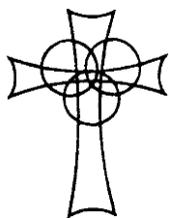


Create in me a
clean heart,

God,
and renew a
right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10, ESV



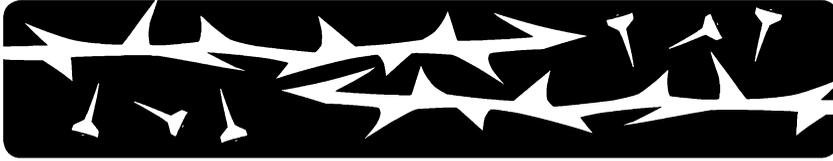
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Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.



Ash
Wednesday

**The First Day of the Sacred Season of Lent
February 18, 2026**

Some Thoughts as We Gather This Evening For Worship...

Christians gather on this day to mark the beginning of Lent's baptismal preparation for Easter. On this day, the People of God hear the solemn proclamation to keep a fast in preparation for the Easter Feast, receive an ashen cross on the forehead (a gesture rooted in Baptism), and contemplate anew the ongoing meaning of baptismal initiation into the Lord's death and resurrection. While marked with the ashes of human mortality, the Church hears God's promise of forgiveness and tastes God's mercy in the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation. From this solemn liturgy, the Church goes forth on its journey to the great baptismal feast of Easter.

As we journey together towards Easter, we will be called to remember our Baptism, that moment when we heard these words: "Receive the sign of the holy Cross, upon your forehead and upon your heart, to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified." In the washing of water and the Word, we were joined forever to our Lord Jesus, sharing in His cross and resurrection, and called to new and everlasting life with Him. Far from being a one-time event, Baptism remains forever with us and shapes our lives daily. This Lent, we will return again to those blessed waters of our Baptism, and through the Scriptures be reminded again of how our gracious God claims us, renews us, and leads us throughout this life towards the life to come as His watermarked people. Joined forever to our Savior in Baptism, we walk together through this time of the remembrance of His Passion and Resurrection, to be renewed in and by the life He has won for us who live and believe in Him.





The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday



✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Lenten Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation remains seated for the first part of the liturgy.

The *Kyrie Eleison* Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 945

“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

Cantor

1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer-cy up - on us.
 2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer-cy up - on us.

Congregation

Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble

e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
 child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and

sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

Text: Juraj Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Tune: ZMÁME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŽ, Cithara Sanctorum, 1636, Levoca

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The Invocation and Invitation to a Holy Lent:

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

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 of 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.**

The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes:

P Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ✠ ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

The people continue to be seated and those who wish may come forward to the Baptismal Font to have the sign of the cross imposed in ash on their foreheads with the words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” During this action, the congregation is invited to join in singing the Litany Hymn...

The Litany Hymn

“Savior, When In Dust to Thee”
The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 166



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bowth' a - dor - ing knee,
2 By Thy help-less in - fant years, By Thy life of want and tears,
3 By Thine hour of dire de-spair, By Thine ag - o - ny of prayer,
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se - pul - chral stone,



When, re - pen - tant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes,
By Thy days of sore dis-tress In the sav - age wil - der - ness,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
By the vault whose dark a - bode Held in vain the ris - ing God,



Oh, by all Thy pains and woe Suf - fered once for man be - low,
By the dread, mys - te - rious hour Of th' in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
Oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



Bend - ing from Thy throne on high, Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!
Turn, O turn, a fa - v'ring eye, Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!
Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry, Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!
Lis - ten, lis - ten, to the cry, Hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny!

After all who desire have received the ashes, and the Pastor has washed his hands, the Celebrant continues:

- 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 the 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

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and 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. ¹⁴Who 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?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather 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.

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?’” ¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The 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

Psalm 51

P ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

C ²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

P ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

C ⁴**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.**

P ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C ⁶**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

- P** ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- P** ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- P** ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- C** ¹⁴**Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**
- P** ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- C** ¹⁶**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**
- P** ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- C** ¹⁸**Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;**
- P** ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.
- 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.**



The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

^{5:20b}We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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.

³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

L 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.**

¹[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.

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

⁵“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. ⁶But 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. ...

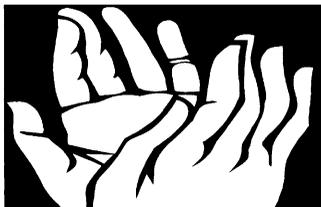
¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

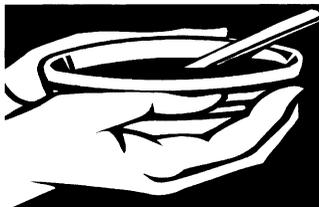
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Congregation is seated.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 616

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

Text: Kurt E. Reinhardt, 1969

Tune: GOTTLÖB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE, *Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien*, 1742

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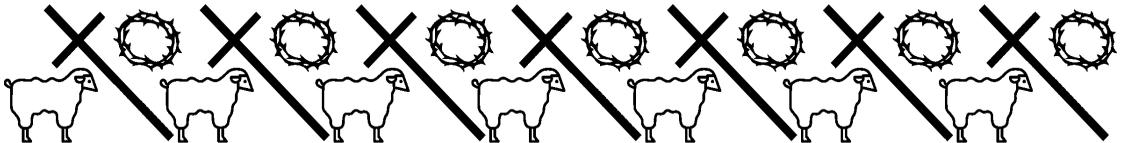
The Sermon

