

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Order of Worship – Ash Wednesday
+ Communion Service +
February 14, 2018
7:00 PM

AS WE GATHER - *The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a sign of mortality and death. On this first day of Lent, we enter the season with an extended time of repentance and confession of sin. We reflect on Jesus' holy Passion as we hear the account of His journey to the cross culminating in His suffering and death. We pray that our Lord might bless this time of penitence and reflection as we await His resurrection.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC “*From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*” Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

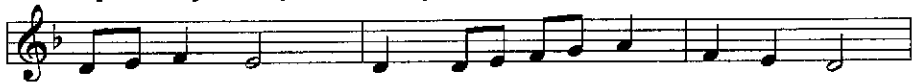
[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯**OPENING HYMN**

Savior, When in Dust to Thee



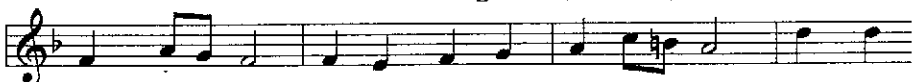
1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



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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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Joel 2:12-13; Psalm 51:1

P *In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

P *"Yet even now," declares the Lord,*

C **"return to Me with all your heart,**

P *with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;*

C **and rend your hearts and not your garments."**

P *Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,*

C **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;*

C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

INTRODUCTION

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 God's 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.*

\div IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Job 42:6; Genesis 3:1

[Those who desire to receive ashes come forward. Congregation may be seated during the imposition of ashes.]

SOLO SELECTION [during the imposition of ashes]

"Lord, Have Mercy"

\div CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *Let us pray. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- P** *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 51:1–3, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 51:17

- P** *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
- C** **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- P** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;*
- C** **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- P** *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*
- C** **and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P** *For I know my transgressions,*
- C** **and my sin is ever before me.**
- P** *Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
- C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** *Cast me not away from your presence,*
- C** **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- P** *Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
- C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- All:** **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;*
- C** **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Let us pray.*

All: **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:12–19

- ¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
 “return to me with all your heart,
 with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
 Return to the LORD, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
 and he relents over disaster.
¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,

and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;

gather the children,
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep
and say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and make not your heritage a reproach,
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,
"Behold, I am sending to you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a reproach among the nations.

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

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

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as

impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

- A** *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Joel 2:13b

- C** **Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.*
- C** **Glory to You, 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.

²Thus, 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.

⁵And 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[Jesus said:] "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.

¹⁹Do 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.*
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5. When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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SERMON

"WHO HAS BELIEVED?"

Isaiah 53:1

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

"Lamb of God"

OFFERTORY

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;

Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, Heavenly Father, we come before You this day repenting of our sins and looking to You for Your mercy, forgiveness, and renewal of our lives. Grant to us and all Your people the faith that carries us into Your gracious presence day by day. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Renew the spirits of all Your people throughout the world and especially all pastors who deliver Your saving Word. Cause Your invitation for all to return to You to be heard by all, for You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Enlighten all who serve in the authority of government to serve with justice and mercy. Grant that we live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Give courage and comfort to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or trials. Set them free in the forgiveness of their sins to faithfully look to You, the God of peace, healing, and life. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *With reverence and affection we remember before You, O God, all our departed friends and relatives who have followed You in faith and whom You have delivered from the power of sin and death. Grant us to follow them by repentance and faith in Your love that we be numbered with all who look upon You in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, 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 singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At the instruction of our Lord Jesus, You bless us during this time of Lenten discipline with the joy of drawing us closer to You, that we may be Your hand in helping the needy and increase in a life of prayer. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.*

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
 Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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(Reminder: gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are also available.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -
 by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er
 Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -
 pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



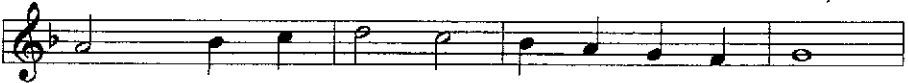
Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

(continued)



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
 and His mercy endures forever.*
- P** *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.

BENEDICTION

- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious
 to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.* Numbers 6:24-26
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

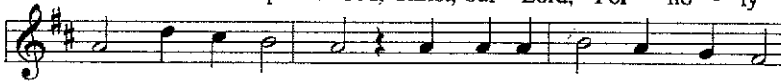
How Shall We Thank You, Christ, Our Lord

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

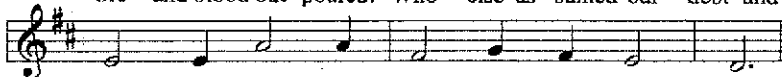
BEATUS VIR
 Slovak, 14th cent.



1 How shall we thank You, Christ, our Lord, For ho - ly
 2 Your dy - ing cleansed the world of sin, And all who
 3 Your will - ing death up - on the cross Has earned God's
 4 The life You lived You lived that we Might live that
 5 How shall we praise You, Christ, our Lord, For ho - ly



life and blood out-poured? Who else as - sumed our debt and
 die with You are clean, Washed in Your blood, we lose our
 price-less gift for us: The Spir - it by whose pow'r we
 life e - ter - nal - ly, Your ea - ger Spir - it shows us
 life and blood out-poured? Who else as - sumed our debt and



death, Who else de - serves our trust and faith?
 stains, And with Your cross You break our chains.
 kill Our pride, and do our Fa - ther's will.
 how We can en - joy it e - ven now.
 death, Who else de - serves our trust and faith?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

by Jeffrey Blersch

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this evening:

Acolyte.....Wyatt Tyler
 Altar Guild Marcella Marshall & Dorothy Vandre
 Communion Assistant Lance Polzin
 Greeter Marcella Marshall
 Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 Special Music: Christ Choristers, Beth Buss, Director; Kyra Hatton, Soloist
 Ushers.....*Phil Vandre, Gunther Cueva, Tim Cueva, Devin Monasmith

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