+ Ash Wednesday +

February 14, 2024 Divine Service, setting 2 Hope Ev. Lutheran Church St. Louis, MO



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+ Imposition of Ashes +

Stand

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

▶ 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.

Sit

The ushers will invite you to receive the imposition of ashes at the altar rail. Please proceed to the altar rail using the side aisles and return to your pew using the center aisle. You may return to your pew immediately after you have received the ashes on your forehead.

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

Voluntary

Savior, When in Dust to Thee Setting by Sam Eatherton

+ Confession and Absolution +

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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

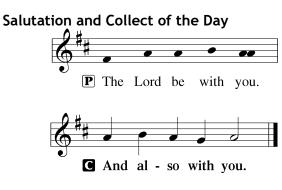
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

+ Service of the Word +



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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

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."

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



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my | transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity, and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever be- | <u>fore</u> me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in | your sight, so that you may be justified | in your words and blameless in your | <u>judg</u>ment.

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the | inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter | than snow. Let me hear joy and | <u>glad</u>ness; let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my in- | iquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with- | in me. Cast me not away from your | <u>pre</u>sence, and take not your Holy Spirit | <u>from</u> me.

Restore to me the joy of | your salvation, and uphold me with a willing | spirit. Then I will teach transgress- | sors your ways, and sinners will re- | turn to you.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:2–11

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract



He does not deal with us according | to our sins,* nor repay us according to our in- | iquities. Do not remember against us our former in- | iquities;* let your compassion come speedily to | meet us. Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,* for the glory | of your name.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a

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



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.

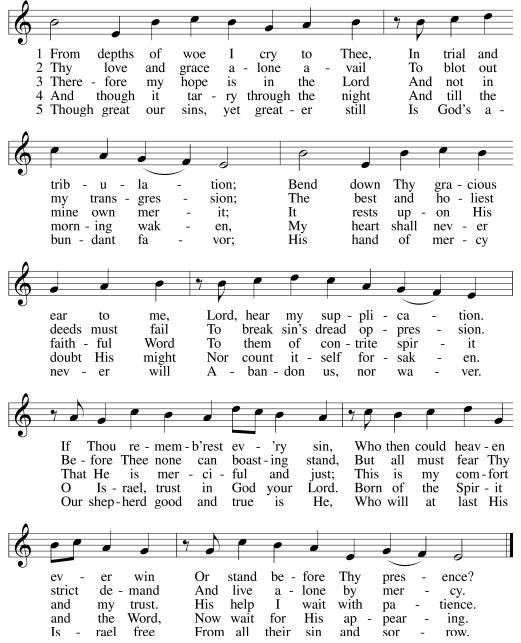


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Sermon

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Stanzas two and four are sung by the choir in a setting by Henry V. Gerike



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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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in 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.

Prayer of the Church

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Anthem

O My God, My Rock and Tower Setting by Donald Petering Text: LSB 421:5

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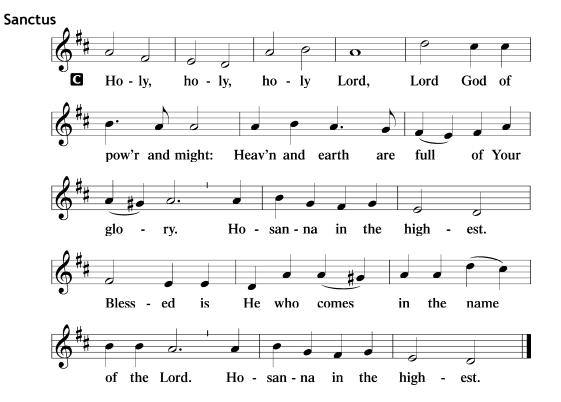
+ Service of the Sacrament +



Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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■ 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.

C Amen.

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."

