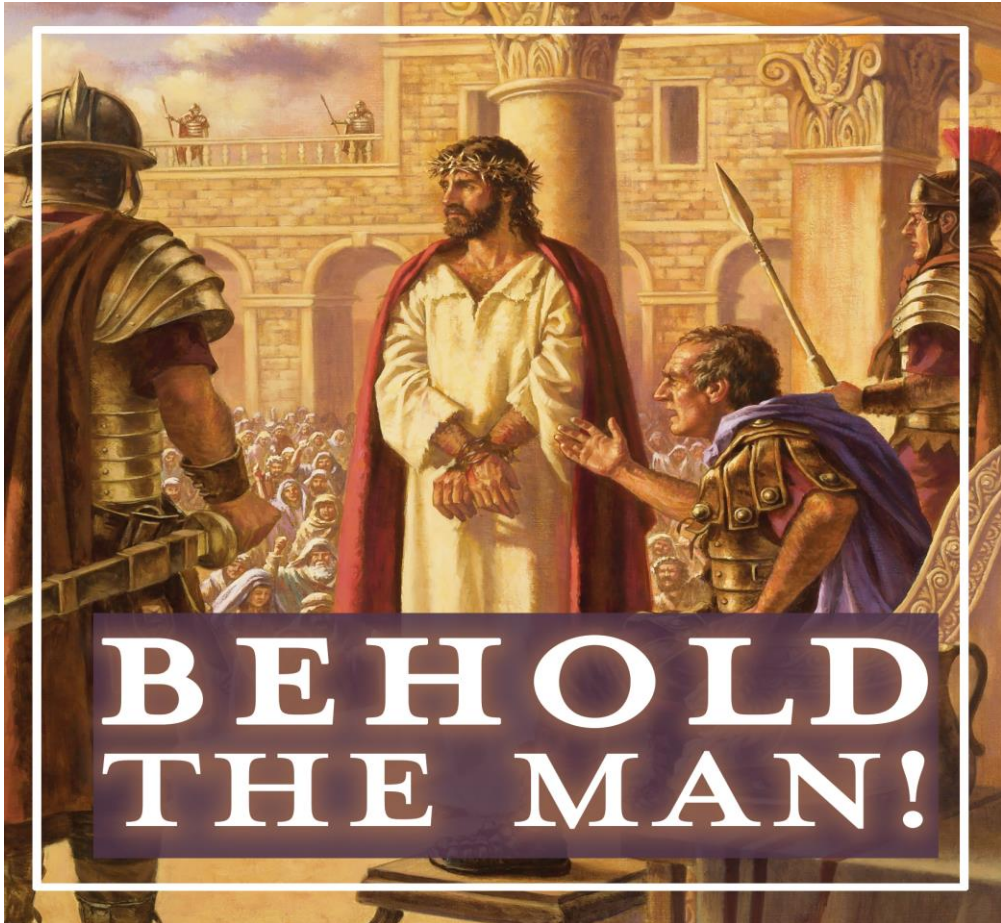


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Ash Wednesday

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort and peace of Christ.

“Behold the man!” was Pontius Pilate’s short, yet most profound, sermon. Our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday is to behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. Each time together, we are meditating on and proclaiming His real, bodily suffering and death as well as His physical resurrection. He knew all that real bodies experience; He suffered, wept, bled, ate, and hoped.

Today, we remember how the man Jesus fasted for forty days, refusing to eat—the direct opposite to our first parents, who ate the forbidden fruit in their rebellion. Eating and fasting were very physical actions for Jesus; His body needed sustenance. In the Sermon on the Mount (today’s Gospel), Jesus doesn’t command fasting; rather, He says, “When you fast.” Whether we individually fast or not, Jesus, our elder Brother does give us what we need for every aspect of our lives: Himself, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins.

As we move through this season of Lent, it will become increasingly clear why God became man: He lived this physical life in order to be nailed to a cross. Therefore, we are truly preparing for the celebration of His real, bodily, flesh-and-blood resurrection. Without that, our faith and our preaching are all in vain. God the Son became the embodied, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like us. What could be more profound? Behold the man, who has led the way for us through death to our own physical resurrection!

To join us on your phone or online you just need to connect to the **7 pm** Teleconference.

