

# **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 3300 24<sup>th</sup> Street Rock Island IL

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Ash Wednesday Divine Service Three for Ash Wednesday – LSB 186 March 5, 20256

#### **Ash Wednesday**

#### Stand

#### **Address**

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.

Silence for reflection.

# **Litany for Ash Wednesday**

- 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.
- In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- Help us, good Lord.
- P We poor sinners implore You
- **C** to hear us, O Lord.
- 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.
- 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:

- **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- 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,
- 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,
- have mercy. Amen.

## **Concluding Collect**

- 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.

Sit

The pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying:

# **Address for Imposition of Ashes**

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 or with the rite of Corporate Confession and Absolution.

# **Corporate Confession and Absolution**

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.

Exhortation LSB 290

- **P** I will go to the altar of God,
- to God my exceeding joy.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Sit

#### **Confessional Address**

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup. For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Stand

Confession of Sins LSB 291

- O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution LSB 291

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.

## **Blessing**

- P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in 
  peace.
- C Amen.

#### Service of the Word

# Psalm (Sung responsively with the Gloria Patri.)

Psalm 51:1-13



<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;\* according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\* and cleanse me | from my sin!

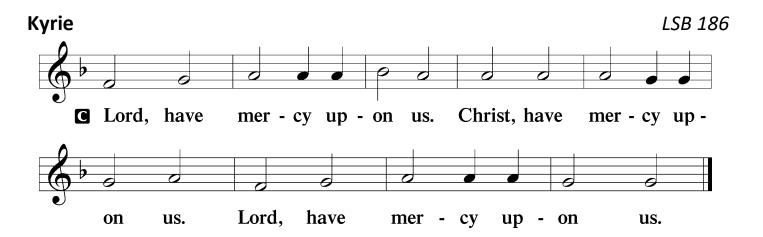
<sup>3</sup>For I know my trans- | gressions,\* and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\* and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

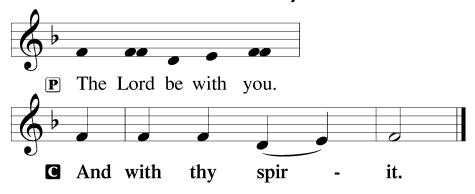
<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,\* and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

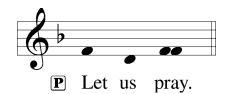
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- 8Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*
  let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,\* and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your | presence,\* and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
- <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\* and sinners will re- | turn to you.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Ash Wednesday





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.



Sit

# **Old Testament Reading**

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; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. <sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people.

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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?'"
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18 Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.
19 The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

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

## **Gradual (Sung by the Liturgist.)**

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the
shame,\*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

# **Epistle**

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as 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.

Stand

# Verse of the Day (Spoken by all.)

Verse

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

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



<sup>1</sup>[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.

<sup>2</sup>"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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>But 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. . . .

<sup>16</sup>"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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that 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.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."



#### **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.

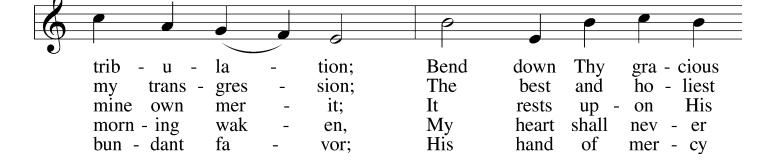
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

LSB 607







deeds must fail faith - ful Word doubt His might nev - er will

To them it of con - trite spir Nor count it self for sak en. Α ban - don us, nor wa ver.



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



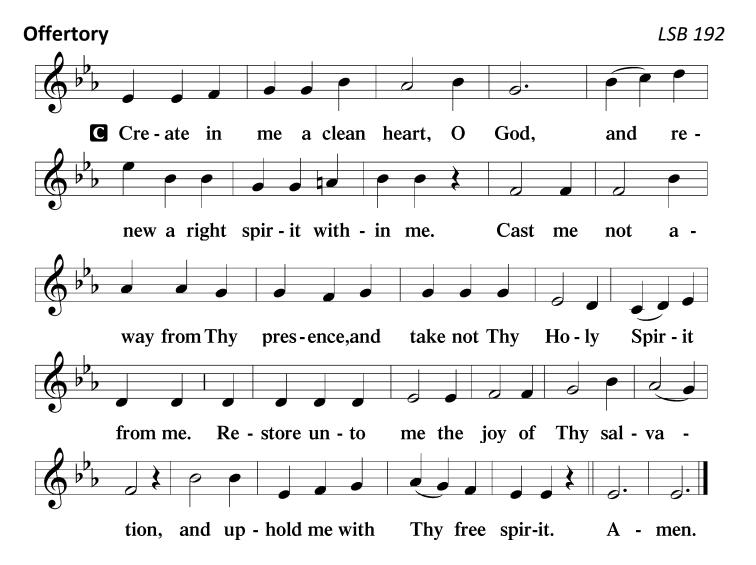
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#### Sermon

