

# Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, 7:30 PM

## A Place at the Table for You



### AS WE GATHER

*This Lent, we will gather for a season to reflect on the places of the Passion. We will read through the entire Passion account as told by Luke, a small portion each week, and you won't be surprised at the story. It's a simple story, and you've been to these places before. The Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, the hill of Golgotha—these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's Passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He finds it. The most troubling places in our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them. We will see tonight and every night that no matter where we are in our lives, God is still coming and claiming us as His children. God is still coming, preparing a place at His table for you.*

### ADDRESS TO THE CONGREGATION

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN “Christ, the Life of All the Living” LSB 420 verse1-2**



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, Dear-est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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**PREPARATION Confession and Imposition of Ashes**

Pastor: O Lord, who did come to call sinners to repentance,

**People: Call sinners still that they may return to You and live.**

Pastor: Be merciful to sinners who have nowhere to hide from Your wrath;

**People: Who have not loved You above all things nor have loved their neighbors as themselves.**

Pastor: Soften the hearts of the impenitent;

**People: Restore those who have fallen away.**

Pastor: Set free the sinner from his guilt and shame;

**People: Bring into Your light all that is hidden that You may forgive us sinners.**

Pastor: We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

**People: We have followed the desires of our hearts and offended against Your law.**



Pastor: We have done those things which You forbid  
People: **And we have not done the good which You command.**

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.  
People: **Spare us sinners, who confess to You our faults.**

Pastor: Restore the penitent according to Your promise;  
People: **Grant to us full pardon and remission of all our sins**

Pastor: For the sake of Jesus Christ and for His merits alone.  
People: **Look not upon our unworthiness but upon Christ our Savior.**

Pastor: Fill us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit  
People: **That we may repent of our sins and amend our sinful ways.**

Pastor: Return to the Lord, Your God, for He is gracious and merciful;  
People: **Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: Dust you are and to dust You shall return;  
People: **But even in ashes and dust we have hope in Christ.**

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive your all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more.  
People: **Amen.**

## **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."***

HYMN

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

LSB 419



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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.



Pastor: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You hate 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 lost condition we may receive from You full pardon for all our sins and be delivered by the forgiveness won for us by Your Son; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT

## Exodus 12:1–14

<sup>12:1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

**PSALM**

*Psalm 51 (spoken responsively)*

**Pastor:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
**People:** according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Pastor:** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
**People:** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
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.

**Pastor:** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
**People:** Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**Pastor:** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
**People:** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Pastor:** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.  
**People:** 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.

“Create  
in me a  
**clean heart,**  
O God,  
and put a  
new and right  
**spirit**  
within me.”  
Psalm 51:10





## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 22:1–13*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The congregation will read in unison the text in bold type and marked by the symbol ☒*

NARRATOR: Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put Him to death,  
☒ **for they feared the people.**

NARRATOR: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.  
☒ **So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of a crowd.**

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

JESUS: Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.

NARRATOR: They said to Him,  
☒ **Where will you have us prepare it?**

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.

NARRATOR: And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

**SERMON "A Place at the Table for You"**

**Pastor Scott Henze**

## PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Pastor: O Holy Redeemer, to You we lift our prayers and supplications;

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from pride and from arrogance, lest we fail to acknowledge our sins and confess them;

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver the sick from their afflictions, the suffering from their pain, and the grieving from their sorrow.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver the doubting from their uncertainty, and the wandering from their ways, and return them to Your Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from selfish desire, from the tyranny of things, and from the wasteful use of all the resources You have entrusted to our care.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Deliver us from ingratitude for all Your mercies new every morning and restore our hearts to hope and joy in Christ our Savior.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

## OFFERING



## 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.**

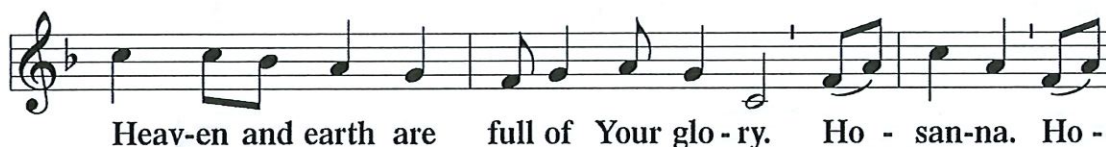
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Pastor: It is good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks and praise through Jesus Christ whom You sent to be our Savior and Redeemer. By His death upon the cross He has paid the cost of our redemption, and through His wounds we are healed. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



## LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

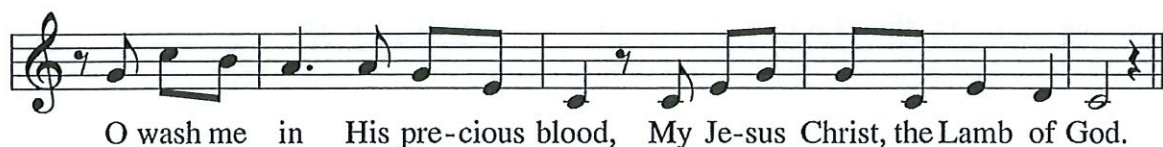
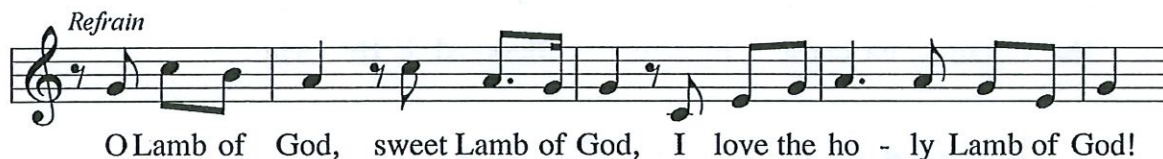
### PAX DOMINI

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

**People:** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"





## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### "Not All the Blood of Beasts" LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.



**"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB 421**



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.



## PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that Your Son has prepared a place for us where fears release, where our conscience is cleansed, where our hearts rest, and where we know fully Your peace. Give us this blessed assurance that no one and nothing can steal us from You, and fill our hearts with the desire to abide in Your presence always, now through this Passover fulfilled in the Holy Communion and then in the eternal Passover prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” *LSB 418, verses 1 & 4*

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And  
prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal  
for our sin, And free us from our past.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

*All worshipers are asked to depart in silence.*