- Phone: (425) 436-6358; Access code: 367780#
- Online: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/trinitylccortez>

TITHES AND OFFERING:

The offering plates are in the Narthex to allow you to put your offering in the plate as you enter or exit the building without having to “pass the plate” across social distancing guides. If you are worshipping from home, please mail your check or work with Carol Sperling, to setup electronic transfers.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Communion will be celebrated today. We want you to worship and commune with us. We believe that in the Lord’s Supper, Christ’s body and blood are received in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and the promise of eternal life in Christ. If you commune with us, you are affirming that you believe and agree with our Church’s teachings on the Lord’s Supper (e.g. 1 Cor 11:23-29 and Mt 26:26-28). If this is not your belief, please use the time during the worship for prayer and meditation upon God’s Word. We invite you to speak to the Pastor about how you too, can receive this wonderful faith-strengthening Gift. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with respect to our teachings of Holy Scripture.

Ash Wednesday Service

- 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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 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.

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

P Ashes have been a sign of repentance and contrition over the centuries. They are a visible reminder that we are completely and totally dependent on the mercy of God, for we are only dust, and to dust we shall return.

Those desiring ashes come forward as directed. Using the right thumb, the pastor will place ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross. As the pastor makes the sign of the cross with the ashes, he reminds the penitent, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The penitent responds, "Amen."

Hymn: 419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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Confession and Absolution

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- 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.**
- 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.

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.

Psalmody

P “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;”

C **¹Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.**

P ²I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

C **I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.**

P ³I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.

C **My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.**

P ⁴More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause;

C **mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies.**

P What I did not steal must I now restore?

C **⁵O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.**

P ⁶Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts;

C **let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.**

P ⁷For it is for your sake that I have borne

Psalm 69:1–16; antiphon: Joel 2:12

reproach, that dishonor has covered my face.

C **⁸I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother’s sons.**

P ⁹For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

C **¹⁰When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.**

P ¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

C **¹²I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

P ¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,

C **in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.**

P ¹⁴Deliver me from sinking in the mire;

C **let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

P ¹⁵Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

C **¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

Office Hymn: Behold the Man before You



1 Be - hold the man be - fore you: The One who would re -
2 Hands, feet, and shoul - ders bleed - ing, To God the Fa - ther
3 Ex - posed and bare, He cov - ers Your shame with grace that
4 Be - hold your God, here bur - ied: Your sin and sor - rows
5 Christ, God and man, is liv - ing! His ris - en bod - y



store you Stands si - lent in your stead. He waits for
plead - ing For your own heart and soul. Come, sin - ner,
hov - ers Up - on you night and day. His fi - nal
car - ried In - to the earth - en tomb. But wait with
giv - ing Proof that our Sav - ior won. Your hands will



His con - vic - tion— Your right - ful cru - ci -
watch in won - der: His bod - y lad - en
breath ex - pend - ed— The reign of death up -
ex - pec - ta - tion: The Lord of your sal -
raise to bless Him, Your lips will e'er con -



fix - ion. He bows His ho - ly, wea - ry head.
un - der The ran - som of your sin in whole.
end - ed. His ver - dict kills the dev - il's sway.
va - tion Will res - cue you from grav - en doom.
fess Him: The born and dead and ris - en One!

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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,

L O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

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.”

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

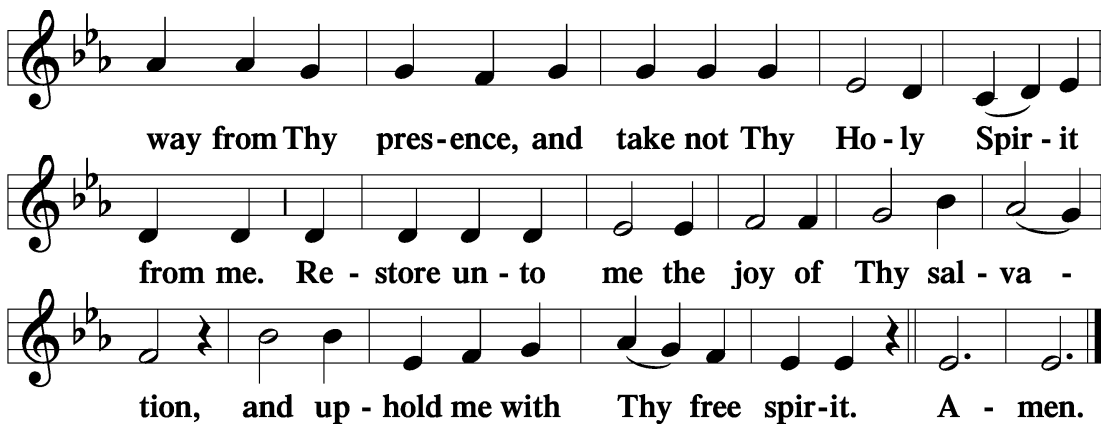
L O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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.

