

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 17 February A♣D 2021



ABIDING SAVIOR/
MOUNT OLIVE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH

✠ Hymns ✠

668

607

562

433

423

421

This morning/evening we will celebrate Holy Communion. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor.

The Season of Lent and Ceremonies at Abiding Savior/ Mount Olive

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 Passion.

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 use give up most chanting, singing only the ordinaries and hymns. The Gospel is now read from the horn of the altar, and there is no Gospel procession. The crucifixes, however, remain unveiled and we retain the *Gloria Patri*.

As is the case with all fasting in Christendom, we give things up 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 IMPOSITION OF ASHES ✠

10:30am & 7:00pm

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.

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.

Silence for Meditation follows the conclusion.

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.

GLORIA PATRI

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 ten-der mer-cies.

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 approach the Altar, as at Holy Communion, to be marked with ashes in the sign of the cross in remembrance of Holy Baptism. As directed by the usher, proceed to the rail, kneel (if able), and receive the ashes on your forehead bearing the words:

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall 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 LSB: Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, or 143.

Once all have returned to their seats, the hymn is sung.

THE HYMN **668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You**

STAND

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

Amen.

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

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]

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]

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT PSALM 57:1-3A, C; ANTIPHON: LITURGICAL TEXT



You have mercy on | all, O Lord,*
and abhor nothing | you have made.

**You look past the sins of men that they | may repent.*
You spare them all**

because you are our | Lord, our God.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merci- | ful to me,*
for in you my soul takes | refuge;

**in the shadow of your wings I will take | refuge,*
till the storms of destruction | pass by.**

I cry out to | God Most High,*

to God who fulfills his pur- | pose for me.

He will send from heaven and | save me.*

**God will send out his steadfast love
and his | faithfulness!**

***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;***

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

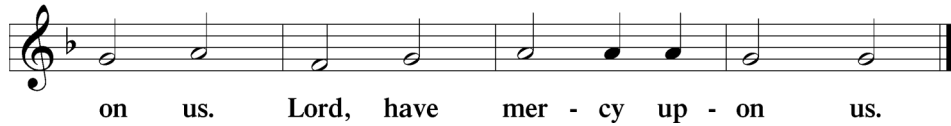
When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

**With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.**

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is omitted during Lent*

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

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;
13 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.

- 14 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?
15 Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
16 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.
17 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?’ ”
18 Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.
19 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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



THE GRADUAL

PSALM 57:1A, 3A



Be merciful to me, O God, be merci- | ful to me,*
for in you my soul takes | refuge.

He will send from heaven and | save me;*
he will put to shame him who tramples | on me.

THE EPISTLE

2 PETER 1:2-11

Dearly Beloved: 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, ⁷and 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 confirm your calling and election, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TRACT

PSALM 103:10; 79:8A, 9A



He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

Do not remember against us our former in- | iquities;*
let your compassion come speedily to | meet us.

Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
for the glory | of your name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 6:1-21

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time,* Jesus said to His disciples, ¹“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.

⁷“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many

words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,
¹²and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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.”

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.

THE OFFERING – *Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership: Abiding Savior—wooden; Mount Olive—brass.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .

Amen.

SIT

THE HYMN

562 *All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

STAND

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 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:

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.

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

433 *Glory Be to Jesus*

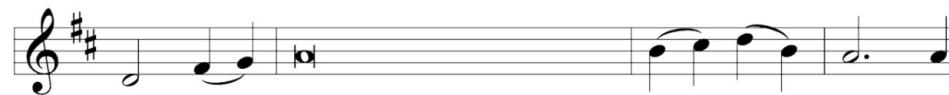
423 *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

421 *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

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.

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.

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.

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

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



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