
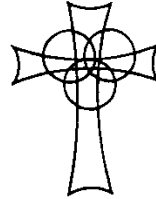


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Return  
to the  
**LORD**  
your God.  
Joel 2:13



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Ash Wednesday



*The First Day of the Season of Lent*  
February 17, 2021

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!***

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. During this Lenten Season we remember and recall the great acts of love which Christ Jesus our Lord worked out for us to free us from the power of sin, death and the devil. We pray that as you worship this morning you will discover or rediscover the love that God in Jesus has for you.

***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

Gracious God, out of Your love and mercy You breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve You and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament  
for Ash Wednesday**

*Divine Service, Setting Four  
Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff*

✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Lenten Music for Meditation

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 57:1-3a, c; Antiphon: cf. Wisdom 11:24-26*

- P** You have mercy on all, O Lord,  
and abhor nothing you have made.
- C** **You look past the sins of men that they may repent.  
You spare them all because you are our Lord, our God.**
- P** Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;
- C** **in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.**
- P** I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
- C** **He will send from heaven and save me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!**
- C** **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** You have mercy on all, O Lord,  
and abhor nothing you have made.
- C** **You look past the sins of men that they may repent.  
You spare them all because you are our Lord, our God.**

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

- 1 **Savior, when in dust to Thee**  
Low we bow the\_adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies  
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
Oh, by all Thy pains and woe  
Suffered once for man below,  
Bending from Thy throne on high,  
Hear our solemn litany!
  
- 2 **By Thy helpless infant years,**  
By Thy life of want and tears,  
By Thy days of sore distress  
In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour  
Of the\_insulting tempter’s pow’r,  
Turn, O turn a fav’ring eye;  
Hear our solemn litany!
  
- 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 cry;  
Hear our solemn litany!
  
- 4 **By Thy deep expiring groan,**  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
Oh, from earth to heav’n restored,  
Mighty, reascended Lord,  
Listen, listen, to the cry,  
Hear our solemn litany!

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The Invocation:

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Invitation to a Holy Lent:

**P** Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now come in silence before the Lord, our Maker and Redeemer, and confess our sins against Him and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for a time for reflection and self-examination*

The Litany of Penitence:

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most holy and merciful Father: we confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
- P** We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
- C** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- P** We have been deaf to Your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.
- C** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- P** We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness, the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
- C** **We confess to You, Lord.**
- P** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
- C** **We confess to You, Lord.**
- P** Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
- C** **We confess to You, Lord.**

- P** Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**C** **We confess to You, Lord.**
- P** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**C** **We confess to You, Lord.**
- P** Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**C** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- P** For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
**C** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- P** For our waste and pollution of Your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**C** **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
- P** Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us;  
**C** **Favorably hear us, for Your mercy is great.**
- P** Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,  
**C** **That we may show forth Your glory in the world.**
- P** By the Cross and Passion of Your Son, our Lord,  
**C** **Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His Resurrection.**

The Declaration of Grace:

- P** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to His ministers to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe His Holy Gospel.

Therefore, may He have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

*The Congregation rises.*



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Salutation and Collect for Lent:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Joel 2:12-19*

<sup>12</sup>“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.  
Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.

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

<sup>17</sup>Between 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?’”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>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.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 51:1-13; antiphon, verse 17*

**P** *Ant.* The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**C** <sup>1</sup>**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

**P** <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

**C** <sup>3</sup>**For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

**P** <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.

**C** <sup>5</sup>**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

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

**C** <sup>7</sup>**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**P** <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

**C** <sup>9</sup>**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**P** <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
**C** <sup>11</sup>**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**P** <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**C** <sup>13</sup>**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**

**P** *Ant.* The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

The Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10*

<sup>5:20b</sup>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>6:1</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,

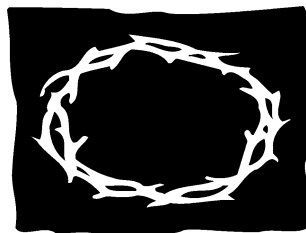
“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

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.**

*The Congregation rises.*





The Gradual and Verse:

*Hebrews 12:2; Joel 2:13b*

- P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
**C** **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**
- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
**C** **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

The 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.**

<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.

