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Mission Statement

To grow in faith in the Triune God, we teach and study God's Word, receive the sacraments and serve as a joyful witness to believers and unbelievers.

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE OF PRAYER, PREACHING, COMMUNION, AND ASHES

This people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the Spirit in the bond peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Opening Hymn #844

"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see
My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.*

- 2 Break down the wall that would divide
Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue;
Let Christian love bind warm and true.*

- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.*

- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak
Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be,
Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.*

*5 With Thine own love may I be filled
And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be,
May be divinely touched by Thee.*

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C Christ, have mercy on us.

P Lord, have mercy on us.

P O God, the Father in heaven,

C Have mercy on us.

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

C Have mercy on us.

P O God, the Holy Spirit,

C Have mercy on us.

P King of glory and Lord of might,

C Deliver us from evil.

P King of glory and Lord of might,

C Save us in temptation and trial.

P King of glory, You were enthroned in a manger at Your birth;

You were condemned though Your life was holy and good;

You were brought low by rejection;

You were marked with suffering and pain;
You were judged by those You came to save;
You were crowned with thorns and robed in
mockery;
You were wounded and bore in your flesh the
anguish of us all;
You were raised up and enthroned upon the
cross;
You were despised by men and forsaken by
God;
You were swallowed up in death and laid in a
grave:

C **For us and for our salvation.**

P That we who were dead in sin might be made
alive forevermore;
That we who sacrificed our glory to death
might be raised to immortality;
That we who caused Your suffering might be
set free from suffering;
That we who were made unclean by evil
might be made holy and declared just;
That we who raised You up on the cross
might learn to walk in its way;
That we who lost our joy might be led to
rejoice in hope again;
That we who live in fear might be granted
courage to live by faith:

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

P Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world,

C **Have mercy on us.**

P Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C **Have mercy on us.**

P Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,

C **Have mercy on us.**

P For Your willingness to be born among us as one of us yet without sin,

C **We give You thanks, O Lord.**

P For Your choice to suffer in our place and die in our stead,

C **We give You thanks, O Lord.**

P For Your sacrifice that gives us forgiveness, life, and salvation,

C **We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

C **Amen.**

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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.**

Imposition of Ashes

As the people come forward for the imposition of ashes, the congregation sings the hymn. The ashes are a sign of repentance, and the people are marked with the sign of the cross as a sign of the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus.

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.

- P** Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
C **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

- P** 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

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.”

Psalm 51

P Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

- C** according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before 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 judgment.
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward
being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret
heart.
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- C** Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- C** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,

and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

P O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

C **For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

C **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.
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.**

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself

to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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.”

Sermon 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 blessèd Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.*

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Sermon

Prayers

P Let us pray for us, for all the people of God,
and for those not yet of His kingdom. . .

(silence for prayer)

Lord, whose ear is open to the prayers of Your people,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King,
Jesus Christ.**

P Give Your guidance and blessing to Your
Church, to those who lead her, to all pastors
and church workers who serve at Your
bidding, and to all Your baptized people.
Lord,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King,
Jesus Christ.**

P Guard our nation against our enemies and
preserve our leaders from falsehood and

temptation that they may serve the causes of justice and peace. Lord,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.**

P Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the downcast hope, and to the mourning comfort, that all who cry to You may find grace sufficient for their every need. Lord,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.**

P Guide us to forgive the sins of others and even our enemies, as You have forgiven us. Unite us as one voice in witness and as one body in service to our neighbor. Lord,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.**

P Give to us clean hearts, that we may joyfully acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and follow Him as our King. Lord,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.**

P Guard us against taking for granted the mercy You have revealed to us in Christ Jesus, and give us humble and believing hearts as we come to Your table and go forth as Your people in the world. Lord,

C **Hear our prayers for the sake of our King, Jesus Christ.**

P Hear us as we pray as our Savior has taught us:

C **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.**

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our

Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood,
grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in
Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has
taught us:

C **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

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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

We will do a contactless version in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Please be patient. Contactless Communion takes a little longer.

(During the distribution, as you wait, take a few moments to meditate on God's Word and the gift we are about to receive at His table. Questions on page 329 of LSB [see handout or digital version on the Bulletin page of our website] are available for your use.)

Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . .

Lord God, heavenly Father, through the work of Jesus You have established Your kingdom and called us into that kingdom by baptism and faith. Continue in us the work of our King, Jesus, that we may be kept safe from harm, faithful amid temptation, patient under trial, hopeful in despair, and made wise unto salvation. Grant us Your Holy Spirit to bring us to repentance, that what we believe in our hearts and confess with our lips we may show forth in our lives, now in this mortal life and forever in eternity; through Jesus Christ, our King, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord preserve your coming and going,

C **From this time forth and even
forevermore.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you and bring you to everlasting life.

In the name of the Father and of the Son T
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #424

“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

- 1 *O Christ, You walked the road
 Our wand'ring feet must go.
 You faced with us temptation's pow'r
 And fought our ancient foe.*

- 2 *No bread of earth alone
 Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
 Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
 The food Your grace imparts.*

- 3 *No blinding sign we ask,
 No wonder from above.
 Lord, help us place our trust alone
 In Your unswerving love.*

- 4 *When lures of easy gain
 With promise brightly shine,
 Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
 Our wills with Yours align.*

- 5 *O Christ, You walked the road
 Our wand'ring feet must go.
 Stay with us through temptation's hour
 To fight our ancient foe.*

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