



**The Holy Baptism Window**  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont*

**+ ASH WEDNESDAY +**  
February 17, 2021, 6:30 PM  
*(Stand as the minister enters the sanctuary.)*

**ADDRESS**

- P** 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.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

## LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

**P** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** 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:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** In all time of our tribulation;

in all time of our prosperity;

in the hour of death;

and in the day of judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;

to bless our prayer and meditation;

to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** 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, 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:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To turn our hearts to You;

to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;

and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **grant us Your peace.**

**P** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**P** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

**P** 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.**

*(Sit)*

*(The pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying:)*

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

*(After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his place in silence.  
There is no statement of dismissal.)*

## **HYMN 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee**

*(Sung during imposition of ashes)*

- 1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee,  
In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin,  
Who then could heaven ever win  
Or stand before Thy presence?**
- 2 Thy love and grace alone avail  
To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail  
To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.**
- 3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word  
To them of contrite spirit  
That He is merciful and just;  
This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.**
- 4 And though it tarry through the night  
And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might  
Nor count itself forsaken.  
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.  
Born of the Spirit and the Word,  
Now wait for His appearing.**
- 5 Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow.**

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*(After all have received the ashes, the service continues with the Service of Confession and Absolution in the Divine Service or with the rite of Corporate Confession and Absolution.)*

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*(Stand)*

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### EXHORTATION

LSB 184

- P** 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.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

### CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **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.**

### ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

# PSALM responsive reading

Psalm 51:1–13; antiphon: v. 17

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**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 judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

<sup>6</sup>**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit with in me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son + and to the Holy Spirit, as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE

LSB 186

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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**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.



**G** A - men.

(Sit)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12–19

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>and 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.

<sup>14</sup>Who 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?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather 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.

<sup>17</sup>Between 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?””

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.  
<sup>19</sup>The 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.**

## EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:2–11

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God  
and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His 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, <sup>4</sup>by 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. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to  
supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and  
knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and  
steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and  
brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are  
increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the  
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is  
so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed  
from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to  
make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities  
you will never fall. <sup>11</sup>For 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)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:1–9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



<sup>1</sup>It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup>for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

<sup>3</sup>And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup>There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup>And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

(Sit)

# HYMN 598 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on  
 2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest  
 3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -



Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and  
 Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -  
 out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -



daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.  
 sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.  
 sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

*Refrain*



O God, for Je - sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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## SERMON: The Baptism Window

(Stand)

### OFFERTORY

LSB 192



☐ 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

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

LSB 194

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

### SANCTUS

LSB 195



**C** 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.

### LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

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.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

## PAX DOMINI

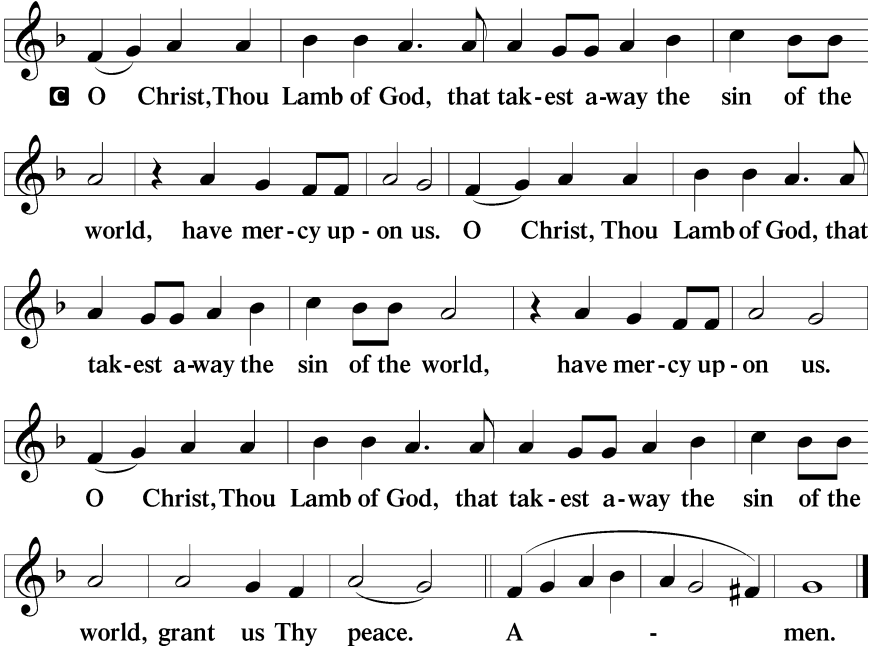
LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198



**C** 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.

(Sit)

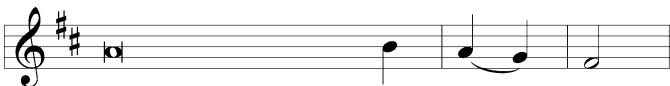
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(Stand)

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 202

**P** 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?

**Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

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## **Dismissal**

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