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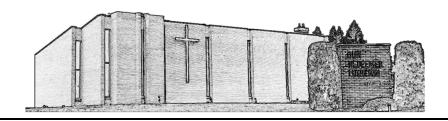
ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 14 February A+D 2024 · 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed



communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

- 1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
- 2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
- 3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
- 4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See LSB, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
- 5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

Stand

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Sit

The congregation is invited to come forward to kneel at the communion rail to receive the imposition of ashes. Using the right thumb, the pastor 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 or her place in silence. There is no statement of dismissal. During the imposition of ashes, the following hymn is sung:

HYMN

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee" LSB 419

- 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!
- 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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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.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 57:1-3a, c; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P You have mercy on all, O Lord,
- and abhor nothing you have made.
- P You look past the sins of men that they may repent.
- You spare them all because you are our Lord, our God.
- P Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
- **C** for in you my soul takes refuge;
- **P** in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
- c till the storms of destruction pass by.
- P I cry out to God Most High,
- **C** to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
- **P** He will send from heaven and save me.
- **G** God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- P You have mercy on all, O Lord,
- and abhor nothing you have made.
- P You look past the sins of men that they may repent.
- You spare them all because you are our Lord, our God.

KYRIE LSB 186

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P**♪ The Lord be with you.
- **C** ▶ And with thy spirit.
- **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.

C > Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12-19

P The Old Testament Reading for Ash Wednesday is from Joel, chapter 2.

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 57:1a, 3a

- P Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
- **C** for in you my soul takes refuge.
- P He will send from heaven and save me;
- **C** he will put to shame him who tramples on me.

EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:2-11

P The Epistle is from 2 Peter, chapter 1.

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

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

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

Stand

 \mathbf{C}

TRACT Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a

- \mathbf{P} He does not deal with us according to our sins,
- nor repay us according to our iniquities. \mathbf{C}
- Do not remember against us our former iniquities; P
- C let your compassion come speedily to meet us.
- Help us, O God of our salvation, P for the glory of your name.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
- **C** ▶ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **□** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 OF THE DAY

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" LSB 607

- 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?
- 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.
- 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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SERMON

"The Reward of Keeping Your Faith Secret" Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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OFFERTORY LSB 192

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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.
- ▶ It is truly meet, 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 LSB 195

C ▶ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 196

P ▶ 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

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

- **©** ▷ 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.

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DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Oh, may all this saying ponder
 Who in sin's delusions live
 And from God and heaven wander!
 Here is hope for all who grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing, Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing. Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
 No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
 Weary souls that lost their way
 Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
 In His arms that they may live:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4 I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.

Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

- Lord Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;

 From worldly passions set me free
 And make me pure within.
- Lord Jesus, think on me,
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;
 Let me Your loving servant be
 And taste Your promised rest.
- Lord Jesus, think on me
 Amid the battle's strife;
 In all my pain and misery,
 O be my health and life!
- Lord Jesus, think on me
 Nor let me go astray;
 Through darkness and perplexity
 Point out Your chosen way.

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610

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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NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

C ▶ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING LSB 200

- **P** ♪ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** > and His mercy endureth forever.
- **P** ▶ 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 ♪ Amen.
- **P**♪ The Lord be with you.
- **C** ▶ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS LSB 202

- **P**♪ Bless we the Lord.
- **C** ▶ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION LSB 202

 ${\bf P} \, {\triangleright} \,$ 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 + give you peace.

C ▶ Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" LSB 418

1 O Lord, throughout these forty days

You prayed and kept the fast;

Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

- You strove with Satan, and You won; Your faithfulness endured; Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.
- Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
 And fixed Your mind above;

 So teach us to deny ourselves,
 Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days, That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	MUSIC	ELDERS	ALTAR GUILD
Ash Wednesday (2/14)			
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Dana Bey	Jenna Long
Midweek of Invocabit (2/21)			
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson