



ASH WEDNESDAY

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OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠

608

607

562

418

423

Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

THE SEASON OF LENT AND CEREMONIES AT OUR SAVIOR

Our liturgical preparation for Easter takes place through three distinct periods or steps. The first was Pre-Lent. The second is Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Judica. The final step is Passiontide.

We continue, during Lent, to abstain from the *Alleluias* and *Gloria in Excelsis*. The color is violet to signify the mourning of a monarch.

We now give up most chanting, singing only the hymns and some of the ordinaries. The crucifixes, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*.

As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give up things in order to subdue our flesh and to enhance our joy in these things when they return. For the time comes, indeed, when we shall fast no more.

The season is meant to order our hearts and minds not only by consideration of the terrible cost of Our Lord's gracious sacrifice on our behalf, but also upon His willingness to be our Savior and to reconcile us to His Father. It is a catechetical season. So also, the entire season, as even our entire faith and hope, is observed in the sure and certain knowledge of the Resurrection.

✠ THE ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE ✠ WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

6:00pm

WE GATHER IN SILENCE. THERE IS NO PROCESSION.

As we enter the season of Lent, much of our joyous singing in the Liturgy becomes subdued.

Unless accompanied by music in the bulletin, our words are spoken.

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, please STAND.

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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, that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

O Lord,

have mercy.

O Christ,

have mercy.

O Lord,

have mercy.

O Christ,

hear us.

God the Father in heaven,

have mercy.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy.

Be gracious to us.

Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us.

Help us, good Lord.

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:

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:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You

to hear us, O Lord.

To prosper the teaching 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:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

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 prayer; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

we implore You to hear us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace.

O Christ,
hear us.

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy. Amen.

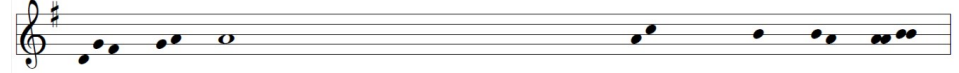
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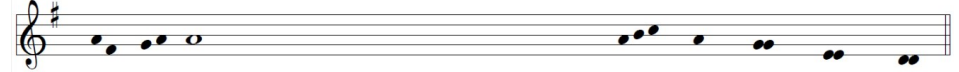
THE PSALM

PSALM 69:16,1

ANTIPHON

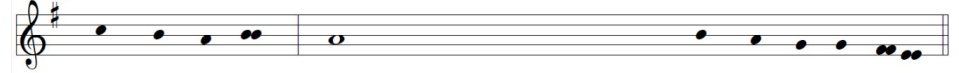


Hear me, O LORD, for Your loving-kindness is good,



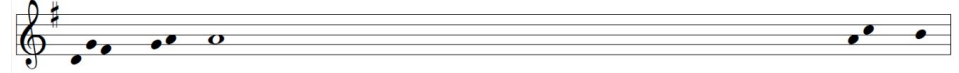
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

PSALM

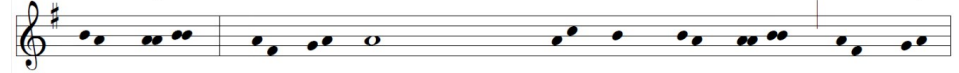


Save me, O God! For the waters have come in, even to my soul.

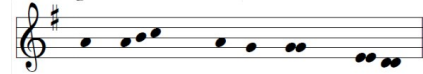
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Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly

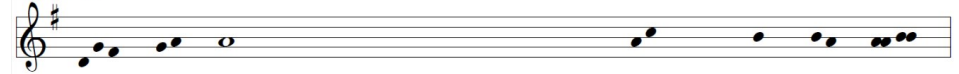


Spir-it; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will

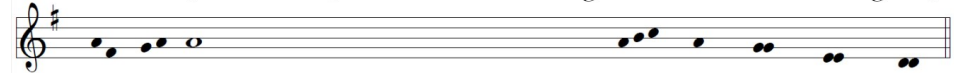


be for-ev-er. A-men.

ANTIPHON



Hear me, O LORD, for Your loving-kindness is good,



Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

THE BLESSING OF ASHES

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O God, who desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn from his wickedness and live, we beseech You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature and, of

Your goodness, deign to ✠ bless and ✠ sanctify these ashes which will be put on our heads as a sign of our humility and Your pardon of our sins, that we, who acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return because of our vileness may, by Your mercy, worthily receive both the pardon of all our sins, and the reward which You promise to those who are penitent; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Faithful now come to the Altar, as at Holy Communion, to be marked with ashes in the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. As directed, proceed to the rail, kneel (if able), and receive the ashes on your forehead hearing the words:

“Remember that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.”

There is no dismissal from the rail. After you receive the ashes, simply get up and return to your pew to SIT for the hymn. Before or after you have received the ashes, you may wish to meditate on one or more of the following Psalms, located near the front of the hymnal: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, or 143. Once all have returned to their seats, the hymn is sung.

THE HYMN

608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

STAND

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

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

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.

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.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

WISDOM 11:24-25, 27; PSALM 57:1-3A, C



|Thou hast| mer- / cy upon all,
and hatest none of / the things which thou hast made;

And overlookest the sins of men

for the sake / of repentance:

Thou sparest all be- / cause they are thine, O LORD.



Be merciful unto me, O God, be mer- / ciful unto me:
for my soul / trusteth in thee:—

**Yea, in the shadow of thy wings
will I / make my refuge,
Until these calam- / ities be overpast.**

I will cry unto / God most hîgh;
Unto God that per- / formeth all things for me.

**He shall send from heav- / en, and save me;
God shall send forth / his mercy and his truth.
*Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son
and to / the Holy Spirit;*
as it was in / the beginning,
is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

|Thou hast| mer- / cy upon all,
and hatest none of / the things which thou hast made;

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for the sake / of repentance:
Thou sparest all be- / cause they are thine, O LORD.**

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted during Lent

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECTS

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech You, O Lord, that we, who now with prayer and fasting, put on the armor of our Christian warfare, may be defended against all spiritual wickedness and, at the last, obtain the victory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, who has created us out of the dust of the earth, grant us to know and confess that it is of Your gracious gift alone that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that You have made and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

JOEL 2:12-19

Thus says the LORD God: “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him—a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the

children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ” Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 57:1A, 3A



Be merciful unto me, O God, be mer- / ciful unto me:
for my soul / trusteth in thee:—

He shall send from heav- / en, and save me;

From the reproach of him / that would swallow me up.

THE EPISTLE

2 PETER 1:2–11

Dearlly Beloved: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to

brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE TRACT

PSALM 103:10; 79:8, 9



He hath not dealt with us af- / ter our sîns;
nor rewarded us according / to our iniquities.

O remember not against us former iniquities:

let thy tender mercies speedi- / ly prevent us:

for / we are brought very low.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the / glory of thy name:
and deliver us, and purge away our / sins, for thy name’s sake.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 6:16–21

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time Jesus said to His disciples:* “When you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint

your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE 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.

SIT

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 607 *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
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.

SIT

THE OFFERING

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. 2 TIMOTHY 4:22
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts. [COLOSSIANS 3:1]
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM 136]
It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



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.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

**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 CHRIST'S TESTAMENT ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28; ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

THE PAX DOMINI ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI ST. JOHN 1:29



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.

SIT

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

- 562 *All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*
- 418 *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*
- 423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

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 without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107: 1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.
And His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103: 1]

Bless we the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6: 24– 26

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.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes your pew.

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.



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