

# *Trinity Lutheran Church*

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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**

**February 14, 2024**

### **Regarding Communion**

**HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service this morning.**

Scripture indicates that, in Holy Communion:

- Christ gives us his true body and blood with the bread and wine, which believers eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29; John 6:51-58; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-25).
- Those who commune without repentance and faith can do so to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).
- By communing, we profess unity in our beliefs with the people communing with us (1 Corinthians 10:16-18).

At this congregation, therefore, all who commune are to examine themselves in repentance. Those not yet baptized and instructed in the Christian faith, or who do not share the beliefs of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune and to speak to the pastor about receiving instruction. Any who desire may receive a blessing instead of Communion by coming forward and crossing their arms on their chest. Thank you.

**De-alcoholized wine is offered at communion in the center circle of the individual cups.**

**Please sign the red record book found in your pew. If you plan to take communion, mark “communion”**

*We enter in silence.*

## 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.

## 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.

### Imposition of Ashes

*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 #615

**“When in the Hour of Deepest Need”**

**1** *When in the hour of deepest need  
We know not where to look for aid;*

*When days and nights of anxious thought  
No help or counsel yet have brought,*

- 2 Then is our comfort this alone  
That we may meet before Your throne;  
To You, O faithful God, we cry  
For rescue in our misery.*
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children's cries in time of need  
Through Him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.*
- 4 And so we come, O God, today  
And all our woes before You lay;  
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.*
- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.*
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.*

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## Confession and Absolution

## 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.**

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.

## 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

## 1 Peter 1:8-12

<sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup>inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but

you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[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.

<sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>But 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. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that 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.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

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

## Sermon Hymn #419

**“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”**

**1** *Savior, when in dust to Thee*

*Low we bow the\_adoring knee;*

*When, repentant, to the skies*

*Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;*

*O, by all Thy pains and woe*

*Suffered once for us below,*

*Bending from Thy throne on high,*

*Hear our penitential cry!*

**2** *By Thy helpless infant years,*

*By Thy life of want and tears,*

*By Thy days of deep distress*

*In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour  
Of the \_insulting tempter's pow'r,  
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;  
Hear our penitential cry!*

*3 By Thine hour of dire despair,  
By Thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies  
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh;  
Hear our penitential cry!*

*4 By Thy deep expiring groan,  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored,  
Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Bending from Thy throne on high,  
Hear our penitential cry!*

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**Sermon**

**Offering**

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## Prayer of the Church

LSB 193

*(After each portion of the prayers)*

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*(The prayers conclude)*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## Service of the Sacrament

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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

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 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

*(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 are available for your use.](#))

## Distribution 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.*

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Public domain



**Distribution Hymn #642**

**“O Living Bread from Heaven”**

- 1**    *O living Bread from heaven,  
         How well You feed your guest!  
         The gifts that You have given  
         Have filled my heart with rest.  
         Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
         Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
         My heart, this gift possessing,  
         With praises overflows.*
- 2**    *My Lord, You here have led me  
         To this most holy place  
         And with Yourself have fed me  
         The treasures of Your grace;  
         For You have freely given  
         What earth could never buy,  
         The bread of life from heaven,  
         That now I shall not die.*
- 3**    *You gave me all I wanted;  
         This food can death destroy.  
         And You have freely granted  
         The cup of endless joy.  
         My Lord, I do not merit  
         The favor You have shown,  
         And all my soul and spirit  
         Bow down before Your throne.*
- 4**    *Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
         With heav’nly food, while here  
         My course on earth is lengthened,  
         To serve with holy fear.*

*And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.*

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth,  
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## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post Communion Collect

LSB 201

- P** Let us pray...  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn #610 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

- 1 *Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.*
- 2 *Lord Jesus, think on me,  
By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be  
And taste Your promised rest.*
- 3 *Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle’s strife;  
In all my pain and misery,  
O be my health and life!*
- 4 *Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;*

*Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.*

**5**    *Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when this life is past,  
I may the\_ eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.*

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**Postlude** (*We Exit to Witness*)

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