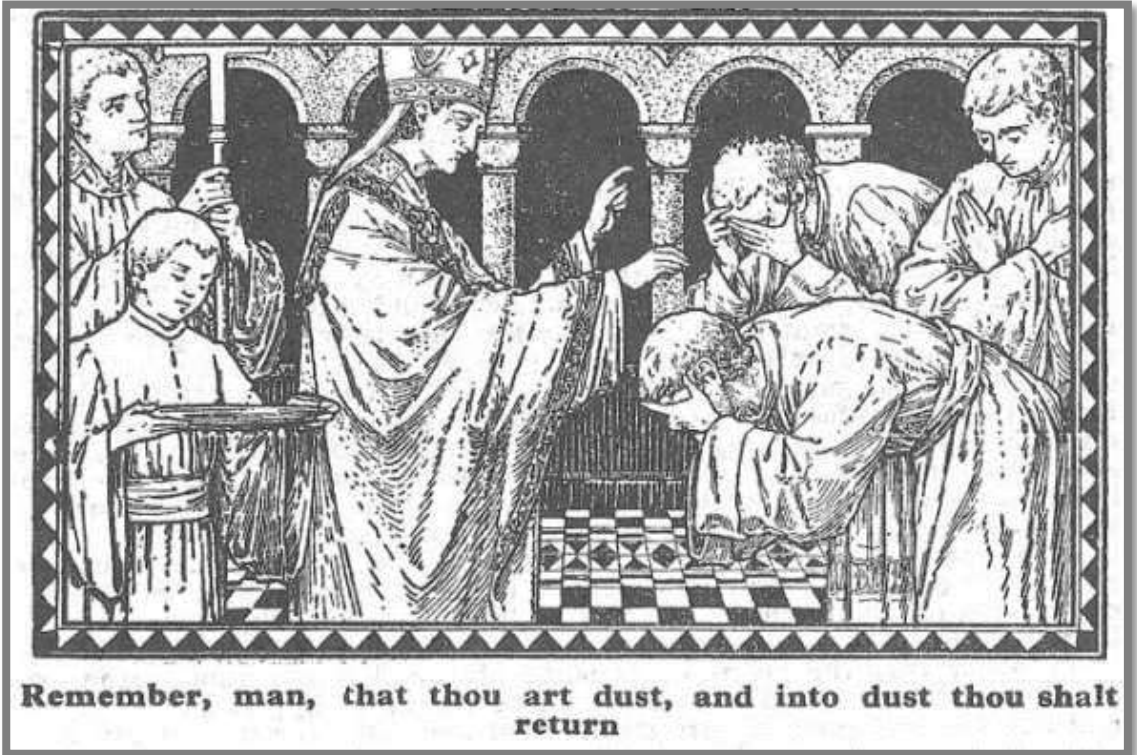

THE DIVINE SERVICE

OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us.

*The entire service, including the **rubrics** of when to sit and when to stand and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

Worship Notes

Thoughts to Ponder Before the Divine Service

Welcome to Ash Wednesday Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

To all of you who are visiting our service this evening, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience. *Please see our statement on Holy Communion on p. 17.*

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent. It marks the beginning of a special time of reflection on the true nature and cost of our sins and the great redeeming love God has for us. In the historic practice of the church, Ash Wednesday was a day for personal confession. The mood of the day was somber: no organ music was played, the chancel was covered in black, the people knelt to confess to Jesus, “It was my sin that brought this upon You.”

In imitation of an Old Testament practice, New Testament Christians received the sign of the cross on their forehead made with ashes—hence the name for the day. Ashes have a two-fold significance. They are a sign of repentance before God; in humility, people filled with guilt over their sins would dress themselves in sackcloth and ashes. Ashes also serve as a solemn reminder that we are all mortal. Since a day is coming when our bodies, too, will return to dust and ashes, we come before God seeking His forgiveness and the promise of the resurrection to eternal life. Today it starts.

While customs change (we don't wear sackcloth, there are no ashes, the organ is not silent, but it is muted), on this day we still confess as Christians have throughout the centuries: “It was my sin that brought this upon you. Lord, have mercy.” Repentance is an important part of our preparation to celebrate the Easter victory. Yes, the Lord has had mercy on us in Christ. Through the season of Lent, through emphasis on honest confession and renewal, may the Lord prepare us to worship our Risen Lord.

The quiet time before worship can be used for prayer and meditation. You might find the following helpful: the order of private confession on pp. 292-293 in the front of the hymnal, Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 130, or 143, and various Lenten Hymns (LSB 418, 706, 843).

In Adam We Have All Been One

Dale Wood (1934-2000)

Ash Wednesday Divine Service

Stand at the ringing of the bells

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, or sit, as you are able

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.

The rite continues with the imposition of ashes.

Sit

The Imposition of Ashes

The pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. 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 place in silence. There is no statement of dismissal.

After all have received the ashes, the service continues with the Service of Confession and Absolution in the Divine Service.



Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation

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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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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.

**At the holy name of Jesus, you may bow your head slightly in reverence.*

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.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

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.**

Absolution

LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord ***Jesus Christ** I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand



Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 51:1-13; antiphon: v. 17

- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
- C** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- C** **For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**
- P** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your
judgment.
- C** **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- P** Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
and You teach me wisdom in the secret
heart.
- C** **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P** Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
- C** **Hide Your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** **Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- C** **Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
and sinners will return to You.**
- A**|| **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.



Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,

Epistle

2 Peter 1:2-11

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 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 The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

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

P The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let Your compassion come speedily to meet us. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son into this world of dust and ashes so that He might bring new life to the world. Strengthen us as we share His words of forgiveness and life, that many rise from the dust of despair and look to You for hope and new life; through *Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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



C Glo - ry 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 The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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

Hymn of the Day

607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
 4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the
 5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er
 bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it
 doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.
 nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

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Passion Reading

Mark 14:1-9

¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."



³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But *Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Sermon: "Misjudging Eyes" (Mark 14:1-9)

Pr. von Hindenburg

See worksheet on outside back page

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ *Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Offering

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - Matthew 6:19-21 "*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.*" What more is there to say about stewardship beyond this? These are the words of our Lord Jesus and we would do well to heed them, for they flow from His heart of love.



Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



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.

Prayer of the Church

The response to petitions is, "hear our prayer."

In Christian freedom, you may kneel, stand, or sit for the Prayer.

- P** Lord *Jesus Christ, in contrition, we today enter the holy season of Lent to meditate on the sufferings and death that You endured to save us. Help us never to misjudge the value of Your sacrifice for us but always to hold it as our dearest treasure and fix our eyes upon You, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** May Your willingness to deny Yourself, take up the cross, and suffer for us inspire in us a hatred of sin and a zeal to follow Your example for the sake of our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Grant to all pastors and evangelists the courage to proclaim Your cross as saving wisdom from on high, even though the world considers the Gospel folly. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** Multiply grace and peace to us in the knowledge of Your Father and of You, our Lord. Constantly remind us that Your divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. By Your precious and very great promises, make us partakers of the divine nature through entrance into Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

- P** Grant us to escape from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. Give us strength to supplement our faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. Prevent us from being ineffective or unfruitful in our vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** By Your Holy Spirit, lead us not to practice our righteousness before others but to pray, fast, and give alms humbly for Your glory and for the good of our neighbor. Grant that we seek the righteousness that avails before God's judgment seat in You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** You know everything we need before we ask. Plead to the Father on our behalf so that, even though our own prayers are insufficient, we may nonetheless receive everything we need for the sake of Your merits; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PASTORAL CARE AND HOLY COMMUNION: At The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Altar every Lord's Day. In this Sacrament, we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins.

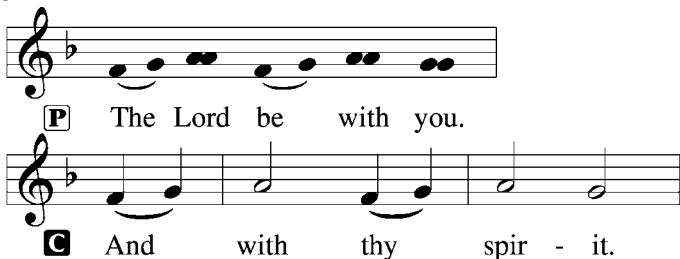
As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public confession of our unity in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 10). Members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and congregations in which the LCMS is in Altar/Pulpit fellowship are asked to announce themselves to the pastor prior to the service. All others are invited to speak with the pastor regarding preparation for communion fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Those who are baptized but not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, kneeling with arms crossed at your heart.

Please be assured that we do so not out of spiritual arrogance, but rather in a sincere desire to be faithful to our Lord's command and the apostles' teaching. For more information, please take one of the trifold brochures in the Narthex entitled, "Why?" Sacraments and Closed Communion. For scriptural reference regarding our Communion practice, please see the laminated cards located in the hymnal/Bible holder on the back of the pew.

Stand

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.

P 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:

Kneel/Stand

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

LSB 196



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



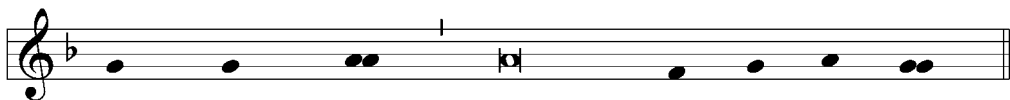
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



Stand

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



P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



A - - - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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

Distribution

Responses when receiving the true body and very blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when your table is dismissed, are:

Amen, Amen, and Amen.

