



LENTEN WORSHIP

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14, 2024

A prayer before worship:

*I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay,
when Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led, my path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.*

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As we begin worship this evening you are encouraged to come forward to receive the sign of the cross upon your forehead as ashes are imposed by the pastor. We follow this practice to remind ourselves of our sinfulness and our mortality but also to rejoice in the redemption that is ours in Jesus who died on the cross to forgive our sins. These ashes were made from the palm branches used here at Zion. The imposition of ashes is voluntary – there is no need to come forward; we simply offer this opportunity at the beginning of our Lenten journey to point us forward to the gift of forgiveness our Savior Jesus has won for us. As we come forward, we will sing this medley of hymns:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB 702

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day, Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart, Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high *(Repeat entire song)*

"The Old Rugged Cross"

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame,
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

2 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. *Chorus*

"The Lamb" LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

*Chorus: Worthy is the Lamb Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
(*Chorus*)

3 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
(*Chorus*)

4 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong, Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (*Chorus*)

“How Great Thou Art” LSB 801

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [*Refrain*]

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; [*Refrain*]

AND BY HIS
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healed
ISAIAH 53:5

WORDS OF WELCOME AND HYMN OF INVOCATION

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

(tune of St. Flavian LSB 857)

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.

5 With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You, we lift our voice.
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love and praise.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

Pastor: My Savior, wash me clean
With your most precious blood.
That takes away all sin,
And seals my peace with God.

**ALL: My soul in peace abiding,
Within your deep wounds hiding,
I there find full salvation,
And freedom from damnation.
Without you lost, defiled by sin,
My Savior, wash me clean.**

Pastor shares the grace of forgiveness

♪ On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares and pleasures,
Never may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

(LSB 422)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 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. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.



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HEALED



Choral Anthem: *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*
Ladies Choir and Men's Chorus

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

"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. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 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. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

SERMON HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LSB 449

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.

O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?

O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

4 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

SERMON: A Wounded Savior for a Wounded People

OFFERING

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
Hand Bells

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SANCTUS *(tune: Eventide)*

♪ Praise we the holy, holy, holy Lord,
Almighty God, by earth and heav'n adored.
To Him who in the Lord's name now draws nigh
Be hearts and glad hosannas lifted high.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

THE AGNUS DEI *(tune: Eventide)*

♪ O Lamb of God, the sin you take away
Of all the world; have mercy, Lord, we pray.
O Lamb of God, your blessings never cease;
Have mercy on us, Lord; grant us your peace.

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ISAIAH 53: 5

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

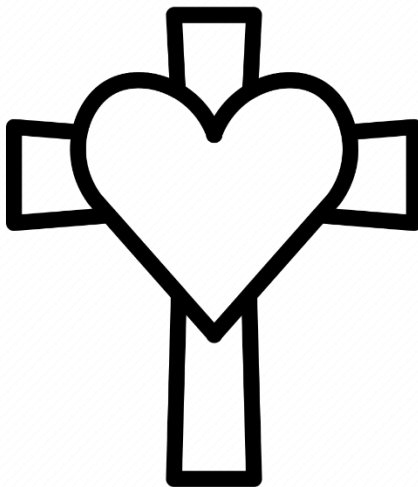
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LSB 425

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!



"Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me" LSB 761

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and
pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands, Can fulfill Thy Law's
demands; Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

"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.

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

THE DISMISSAL FROM THE TABLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*tune: Eventide*)

♪ O Lord, in peace now let your servant go.
My eyes have seen: what you have said is so.
Light for the nations in your Son has shone,
Your saving glory to the world made known.

Thanks to our Father; thanks to God the Son,
And Holy Spirit, blessed Three in One--
As 'twas, is now, and evermore shall be:
Thanks to the Triune God eternally!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord,
People: For His steadfast love endures forever.
Pastor: Thank the Lord and sing His praise.
People: Tell everyone what He has done.
Pastor: Now thank we all our God
People: With hearts and hands and voices.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship, joy and peace of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "O Christ You Walked the Road"

LSB 424

1 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.

2 No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.

3 No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.

4 When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.

5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.