



Christ Our Savior

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Ash Wednesday



"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

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Welcome to God's house! Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

This Ash Wednesday, we introduce our Lent sermon series, which is based on the ancient hymn "O Love, How Deep" (LSB 544). This hymn, written in the fifteenth century, contemplates the love of God in becoming man, taking on our life, dying our death, and rising again, all for us. But for us to understand and appreciate this love, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed. While we may try to get credit for our so-called good works, we all still die with nothing to show for them. But God's love is not like our love. Our love is self-centered and fickle. God's love is steady, deep, and beyond all understanding (*Ephesians 3:14-19*). This love of God will have no end.

Order of Worship

A TIME FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

T Preparation T

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Symbolizing our repentance, we come forward, to receive a cross of ashes on our forehead.

All who desire to receive this symbolic reminder of our sinfulness and need for repentance, please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle. If you would like to receive ashes on the back of your hand instead of your forehead, please hold out your hand when approaching the Pastor's. If you do not desire to receive ashes, please remain seated and use this time to contemplate your sinfulness and your Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. His sacrifice, His love, and His redemption are at the core of this ritual.

HYMN

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

LSB 419

- 1. Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!**

2. **By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep 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 penitential cry!**
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 sigh; Hear our penitential cry!**
4. **By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!**

CONFESSION AND PSALM

Psalm 51:1–15, 17

- P As we focus on the overwhelming grace of God and His love, we must admit our sinful condition before we approach Him. Let us confess our failings to God, our heavenly Father. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
- C **a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**
- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
- C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- C **and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P For I know my transgressions,
- C **and my sin is ever before me.**
- P Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
- C **so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**
- P It is only with God's help that we can rise above our sin. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
- C **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- P Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
- C **and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- P Let me hear joy and gladness;
- C **let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**
- P The joy and gladness we long for can be ours only from God, for He alone knows what we have done. Hide Your face from my sins,
- C **and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
P Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
P As we approach God's throne of grace, let us ask for what we do not deserve and seek His presence, help, and even joy.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
P Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
C **and sinners will return to You.**
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

ABSOLUTION

P Because of God's great love and mercy in sending His Son to die and rise for you, and as a called and ordained servant of His, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

T Service of the Word T

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your love knows no bounds, and we cannot fathom Your great power, compassion, and love.
C **Increase in us the desire to see our failings as clearly as You see them, so that, living under Your grace and love, we may give thanks to You with our songs of praise and in loving deeds toward one another;**
P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12–19

P The Old Testament Reading is from Joel, the second chapter.

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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

P The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fifth and sixth chapters.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Joel 2:12b

P Return to the LORD, your God,

C **for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

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. ²Thus, 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. ⁵And 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. . . ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁹Do 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.**

THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

"O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544

- 1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**
- 5. For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.**
- 6. For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

SERMON

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 51:12, 15

- P Let us bring our requests to God, whose love knows no bounds.
For all who do not know our loving Lord, that He would bring the news of Christ to their ears, strengthen them in faith, and urge them to live in love, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P For the church, that God would open doors of opportunity for leaders and members to proclaim the Gospel, that schisms within it be mended, that the faithful be protected in body and soul, and that all people of faith find joy in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Grant them, O God, to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit.**
- P Where there is conflict and warfare between nations, that God would move leaders and citizens to seek peace with their neighbors and calm within their borders, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Dwell in their hearts, O Christ, through faith.**
- P Where the old and young are forgotten, the sick and grieving ignored, and the needs of any are not met, that God would prosper the work of farmers and ranchers, relief agencies and civic leaders to provide for their needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Grant that all caregivers reflect God's love and be gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**
- P For each of us, that our service to God, our concern for one another, and the mission He puts before us be joyful endeavors we seek for the growth of the church and glory of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P Bless now, O Lord, these gifts and their benefits, that they might be received as evidence of your mercies, and multiplied in effectiveness for Your kingdom. Through this and other acts of giving, train our hearts toward a greater generosity, that the habits of our stewardship lives may be ever more pleasing to You, and ever more expressive of Your holy heart and passions.
- C **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P Use then these gifts for works of love and mercy, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

"Our of the Depths"

Thomas Keesecker

Out of the depths I call to you! Lord, hear my voice; I cry for help! Waiting in hope, I long for you! Pardon our sins; have mercy, Lord! Redeem us, Lord, with steadfast love.

T Service of the Sacrament T

We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.

PREFACE

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

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 became sin for us at the cross, taking away the ashes of our death so that we may be redeemed by His blood and marked by His Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(sung)*

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not left Your frail and wandering people but sent Your only-begotten Son. We receive His salvation today, won for us by the sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gather us together with all the faithful from the ends of the earth to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.
- C **Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father of glory and power beyond our understanding, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- 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.**

PAX DOMINI

The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

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



AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

Lamb of God

LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

LSB 570

- 1. Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2. Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to 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.**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

LSB 543

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

2. **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**
3. **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**
4. **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

NUNC DIMITTIS (*sung*)

Song of Simeon

LSB 199

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon, peace, and strength through this Sacrament, and we ask that You would move us to proclaim Your powerful mercy and love and serve one another and all You send to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P Our loving Father—whose love is so deep, broad, and beyond all thought—His T Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, accompany you now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

LSB 418

- 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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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



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