When all have communed, you will be invited to stand, and the following is said:

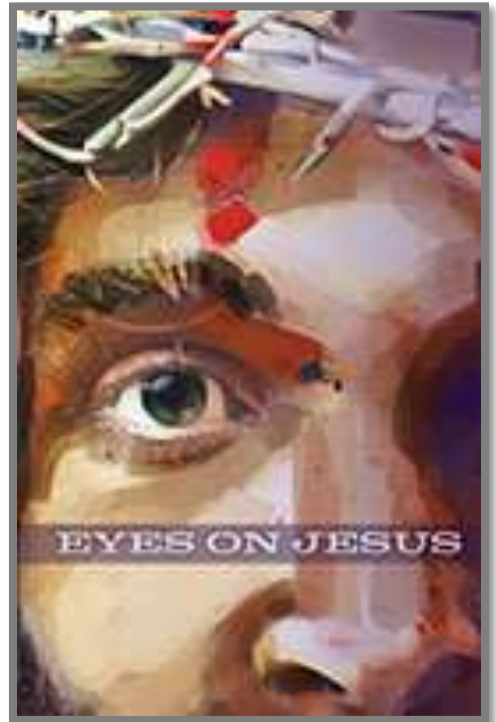
- P** The body and blood of our Lord *Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Hymn

- 1 Our eyes behold the Savior's face
And yet cannot perceive
That His perspective held our grace
Before we could believe.
- 2 Our focus flits and fails to see
The One whose steadfast gaze
Propelled Him to the darkened tree
Enveloped in death's haze.
- 3 Our sights train on the dreadful cross.
Beneath His knowing eyes,
Our sins are bare and set for loss;
He sees us as His prize.
- 4 Our vision blurs with anxious tears
As *Jesus' eyelids fall
To conquer sin and all our fears
And tear in two our pall.
- 5 Our view scans for the coming Day
That evermore grows near,
When *Jesus wipes our tears away
And all is crystal clear.

Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face

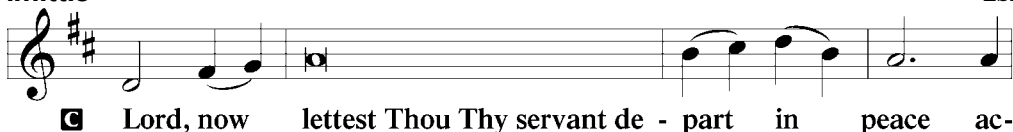


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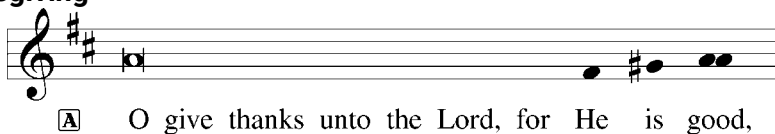
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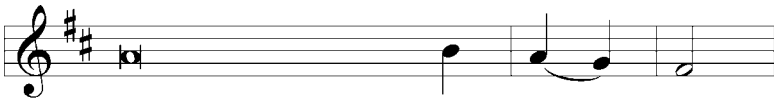
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Thanksgiving

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C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Lord *Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Your body and blood we have received a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal Kingdom. May this heavenly food sustain us on our journey through this world of sin and woe so that, even if our bodies are reduced to dust and ashes, we may enjoy the gifts of resurrection and eternal life with you; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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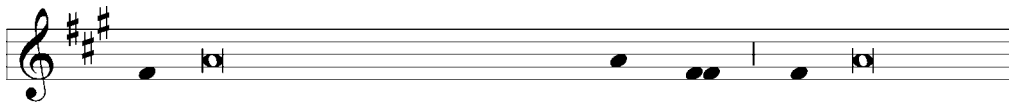
A Bless we the Lord.



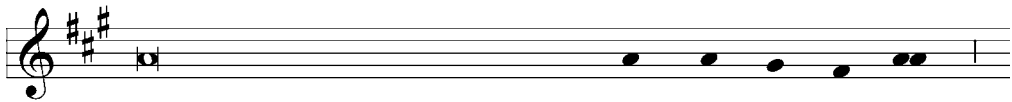
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

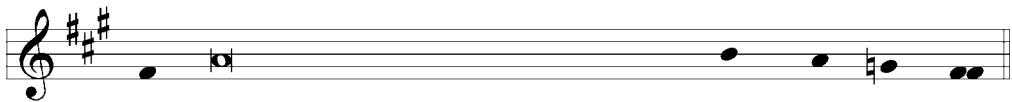
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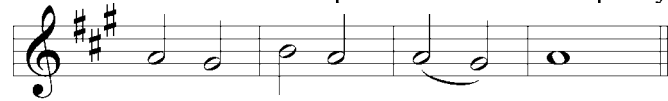
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn to Depart

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf-f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per-ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
This in-deed the cause has been Of Your cru-ci-fix-ion.
Since for me God's on-ly Son Suf-fered with-out mea-sure?