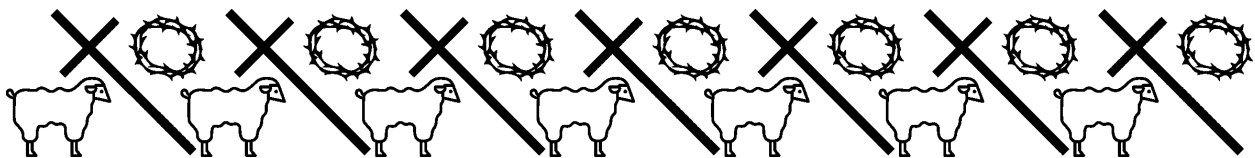
<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and 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.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

- 1 **Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
In Your holy wounds I find,  
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me from its first beginning.**
- 2 **Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and passion,  
And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, “Christ for me was wounded,”  
That the tempter flee confounded.**
- 3 **If the world my heart entices  
With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices,  
Let me weigh the awful load  
You were willing to endure.  
Help me flee all thoughts impure  
And to master each temptation,  
Calm in prayer and meditation.**
- 4 **Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atoning passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.**
- 5 **O my God, my Rock and Tower,  
Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power  
Since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my Protection,  
Light and Life and Resurrection.**

*The Congregation rises.*

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people that, through repentance and reception of the Lord's Gospel and Sacraments, He may draw us close to Himself.
- P** Heavenly Father, You do not want us to receive Your grace in vain. Because You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, work in the lives of each of us so that we return to You with all our heart. Because where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also, set our hearts on You, on Your Son, Your Spirit and Your life-restoring Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, on this Ash Wednesday, we beg You to send Your Holy Spirit to draw each of our hearts to Christ. Renew Your baptized people and cleanse us from all our sin, that we store up for ourselves the true treasures of heaven. Create in us new hearts and steadfast spirits, that we rededicate ourselves in this holy season to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, by Your Word and Spirit, turn to faith in Christ the hearts of those who live without Him. Grant to them the joy of Your salvation and the peace of knowing Him who had no sin but became sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, care for those who implore us on Christ's behalf to be reconciled to You. Provide for the earthly needs of our pastors and all church workers, sustain them in faith, grant them strength and diligence in their work, and show Your loving kindness also to their families. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, govern our nation and every nation so that all people may enjoy justice, peace and the necessities of life. Overcome selfish rulers, cruel tyrants and all threats of violence. Give wisdom to all who lead us, and send Your angels to protect those who are protecting our welfare. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, in the way and at the time You know is best, bring healing to all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, recovering or in distress. Comfort all who mourn, provide for those who are seeking jobs and give peace to all who are anxious about the cares of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us that You will hear even the prayers we speak to You in secret. Open the lips of our hearts, and receive the prayers which we speak there which are known to You ... Listen to all of these petitions, and grant them as may be good for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, turn our hearts as we come to the table of our Lord this day to recognize the enormity of our sins, so that our faith may be strengthened by the even greater forgiveness bestowed on us in Christ's Body and Blood. Inspire in each of us a life filled with good works that glorify You, so that others may see Your compassion and give You glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, through the Death and Resurrection of Your Son which we remember in this Sacred Season, You have raised us and the entire world to new and everlasting life. Receive our thanks for Your saints to whom You gave forgiveness and salvation in this world and through those gifts now share in heaven's glory. Lead us through this season and all the days of our lives that we too may live by faith in the cross of Christ and by Your mercy also come to share with all the saints in the peace of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear us for the sake of Him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 563*

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righeousness”

- 1 **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2 **Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3 **Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives’ liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.**
- 4 **Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement 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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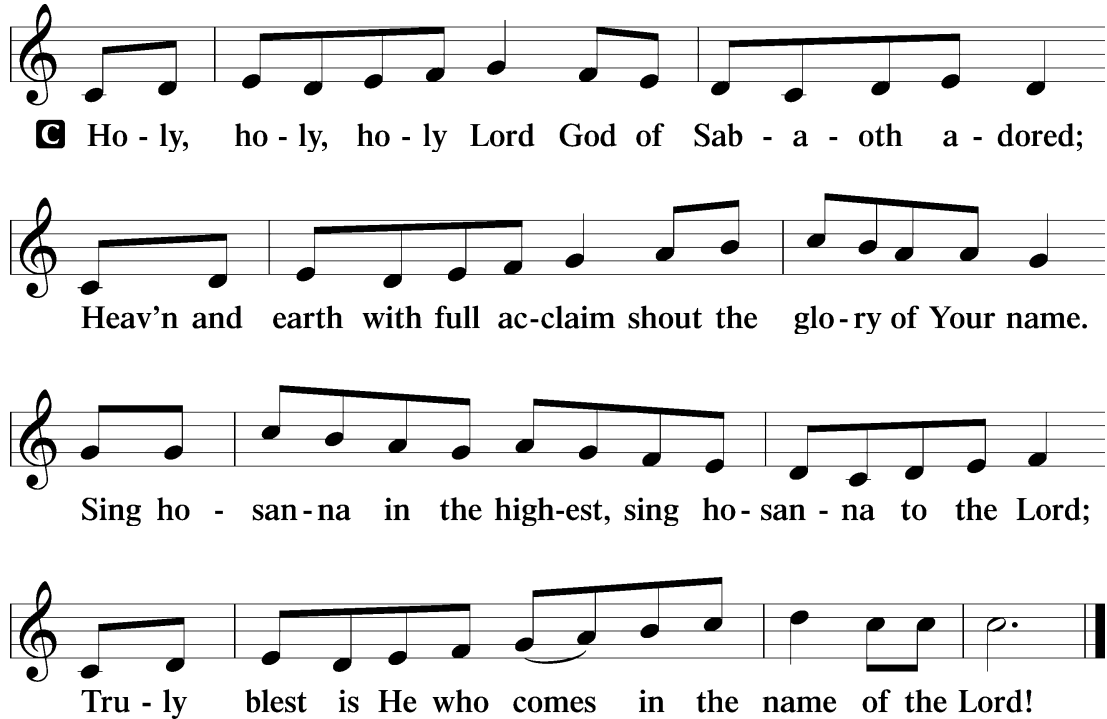
*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