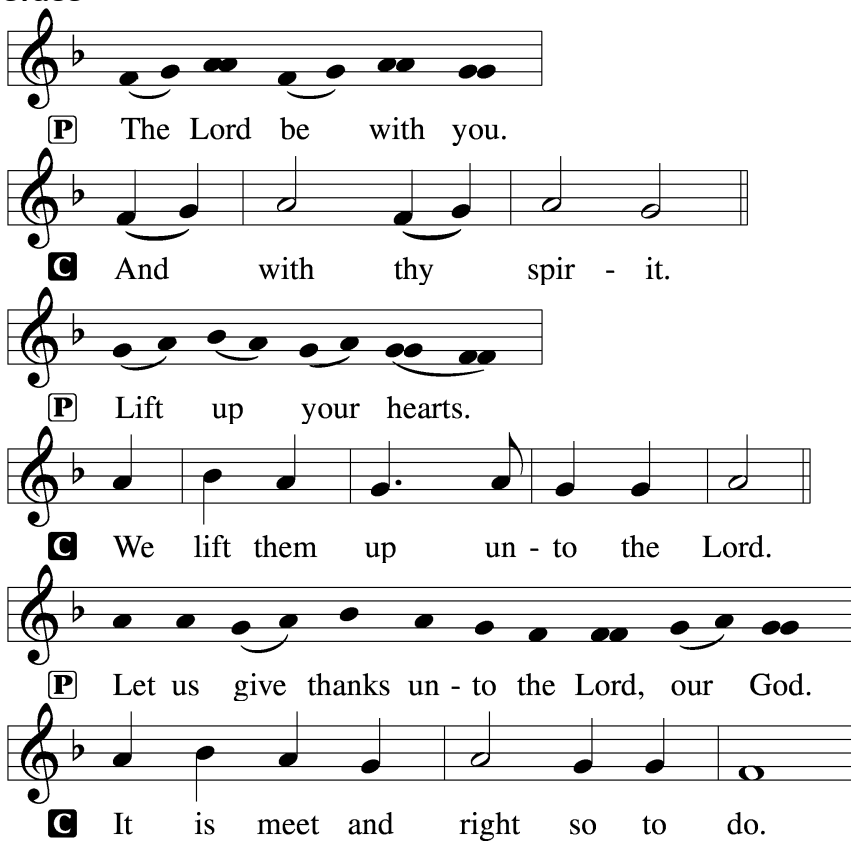


way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir-it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un-to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un-to 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

196

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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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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.

Distribution & Distribution Hymns:

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive. Only individual cups will be offered at this time. Purple cups are non-alcoholic.

Family groups will be ushered to the communion rail and remain standing while communing (don't touch the rail or cushion). Masks will be worn as you approach and exit the rail and as the Elder and Pastor are distributing the elements. After you are given the elements, you will hold onto the bread and the wine until everyone has been served. Then you can lower your mask and Pastor will announce, "take and eat/drink." You may partake of the Lord's Supper at this time. After you have finished you will put your masks back on and exit back to your seats, placing the communion cup into the basket on either side of the Sanctuary.

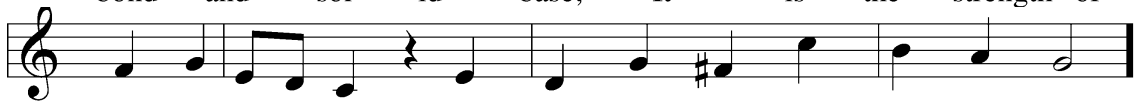
Distribution Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Distribution Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -
 pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 234



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please keep the following in your prayers: **Lolita Aulston, Terri Blackwell** (Lowell & Mary Lou Volk's daughter), **Ed Bonds, Gary Brodhagen, Chuck & Corky Dorsey** (Jennifer Lard's Mom and step Dad), **Murray Dugger** (Roland Walter's brother), **David Hedrington** (Jerry Henneman's Cousin), **Jerry Henneman, Trudy Hooyman, Renee Johnson, Mary Mahaffey, Paul McCall** (Renee Johnson's Dad), **Brooke Picray** (Roland and Connie Walter's granddaughter), **Michael & Priscilla Merritt, Tate Schaefer** (Hope Scheele's cousin's son), **Shirlie Schlotfelt, Hunter Tobiasson** (Roland and Connie Walter's grandson), **Bob Williams** (Dona Wittwer's friend), **Bill Witthans**, and **Kolten Woodard** (Sharon Woodard's grandson).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please check your email and the church website regularly to find out about the most recent arrangements as a result of the COVID-19 precautions.

<http://www.trinitylutheranchurchcortez.com/>

VOLUNTEER! Please sign up to help with **Altar Flowers** (signup in the Narthex).

Lenten Midweek Worship (6 pm on Feb 24th, Mar 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th)

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