- 5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Steven Wentz (b. 1952)

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From Depths of Woe I Cry to You (LSB 607)

A versified summary of Psalm 130 by Martin Luther, the hymn text has some additions. The psalm begins, "Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord," which the hymn retains, but also states that all Christians endure tribulation in this life. The Christian cries for mercy, for without mercy God would not deign to help. Only His mercy, grace, and love avail; even the Christian's holiest works fail to conquer sin. Only the blood of Christ crucified cancels sin. Therefore, the Christian does not have a wishful hope but a sure and strong hope. The Lord will send the needed aid, even though sometimes he delays until the best time. When Christians sing of Israel, they sing about the Israel from above—the Church. Thus, the line, "O Israel, trust in God your Lord," sings about the Church, "Born of the Spirit and the Word" (cf. Romans 9:6; Galatians 4). Though great is our sin, far greater is the mercy of our Lord who hears our cries (Romans 5:20–21) and frees us from our direst enemy, sin.

—Kantor Tom Lock

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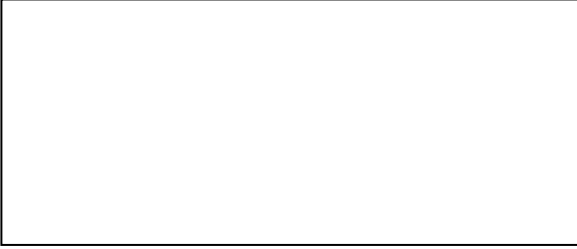
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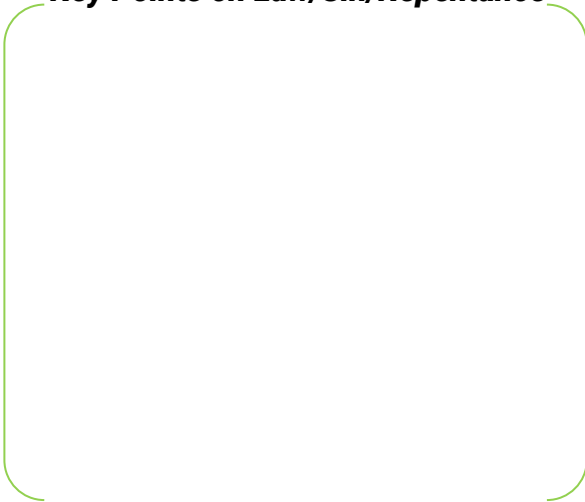


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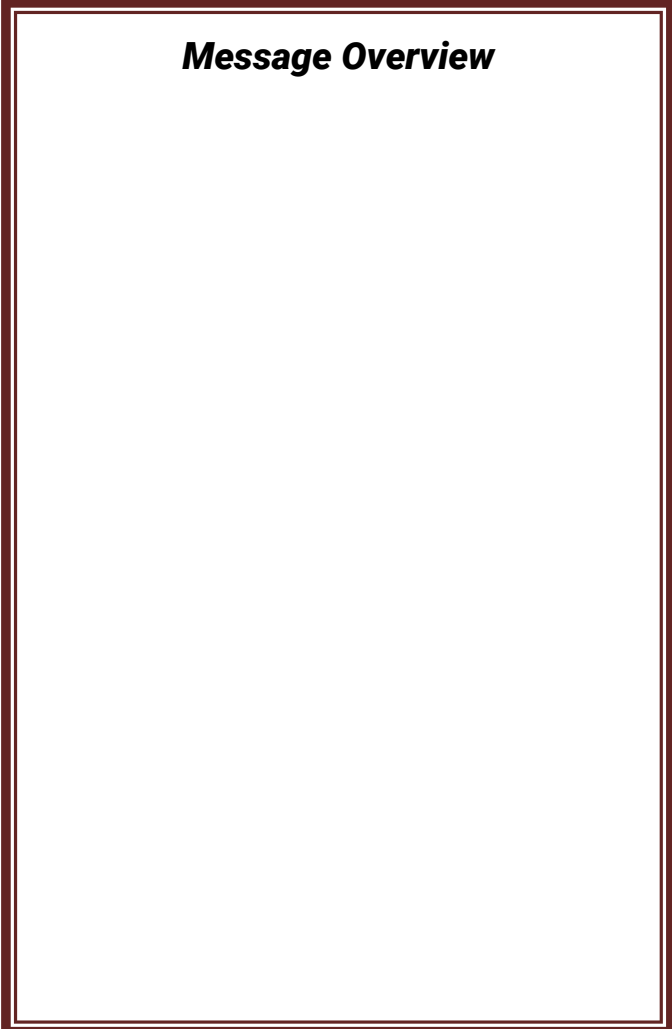
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Message Overview



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