



# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm

## + GATHERING +

*The assembly gathers in silence*

<We stand.>

### GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, Holy God,  
on this Ash Wednesday we reflect upon our sin, our failings, and the harms we have caused. Remind us that, although we are dust, we are also your children, and your love never fails.

Amen.

<We sit>

### READING

Psalm 32:1-5

Pew Bible page 440

<We stand.>

The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible page 821

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

### SERMON

Pastor Matt

<We stand.>

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Abide with Me

ELW Hymn 629

<We sit.>

## INVITATION TO LENT

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

## PSALM

*Psalm 51 is one of confession and repentance.*

*We read it responsively, by whole verse, as we prepare ourselves for confession.*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.  
<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**  
<sup>17</sup>**The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will |  
not despise.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Kneeling as we are able.

*<We kneel>*

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears 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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

<We sit>

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**                    *You may come forward, as you are able, to receive the ashes*

<We stand>

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

**Lord Jesus, Think on Me**

**ELW Hymn 599**

<We kneel>

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things...

*Response after each petition:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

<We stand>

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

<We sit>

## RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

**ANTHEM**

**O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

**Richard W. Gieseke**

<We stand>

**+ MEAL +**

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*What Shall I Render*

**Insert**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

... We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 107

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

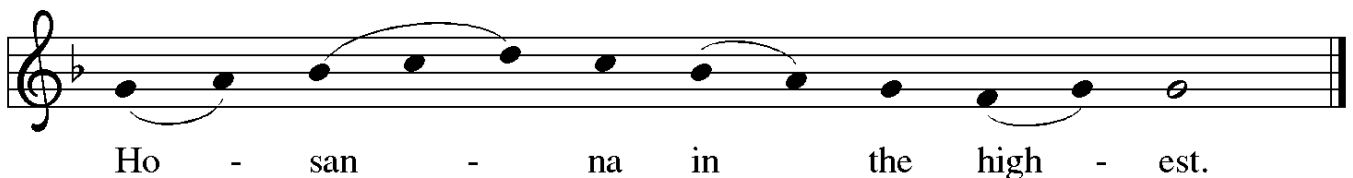
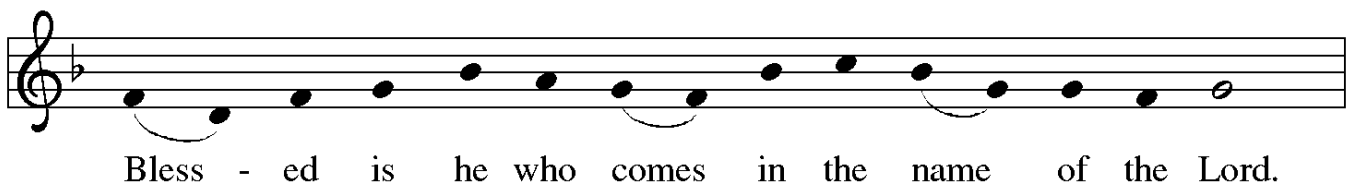
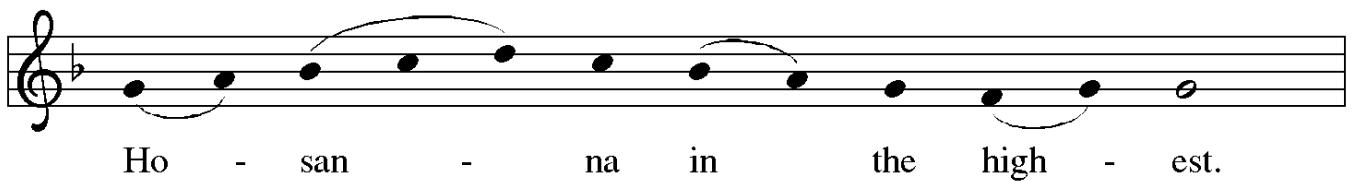
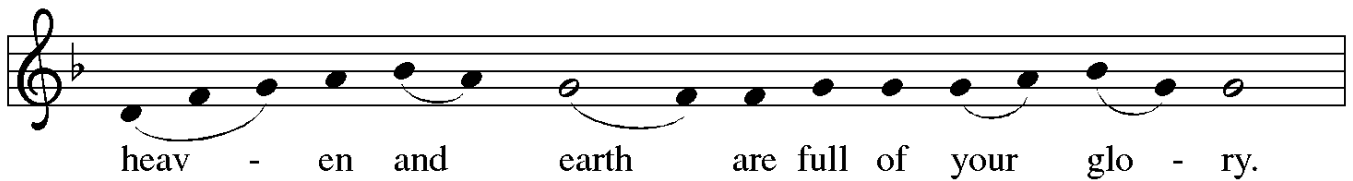
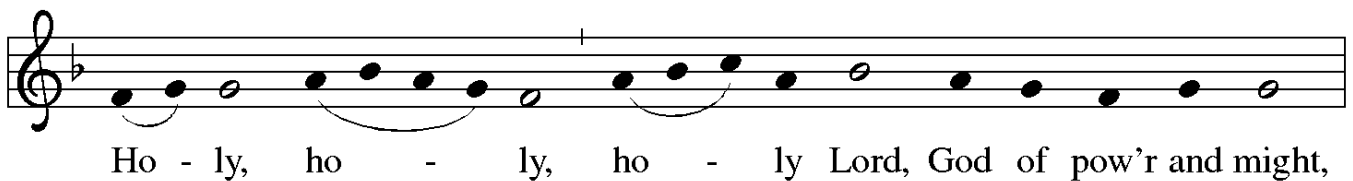
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE<sub>5</sub>

ELW pg. 111

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE MEAL

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

<We sit>

## COMMUNION

*Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 164

## THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has  
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion  
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:  
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,  
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray ... in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

## **+ SENDING +**

### **BLESSING**

Beloved,

We are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy  
fill you with courage  
and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE MUSIC**

*Deep Were His Wounds*

Leland Sateren

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**You are invited to continue the journey through Lent with us at  
The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer.**

Worship on Sunday mornings is at 10:30 am.

On Sunday evenings in Lent we will gather for a meal and brief Worship service  
beginning at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Join us for this intentional time of break and contemplation on  
February 18, 25, March 3, 10, and 17.

Holy Week Services will be held on Maundy Thursday (March 28)  
and Good Friday (March 29) at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday services will be held on March 31 at 7:00 am and 10:30 am.

# Worship Leadership

**Worship Leader**  
**Worship Assistant**  
**Choir Director**  
**Organist**  
**Youth Director**

Reverend Matthew Titus  
Anna Miller  
Nicholas Todd Shumate  
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr.  
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