#### **Votum**

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

#### Stand



Sit

## Offering

The Offering plate will be passed around at the pews. Please sign an Attendance Card, listing all members of the family who are present. Mark the appropriate box if you are attending the Lord's Supper. Place them in the offering plate.

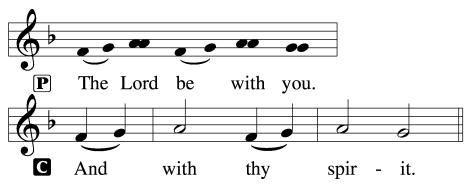
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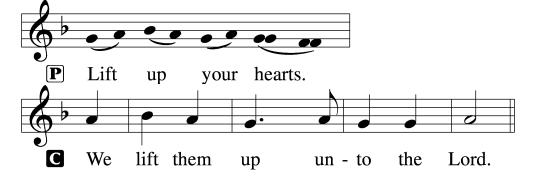
# **Prayer of the Church**

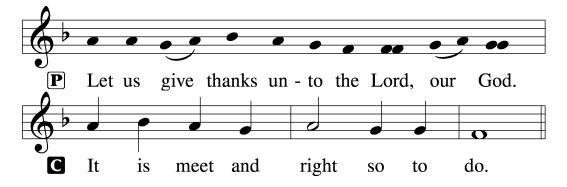
#### **Service of the Sacrament**

In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason we practice closed communion and kindly ask that those who are not members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod please speak with the Pastor before coming to communion. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you may remain in your pew or come to the Altar to receive a blessing, crossing your arms in front of you to indicate this.

Preface LSB 194

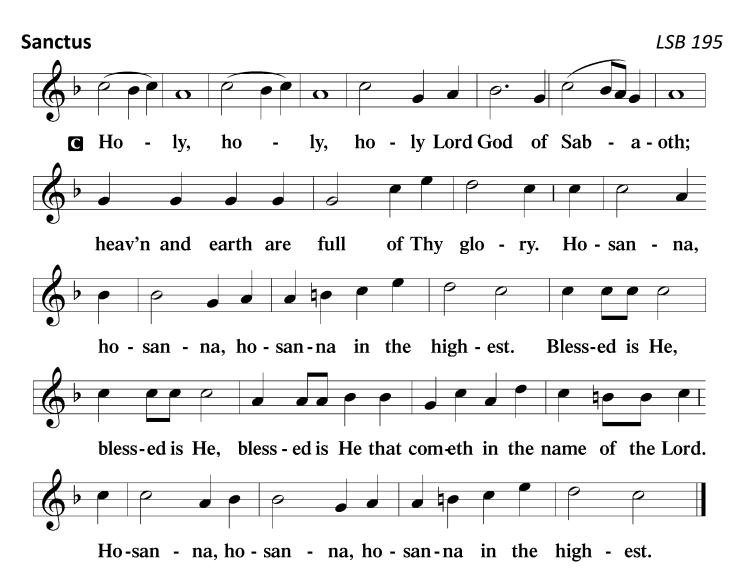






## **Proper Preface**

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:







