

Lent Theme: 2024-Honest Repentance: February 18-March 17th

HONEST REPENTANCE (Midweek Lent Series)

Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness. But being honest about faith means recognizing that faith is contested on many sides not only by society, but by our own experiences, and sometimes even by the actions of God himself. Finally, repentance means becoming more human, not less. Because our thoughts, desires, and actions are so linked with sin, it is easy to view repentance as fighting against our humanity as if holiness meant trying to stifle as many of our natural human impulses as possible. But honest repentance recognizes that sin is the thing that stifles our humanity, while repentance results in our natural impulses functioning more as God designed them.

Midweek Lent Worship: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

February 14th: Ash Wednesday "Sin" Genesis 1

February 21st: "Chaos" Genesis 7 and 8

February 28th: "Faith" Genesis 22

March 6th: "Repentance" Jonah 3

March 13th: "Purification" Daniel 3

March 20th: "Salvation" Exodus 14

Holy Week

March 28th: Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.

March 29th: Good Friday 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.

March 31st: Easter Worship: 6:00, 8:00, and 10:30 a.m.

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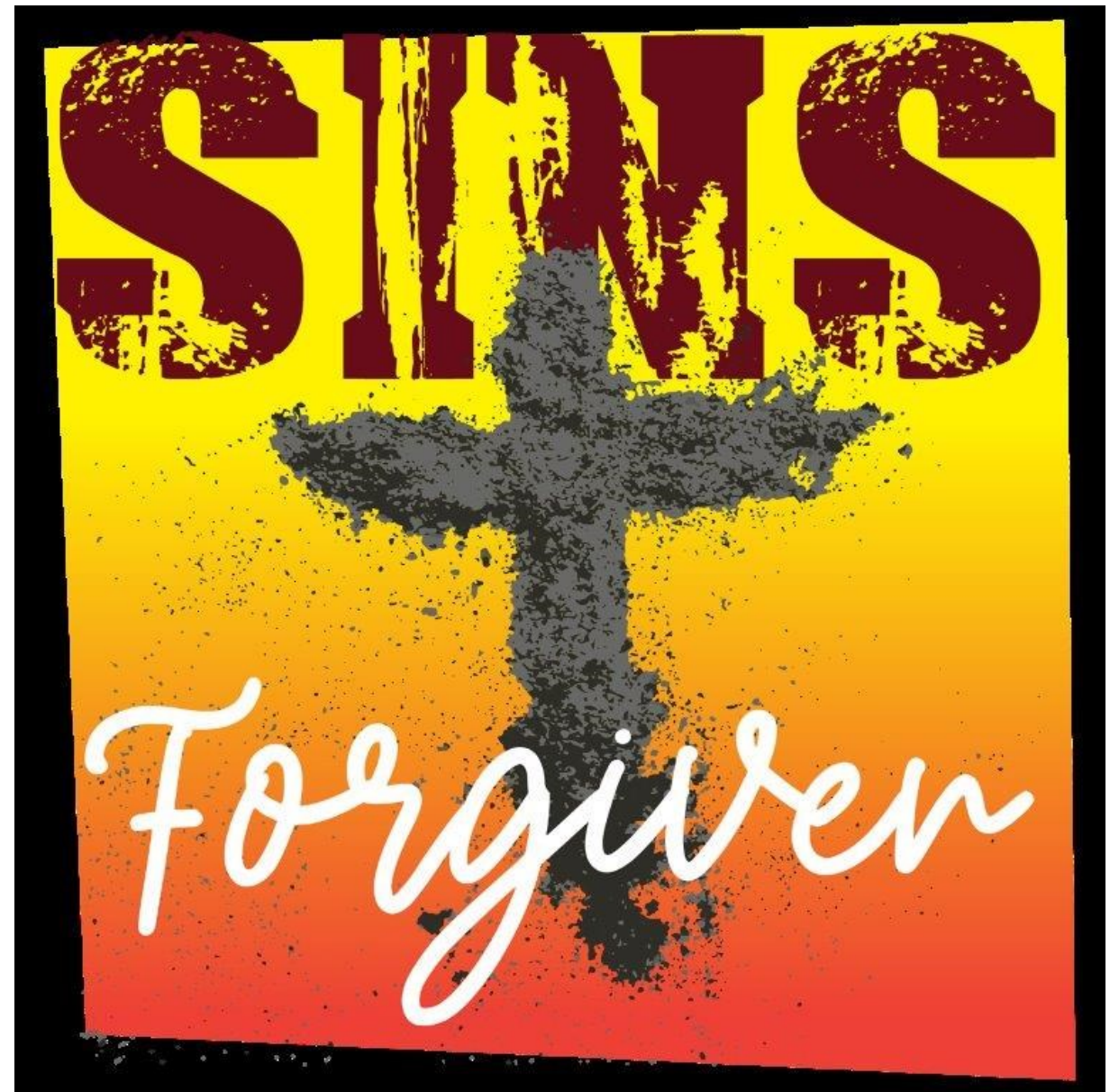
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"Cared for by Christ, we care for all others"

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Sunday Worship 8 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday Worship 6:30 p.m. Thanks and Praise Service Third and Fifth Sunday

Advent/Lenten Worship Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.



Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024 6:30 p.m.

As We Gather

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Hymn "When in the Hour of Deepest Need"

LSB 615

Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Psalm 69:16-18; Psalm 51:7

P Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

C Hide not Your face from Your servant;
for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.
Draw near to my soul, redeem me;
ransom me because of my enemies!

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

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

The people come forward to receive the ashes. Genesis 3:19 is spoken over each penitent.

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.



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Thank you to all who helped with the service today,
your help is always appreciated!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, friend of sinners and our light and hope, we give thanks to You for enfolding us in Your mercy and grace this day. Help us by our Baptism into Your death to rise and live Your new life now and in the life to come where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Benediction

Hymn “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB 418

**During the Imposition of Ashes, the hymn is sung:*

Hymn “Savior, When in Dust to Thee” LSB 419

After all have received the ashes, the people are signaled to stand.

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that we who with prayer and fasting have put on the armor of our Christian warfare may be defended against all spiritual wickedness and, at the last, obtain the victory, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

A period of silence is kept for self-examination.

- 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.
- 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.
- Amen.


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✠ WORD ✠

Kyrie



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

Salutation

-  The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.


Prayer of the Day

-  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.
 Amen.


Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-10

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.
⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

-  This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

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.

Our Communion Practices

If these are your beliefs:

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from all sin, Satan and death.
I believe that Christ is really present in the sacrament and that with the bread and wine I receive His true Body and Blood.
I resolve to dedicate my life to my Lord and Savior in His Body, the Church, by regular worship and devoted Christian service and living.....
please join us as we celebrate Holy Communion.

Distribution Hymns

- “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing” LSB 421
“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” LSB 627
“Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” LSB 788

- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- 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.

- Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer (on screens of back cover of the Hymnal)

Pax Domini

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

- O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
- who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Joel 2:13b

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and mer-ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

(on screens of back cover of the Hymnal)

Hymn “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”

LSB 607

Sermon “Law”

Text: Genesis 1:1-10

Offering Choir: “Lamb of God”

Words and music by Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson

Offertory

LSB 192



G 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 Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.