

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 7:30 PM

*The Body
of Christ*

THE FEET OF CHRIST

Address to the Congregation

Invocation

Opening Hymn **“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”** *LSB 419 Verses 1,3*

1	Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the adoring knee; When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes; O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below, Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!	3	By Thine hour of dire despair, By Thine agony of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn, By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice, Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
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Opening Verses

Pastor: *Lord God, ruler of the universe, heaven is your throne and the earth is your footstool.*

People: **We fall at your feet and worship you.**

Pastor: *Lord Jesus, savior of the world, sin and death are in subjection under your feet.*

People: **We fall at your feet and worship you.**

Pastor: *Lord Spirit, guide of our lives, you lead our feet in the way of salvation.*

People: **We fall at your feet and worship you.**

Pastor: *Lord Jesus, you have forgiven us much because you have loved us much.*

People: **Teach us also to love and forgive ourselves as well as others.
Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: The ransom of our lives was costly. Jesus shed his blood to redeem us. Let us confess our sins and ask God's forgiveness for the sake of our Savior.

People: Almighty God, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions. I make idols for myself out of the material things of this world. I turn from your will to follow my own desires. I give in to the temptations of the world around me. For the sake of Jesus, who ransomed me with his own blood, have mercy on me and forgive me.

Pastor: Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life. Our lives were ransomed with the precious blood of Jesus, the innocent Lamb of God, who sacrificed himself for us. For his sake and by his command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: We have been redeemed, not with silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ Jesus.

Hymn *Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450*

**Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.**

Imposition of Ashes

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Bless these ashes and those who receive them. May this sign of our mortality and penitence remind us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes may come forward. Ashes are applied with the words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Pastor: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
People: **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

Pastor: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
People: **bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

Pastor: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
People: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: *Our Heavenly Father, you valued us so highly that you sent your own precious Son to die in our place. We cannot begin to comprehend the depth of your love for us. What price could we pay in exchange for it? What gift could we offer? Yet you tell us that you are not pleased with sacrifices or even our silver and gold. What you desire is a humble and contrite heart. Lord, teach us to reflect your grace in our lives. Help us to value the sacrifice of your Son. Teach us to prize the forgiveness of sins. Enable us to trust in your mercy, not in money, to rely on grace, not gold. Help us to treasure the Gospel of Christ above all. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Hymn *Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450*

**Draw near us, precious Savior,
With footsteps sure and true.
Assure us of your favor;
Let us draw near to you.
O Word-made-flesh, forever
Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever
The feet of Christ, our Lord.**

First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-66:2

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant

vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? All these things my hand has made, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

Psalmody ... from Psalm 119

(Pastor speaks first line and congregations sings responsive to Lenten melody *Martyrdom, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" LSB #437*)

Pastor: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

People: The feet of those who trust the Lord pursue God's righteous ways.

Pastor: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who do no wrong but walk in his ways.

People: The paths of those who love God's word lead to their maker's praise.

Pastor: Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

People: The feet of those who trust the Lord pursue God's righteous ways.

Pastor: When I learn your righteous ordinances, I will praise you with an upright heart. Do not let me stray from your commandments.

People: The paths of those who love God's word lead to their maker's praise.

Pastor: Bring our hearts into subjection under your holy will, O Lord, to share your joy of obedience to the Father.

People: The paths of those who love God's word lead to their maker's praise.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-28

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:36-50

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to you O Lord.

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet 5

with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

Hymn ... “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685 Verses 1,4

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

Sermon

“The Feet of Christ”

Pastor Scott Henze

Offering

Prayers for the Body of Christ

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs. For all nations and their leaders, that they may follow your footsteps in the paths of peace, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: For your body, the church, that we may find ways to wash and anoint your feet by serving those whom you love, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: For our congregation, because the faith you have given us has saved us, that we may joyfully love and forgive others so that they may share our faith, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: For all who have much to be forgiven, that by your Spirit they may be brought to repentance and receive forgiveness at your feet, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: For all who love little, that all pride and arrogance would be recognized as sin also, that they too may be brought to repentance and receive forgiveness at your feet, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: For all of the sick, remembering that as you walked in a crowd a woman who believed and touched the fringe of your garment was healed; that for these also your healing power may flow out of you, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: For all who grieve, remembering that the women at the tomb also fell at your feet and worshiped you, for you have walked from life to death to eternal life, let us pray:

People: Draw near, O Lord, in mercy.

Pastor: Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...

Lord's Prayer

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

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei (spoken)

Pastor: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People: Have mercy upon us.

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Pastor: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People: Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray: God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey, that refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn..... *Sung to the tune of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LSB #450*

**The feet of Christ, our brother,
Approach us from above,
As we draw near each other
With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.**



All Worshipers are asked to depart in silence.

The Body of Christ

Midweek Lenten Worship-Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 PM

Join us this Lenten season for Midweek Lenten Worship.

The theme is **“The Body of Christ”**

Wednesday, February 24	“The Hands of Christ”
Wednesday, March 3	“The Mouth of Christ”
Wednesday, March 10	“The Ears of Christ”
Wednesday, March 17	“The Eyes of Christ”
Wednesday, March 24	“The Heart of Christ”

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

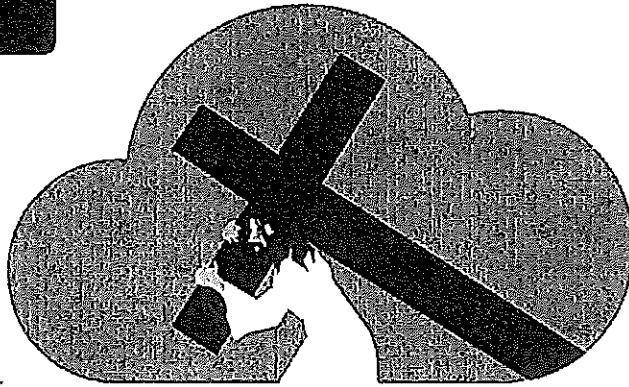
Sunday School via Zoom at 9:45 AM for children & youth

Adult Bible Study in person at 10:00 AM each Sunday in room 201

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!

