

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

Confession & Absolution

HYMN:	<i>"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"</i>	LSB 419
INVOCATION		LSB 184
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB 184

Ash Wednesday Litany

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.

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; 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 blessings 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.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT Joel 2:12-19

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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,
despise- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY: *"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"* **LSB 607**

SERMON

OFFERING

Service of the Sacrament

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: In love toward you and in faithfulness to our Lord, we ask that you speak with our pastor before coming to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in this Holy Sacrament.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT LSB 194

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Create in Me" **LSB 956**

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

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" **LSB 627**

COLLECT & BENEDICTION (spoken)

P: Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

C: **Amen.**

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