Proclamation of Christ

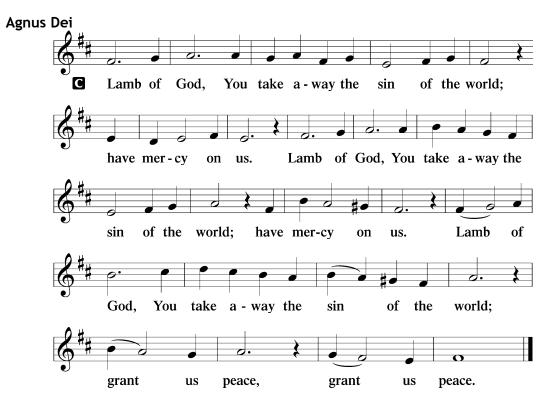
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your 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

 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.



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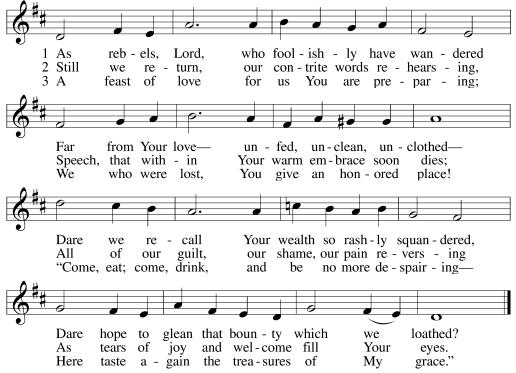


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Communion Distribution

As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered LSB 612



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Anthem

Return to the Lord Kenneth T. Kosche Text from Joel 2:13 Hymn

Sing Your praise forever.



God must have compassion!

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Dismissal

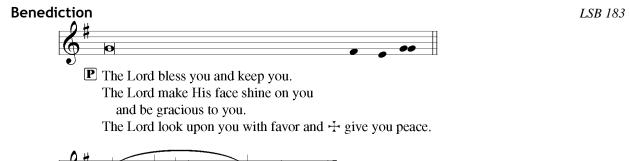
C Amen.

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.

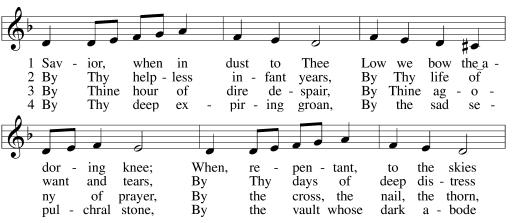
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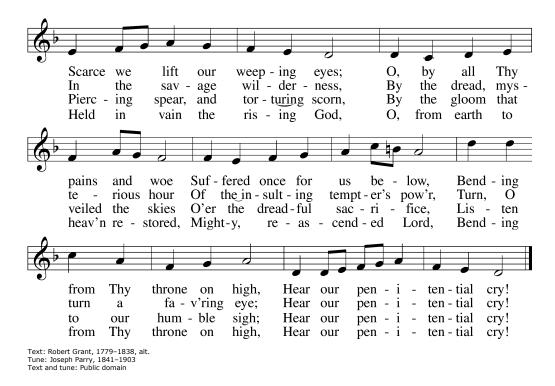




Closing Hymn

Savior, When in Dust to Thee LSB 419





Postlude

From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee Samuel Schiedt

+ Servants in the Lord's House +

Presiding Minister – Rev. Randy Asburry Assisting Ministers – Seminarians Henry Eising and Justin Hilton Organist – Mr. Matthew Janssen Choir – Men of Hope

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Lent 2024

"St. Mark Passion"

"Lent is a penitential season especially because and insofar as it is a catechetical season." (Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Services, p. 229)

In our Lent Evening Prayer services this year we walk with our Lord Jesus – our Suffering Servant Savior – through His Passion according to St. Mark's account.

All Evening Prayer services begin at 7:00 p.m.

February 21 – Lent 1 Midweek I. The Lord's Supper

February 28 – Lent 2 Midweek II. Gethsemane

March 6 – Lent 3 Midweek III. The Palace of the High Priest

March 13 – Lent 4 Midweek IV. The Praetorium

March 20 – Lent 5 Midweek V. Calvary