Returning to the Waters

Continual Repentance, Continual Forgiveness

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:2

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** Merciful God, by Your command we meet together in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that You may cleanse and make new our hearts stained by sin. That we may know a clear conscience, we pray You to bring us to genuine repentance, pardon all our sins and renew our faith. So grant that by the aid of Your Holy Spirit, we may manifest the holiness of life that befits our calling as Your own people by Baptism and faith and show forth the good works of Him who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Save and defend Your Church, we pray, from all our enemies and the enemies of Your Word. Give us faithful pastors and teachers who will gather Your sheep by the voice of Your Word, feed them upon the rich food of this blessed Sacrament and lead us into Your everlasting presence. Teach us the love of Your Name, kindle within us the desire for all that is good and right, and teach us to renounce all false religion that we may love You with our whole heart, mind, body and strength. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver from darkness those who do not know Jesus, and bless missionaries and all who bring the light of Christ to shine. Give us courage to teach our children well, that they may know Your ways and not depart from them. Bless the places where Your people gather around Your Word, and bless all those who teach and those who learn. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Guard those in authority over us, especially our president and Congress, that our laws may be just and justly applied, to the punishment of the evil doer and for the pursuit of virtue. Where our laws are unjust or contrary to Your Word, lead them for Your mercy's sake to make right the wrong so that we may act in good conscience as citizens of this land. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Comfort those in any distress, and grant healing to the sick, peace to those troubled and Your presence to the dying, especially those for whom our prayers have been requested that we lift before You now in our hearts... Bring us through trouble and trial by Your grace, that we may sing anew Your wondrous mercy and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from the love of things, and keep from our hearts the idols who would distract us from Your abiding love and favor in Christ, our Lord. Give to us generous hearts, that the poor may be relieved and the work of Your Kingdom unhindered by any lack. Accept, with the worship of our hearts, the tithes and offerings we bring, in gratitude and thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P In these days of our Lenten fast, graciously feed us with the rich feast of Your Son's Body and Blood, that by this Holy Food, we may be strengthened to walk closely with You, loving and serving You and our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless us, on this holy day of repentance in which we begin anew our Lenten journey to the cross, that we may hold fast to Your Word, die to self and serve You faithfully in all the conditions of this mortal life, until at last You bring us with the blessed saints into Your presence forevermore. 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 # 570

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Tune: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–68

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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:



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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 563

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment 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.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

Tune: ST. CRISPIN, George J. Elvey, 1816–93

Text and tune: Public domain

The Congregation rises.



The Post-Communion Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

“Praise to You and Adoration”

1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with

share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,

From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your

joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993
Tune: FREU DICH SEHR, Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:
- C** **We proclaim 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:

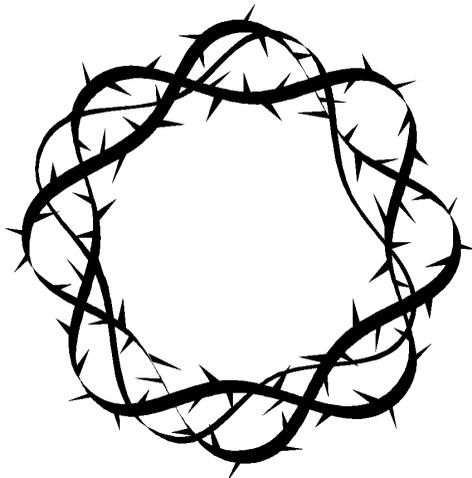
- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

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, through - out these for - ty days You
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–98; para. Gilbert E. Doan, 1930

Tune: CAITHNESS, The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635, Edinburgh

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

✻ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✻



THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS EVENING IN WORSHIP

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mount Rainier, Maryland

The Sacred Season of Lent
2026

Returning to the Waters



Lenten Midweek Worship
at Trinity 2026

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

*Services can be attended either In-Person at Trinity
or by Livestream on the church's Facebook Page*



The Second Wednesday of Lent – February 25, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Recreating Waters – Genesis 1:1-13

The Third Wednesday of Lent – March 4, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Preserving Waters – Genesis 7:1-24

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 11, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Rescuing Waters – Exodus 14:10-31

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent – March 18, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Providing Waters – Exodus 17:1-7

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent – March 25, 2026

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

Lenten Vespers

Welcoming Waters – Joshua 3:1-17



**Lord's Day Worship
during the Lenten Season
at Trinity
2026**

*Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM
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Sundays are the Christians' weekly observance of Easter, and so they are always celebrations of the Resurrection. This is why we refer to the Sundays during Lent as being "in" Lent; a time for a glimpse of Easter's joy even in the midst of this penitential season. Especially this year, the Sunday Gospel readings point us to the waters of Baptism, helping us as the people of God to remember the call to life given in Baptism which has made us His own forever.

The First Sunday in Lent – February 22, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

“Do You Renounce the Devil?” – Matthew 4:1-11

The Second Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Born from Above – John 3:1-17

The Third Sunday in Lent – March 8, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Grace at High Noon – John 4:5-30, 39-42

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Laetare Sunday* – March 15, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Sent to the Waters – John 9:1-41

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Dead, Alive, and Alive Forevermore – John 11:1-53



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 – 9:30 AM

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint Matthew, and the celebration of Holy Communion

A Strange Baptism – Luke 12:49-50

Holy (Maundy) Thursday
April 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Confession and Absolution, the celebration of Holy Communion on the anniversary of its institution, and the Solemn Preparation of the Church for Good Friday

Blood Marked – Hebrews 9:11-22

Good Friday
April 3, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Liturgy of Good Friday with the Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, and the Solemn Prayers for the Church and the World

Water as Thick as Blood – John 19:31-37

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
April 5, 2026 – 9:30 AM

The Festival Divine Service with Hymns, Special Music, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of Holy Communion

Risen with Christ – Colossians 3:1-4



***Celebrating the Gift of Ninety-Five Years of
God's Love and Grace!***

***...as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen!***

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