- 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 saying:

The *Sanctus*:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

**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 Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His Body and Blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

**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.

The Words of Our Lord:

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

The *Agnus Dei*:

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Congregation is seated.

## The Distribution of Holy Communion:

*Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.*

Music During the Distribution: "Praise to You and Adoration"

*After all have communed, the Pastor continues:*

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692*

"Praise to You and Adoration"

- 1 Praise to You and adoration,  
Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Your own creation,  
Came to share our flesh and blood.  
Guide me that I never may  
From Your fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding  
Follow where Your steps are leading.**
- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;  
Comfort me in pain and strife.  
In my laughter and my weeping  
Be with me throughout my life.  
Give me greater love for You,  
And my faith and hope renew  
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,  
In Your death and resurrection.**



The Post-Communion Thanksgiving:

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:

**C** **We show the Lord's death until He comes.**

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to strengthen us in the confidence that by the death of Your Son, which we show forth in this Eucharist, You have given Your people everlasting life; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 418*

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

**1 O Lord, throughout these forty days**

**You prayed and kept the fast;**

**Inspire repentance for our sin,**

**And free us from our past.**

**2 You strove with Satan, and You won;**

**Your faithfulness endured;**

**Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust**

**In God's eternal Word.**

**3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed**

**And fixed Your mind above;**

**So teach us to deny ourselves,**

**Since we have known God's love.**

**4 Be with us through this season, Lord,**

**And all our earthly days,**

**That when the final Easter dawns,**

**We join in heaven's praise.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

✘ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✘

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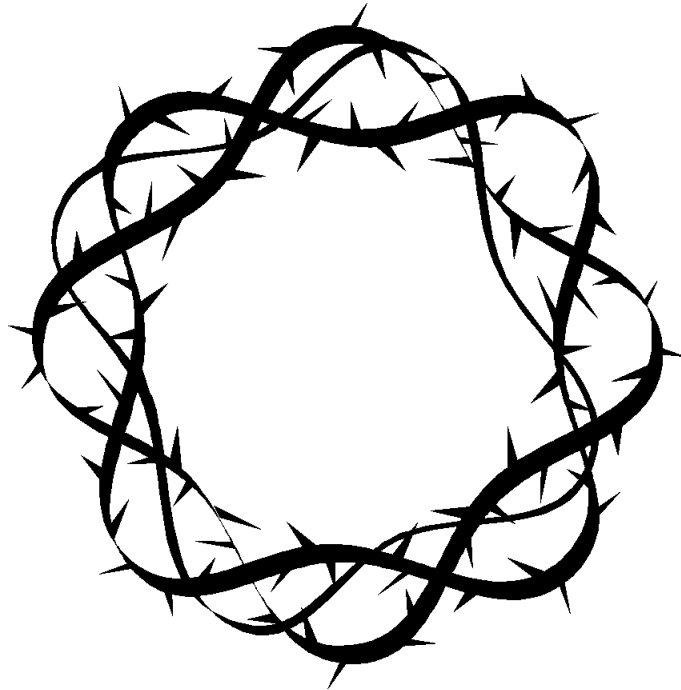
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## **The Sacred Season of Lent 2021 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Mount Rainier, Maryland**

*We invite you to join us in observing the Lenten Season with these special opportunities for worship, prayer, and study as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of God's great acts of love in the passion, death, and resurrection of His Son for our life and salvation.*

### **Midweek Lenten Worship**

#### **Lenten Devotions and Bible Study Wednesdays at 4:00 PM via Livestream**

*Please join us for these moments of prayer and Scripture Study via our livestream available through links on our website or on our church Facebook Page.*

#### **Theme for Lent 2021 – The Road Back to God**

*Drawing on the title of this year's Lenten Devotional, our Midweek Studies will look at some of the Old Testament Readings which are proclaimed at the Great Vigil of Easter, seeing them in the light of our own journey from death to life in Christ's passion and resurrection which we have shared in through our Baptism.*

February 24, 2021	The Beginning of the Road: The Creation
March 3, 2021	A Watery Journey: The Flood
March 10, 2021	A Journey of Faith and Trust: Abraham & Isaac on Mount Moriah
March 17, 2021	A Journey towards Freedom: The Exodus
March 24, 2021	A Journey through the Valley of Death: Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones