

Ash WEDNESDAY



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Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday

“Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 7:24-25

As you come in this evening, please pick up a container of ashes and a wipe, for you or your family. This year, ashes will be imposed by family units at your place of worship. If you plan to commune with us tonight, please bring in a communion chalice from the table near the entrance.

A Note about Communion: We believe that in Holy Communion when we receive the bread and wine we actually receive the Lord's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and strength to serve God. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, we believe that by communing you are publicly declaring you share in our understanding of Holy Communion. In addition you are expressing your oneness in faith with us in Communion at Trinity as part of The Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod. Only those who have been instructed in Holy Communion should commune. If you have any questions, speak with the Pastor or an elder. An usher will gladly direct you. If you desire to commune regularly with the congregation please make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

Pre - Service Music

Mary Kliner

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Opening Song

"Lord, I Need You"

Lord I come, I confess

Bowing here, I find my rest

And without You, I fall apart

You're the one, that guides my heart

(CHORUS) Lord I need You oh I need You

Ev'ry hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more

Where grace is found, is where You are

And where You are, Lord I am free

Holiness, is Christ in me

Where You are, Lord I am free

Holiness, is Christ in me (CHORUS)

(BRIDGE) So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay

(CHORUS)

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God how I need You

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father

C: who created us out of love

P: and of the Son

C: who redeemed us out of love

P: and of the Holy Spirit

C: who sanctifies us in His love.

All: Amen!

Confession of Sins, Imposition of Ashes, and Absolution

P: On this Ash Wednesday evening, we remember our great need for our Savior. The ashes you have been given are made from ashes from palm branches, mixed with olive oil. The practice of imposing ashes has a long history in the religion of God's people. This evening, I encourage you to make a mark of the cross with the ashes upon your forehead or your hand to remember our need for forgiveness. Through the outward application of ashes from Palm Sunday palms, we are reminded of our sinful nature. Though this mark can wear off or be washed clean, the greater mark of sin is buried deep within and requires a supernatural cleansing from the forgiveness that comes from Christ Jesus alone.

(Worshippers place the mark of the cross upon their forehead or their hand.)

(P: Dust you are, to dust you will return, but in Christ you are forgiven)

P: Please join me as we confess together...

(A moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination)

All: Heavenly Father, I am truly an undeserving, wretched sinner. I have done nothing to deserve your love. In fact, I have done much to deserve Your wrath and punishment. I come before You, broken and beat down, my own faults and failures. I am mortal. I am a sinner in need of Your redemptive love. Forgive me and create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Out of love for you, and because of His grace alone, our Lord Jesus has paid the full price! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen! Thank You Lord for Your grace!

Hymn of Praise

"The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb,

O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.
*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!***

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Invitation to Observe Lent in a Worthy Manner

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, from early Christian 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 lives confidently in God's Word and draws from it life and hope.

We pray that God would bless this season of Lent for us that we may come to celebrate Easter Sunday with glad and joyful hearts:

C: Almighty and everlasting God, help us always to use our time on this earth wisely. During this season of Lent, help us more fully understand how great your love is for us, and how we are called to love one another. We ask this all in Jesus name. Amen

Epistle

Romans 7:15-25

P: The Epistle lesson is from the seventh chapter of Romans:

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 3:14-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

LSB #543

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God’s righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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Sermon

"My Redeemer!"

Romans 7:15-25

Offerings

Please leave your offering in the plate near the entrance. Thank you for your faithful offerings to the Lord!

Prayers of the Church

(Response to the petitions)

P: Lord, in Your Mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

Consecration

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.'

P: The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Distribution

P: Take, eat this is the true body of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given for you.

P: Take and drink, the true blood of Christ, shed for you!

Hymn of Response

"Jesus Loves Me this I Know"

LSB #588

**Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but His is strong**

Refrain

***Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me, He who died, Heav'n's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. (Refrain)**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Christ Be My Leader"

LSB #861

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for He is the way
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth
Drifting or doubting for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; Though shifting as sand
Doubt cannot daunt me; In Jesus I stand**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife
Death cannot hold me for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation With Jesus I reign.**

GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN

Begins Ash Wednesday

February 17 - 6:30 pm

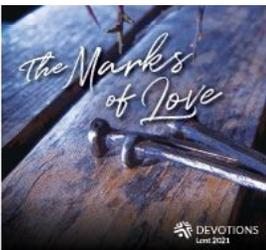
Wednesday Lenten Services - 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Good Friday, April 2

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 & 10:00 am



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS *"The Marks of Love"* from Lutheran Hour Ministries are printed and available for you to take home and use beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17. Or you may go to their website to read at home or follow their podcast, www.lhm.org/lent

DRIVE-IN COMMUNION SERVICE on Sunday, February 21 at 1:00 pm

This will be especially for those who are not yet attending in-person worship services.

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