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Ash Wednesday
6:30 pm
February 14, 2018



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Video: A Prayer for Lent

(Stand)

Song: "Have Mercy on Me"

Verse 1

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

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Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Verse 2

Lamb of God, I'm asking you to take away my sin.

I confess that I've done wrong, need your help again.

Chorus

Verse 3

The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.

The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.

Chorus

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Psalm 51:1-12 (NLT) (in unison)

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my shameful deeds - they haunt me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner - yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me - now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Invitation to the Lenten Discipline

P: Sisters and brothers: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our heavenly Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking God for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Confession of Sin

- P: Most holy and merciful God,
- C: **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, 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, O God.**
- P: We have not listened 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, O God.**
- P: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives.
- C: **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P: We confess to you our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.
- C: **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P: We confess to you our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us.
- C: **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P: We confess to you our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.
- C: **Have mercy on us, O God.**
- P: We confess to you our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.
- C: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

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

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

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

(Sit)

Imposition of Ashes

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Bless these ashes and those who receive them. May this sign of our mortality and penitence remind us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Persons wishing to receive the mark of ashes may come forward by the middle aisle, move toward an available pastor, and return by the side aisle.

You are invited to sing simple, contemplative music along with FaithX.

(Stand)

P: Accomplish in us, O God, 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 Savior,

C: **bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

(Sit)

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Word

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We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

First Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to

bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²For 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}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Story

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation:

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.



Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commands almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever 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. ¹⁶And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Sit)

Homily: “Return”

Pastor John H. Brock

(Stand)

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: “Lord, in your mercy,”
Please respond with: **“hear our prayer.”**

+ Meal +

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Offering: Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

Special Music: Sweetly Broken

Verse 1

To the cross I look,
And to the cross I cling.
Of its suffering I do drink,
Of its work I do sing.
On it my Savior,
Both bruised and crushed,
Showed that God is Love,
And God is just.

Chorus

At the cross You beckon me,
You draw me gently to my knees and I am
Lost for words, so lost in love,
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered.

Verse 2

What a priceless gift,
Undeserved life,
Have I been given,
Through Christ crucified.
You call me out of death,
You call me into life,
And I was under Your wrath,
Now through the cross I'm reconciled.

Chorus (2X)

Bridge

In awe of the cross I must confess,
How wondrous Your redeeming love,
And how great is Your faithfulness.

Chorus (2X)

Tag

Yeah, broken for you,
I'm broken for You.
Yeah, broken for you,
I'm broken for You.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: **you invite us to keep the season of Lent so that we remember the humble ministry of your Son. Give us the devotion to live more sparingly and then share what is save that our neighbor may rejoice to see your unselfish love in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: **The Spirit is with us.**

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: **And give thanks to the Lord of Life.**

P: We praise you, Almighty God, for sending your Son, Jesus Christ to live among us and share our human nature. He was tempted in every way as we are, yet he did not sin. Instead, he became servant of all in obedience to you. Out of love for us he suffered death on the cross, that we might be released from our sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Recalling, then, your great goodness to us in Christ, his life, death, resurrection and ascension, we give you thanks for this meal. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen us, that as we receive our Lord's body and blood, we might grow in grace, and be renewed for service in your kingdom.

To you be given honor, glory and praise now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. Amen.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

+ Sending +

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table.
Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Song: "Rock of My Salvation"

Verse 1

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
And though they try to steal my joy away
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Verse 2

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me,
For I find strength in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Chorus

Oh my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
Who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame
And cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Instrumental

Verse 2

Chorus (2X)

Tag 2X: Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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