Pax Domini LSB 197



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



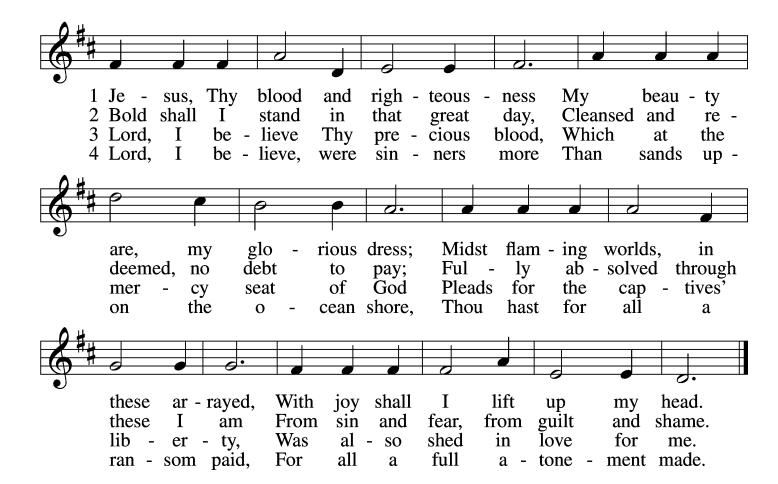


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## **Distribution**

# Distribution Hymn: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

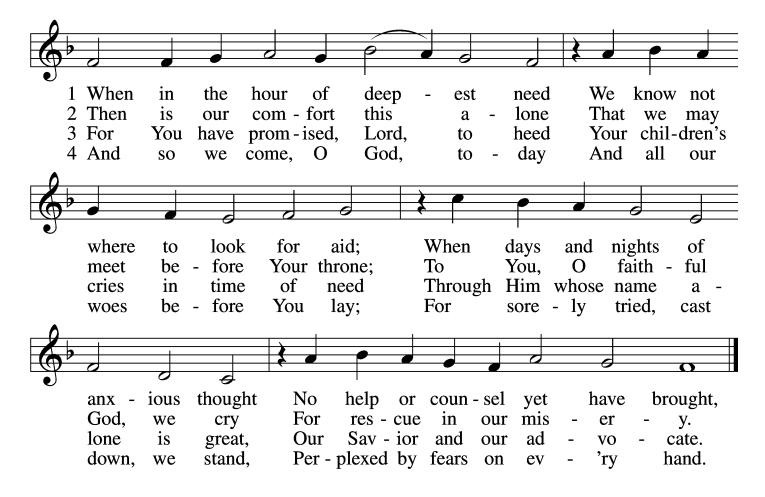


- When from the dust of death I rise
  To claim my mansion in the skies,
  This then shall be my only plea:
  Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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## Distribution Hymn: 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615



- O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
  Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
  Be with us in our anguish still;
  Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
- 6 So we with all our hearts each day
  To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
  Then walk obedient to Your Word,
  And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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#### Stand

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

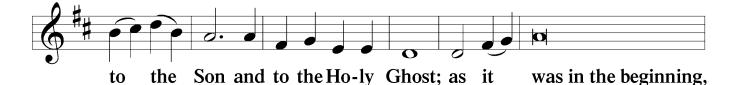


word, cord-ing to Thy for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



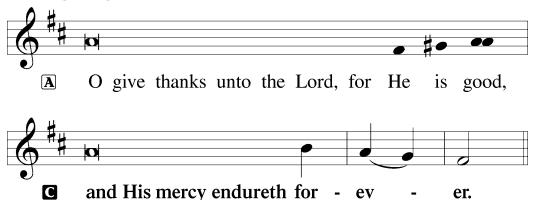








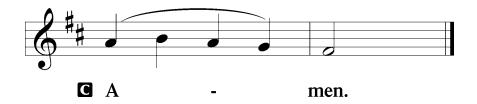
Thanksgiving LSB 200



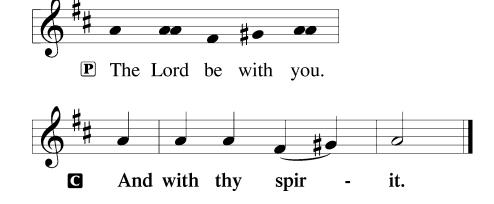
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**A** Let us pray.

