ff

Distribution Hymn:
"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" **LSB 627**

***Nunc Dimittis** LSB 199

***Thanksgiving** LSB 200

***Salutation and Benediction** LSB 201ff

Closing Hymn: "Lord, to You I Make Confession" **LSB 608**

Postlude

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us

Pastor: God the Father in heaven,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor: Be gracious to us.

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: 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:

People: Help us, good Lord.

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

People: Help us, good Lord.

Pastor: We poor sinners, implore You

People: to hear us, O Lord.

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

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: 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, and 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:

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

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

People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: we implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy.

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People: grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your people from ages past put on sackcloth and ashes so that their inner penitence might take physical form. As we shape these ashes into the form of Your Son's cross, grant that they not only show our penitence but also our confident hope in Your forgiveness for His sake;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward.

HYMN: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" **LSB 419**

HYMN: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" **LSB 418**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: **LSB 184**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY: **LSB 189**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God,

People: 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Joel 2:12-19 **Pew Bible Page 1415**

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:1-11 **Pew Bible Page 1893**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.