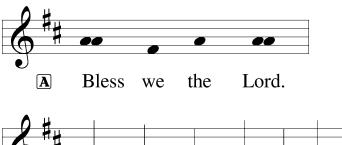
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation LSB 201

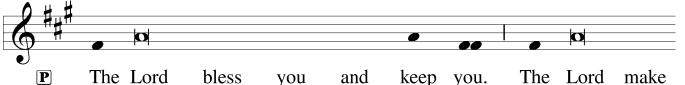


Benedicamus LSB 202





Benediction LSB 202



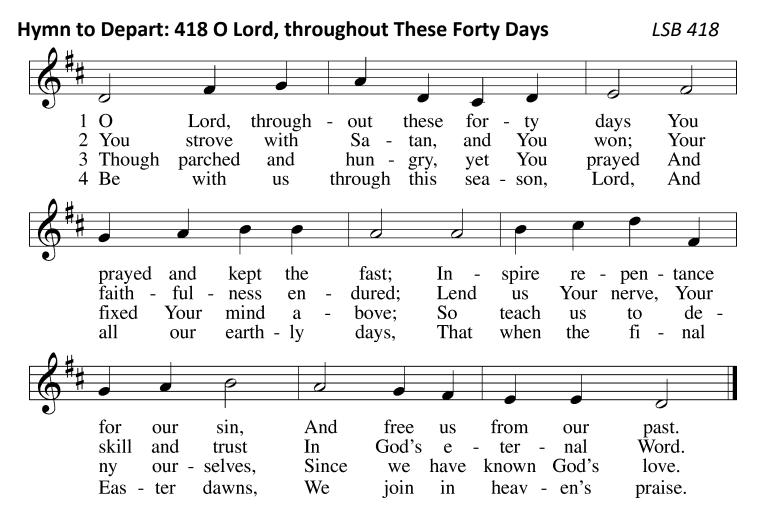
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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







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#### SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TONIGHT, March 5, 2025

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Communion Assistant	Todd Hazen			
Ushers	Brent Titus Carrie Titus			
Organist	Christine Roth			



Date	Supper Host	Supper Time	Service Time	Service
March 5	Board of Elders	5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday
March 12		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek 1
March 19		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek II
March 26		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek III
April 2		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek IV
April 9		5:30-6:15 pm	6:30 pm	Lenten Midweek V
Sunday, 4/13			9:00 am	Palm Sunday Divine Service
Thursday, 4/17			6:30 pm	Holy (Maundy) Thursday
Friday, 4/18			7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae
Saturday, 4/19			7:00 pm	The Vigil of Easter
EASTER			6:30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise
Sunday, 4/20	Breakfast Potluck 7:30-8:30 am			
341144y, 4/20			9:00 am	The Resurrection of Our Lord

# Please see listing on the table in the Narthex to sign up to serve a Lenten supper, and for Easter Breakfast potluck



## The Chancel of our church will be decorated with Lilies on Easter Sunday, April 20th

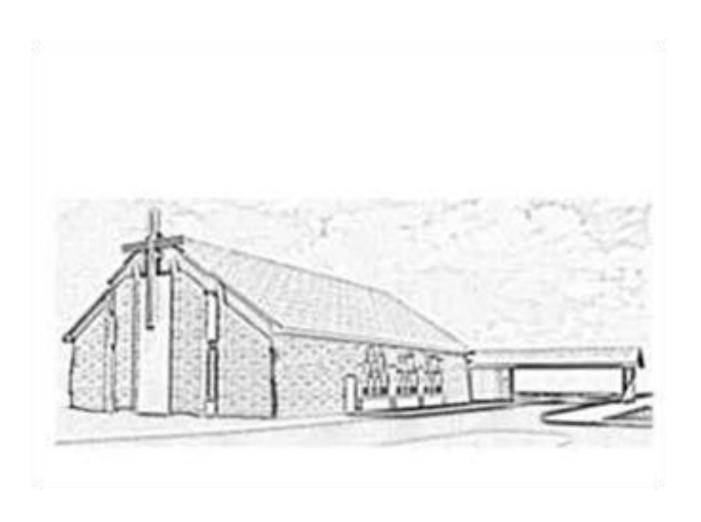
We invite you to donate towards the cost of the Lilies. There are forms available in the Narthex for you to fill out with the information that you want printed in the announcements on Easter Sunday. Place your slip and monetary donation in an envelope with "Lilies" written on it along with your name, amount, and envelope number. Drop it in the offering plate or bring or mail to the office.

# **Stewardship Thought**

#### March 5 - Ash Wednesday

Luke 9:36 – "And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone." Moses and Elijah point to Jesus, speak about Jesus and His sacrifice, and then are happy to fade into the background. They know that what we need is Jesus. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives comes into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place. Or as Jesus Himself said, "Seek first the kingdom of God ... and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).





# Church Office Hours Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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