

# Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

## Hope Lutheran Chapel

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Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

10 a.m. Indoor Communion Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship  
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

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**WE WELCOME** you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to open your heart to God's Word in Scripture, Sermon, and Song. Please sign our Record of Fellowship when passed during the Offering and introduce yourself to our Pastor upon leaving. **You are Always welcome here – this is your Father's House!** As we worship, we stand for some parts of the Liturgy. However, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

Return  
to me  
with all  
your  
heart

Joel 2:12



**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE ASK THE USHER IF YOU NEED ONE.**

A cry room is available for fussy babies.

**God Bless your worship with us!**

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Stand*

**P** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** have mercy.

- P** Be gracious to us.
- C** Spare us, good Lord.
- P** Be gracious to us.
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;  
by Your holy nativity;  
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by Your agony and bloody sweat;  
by Your cross and passion;  
by Your precious death and burial;  
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- P** In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death;  
and in the day of judgment:
- C** Help us, good Lord.
- P** We poor sinners implore You
- C** to hear us, O Lord.
- P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;  
to bless our prayer and meditation;  
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
- C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P** To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in our need of prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all;
- C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P** To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies,

persecutors, and slanderers; and to graciously hear our prayers;  
**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** we implore You to hear us.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,  
**C** grant us Your peace.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** hear us.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy. Amen.

**P** O God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; 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 IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Sit*

*The pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each*

person in the sign of the cross, saying:

**P** Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his place in silence.*

## **HYMN ~ Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

**LSB 915**

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| <p>1 Today Your mercy calls us<br/>To wash away our sin.<br/>However great our trespass,<br/>Whatever we have been,<br/>However long from mercy<br/>Our hearts have turned away,<br/>Your precious blood can wash us<br/>And make us clean today.</p> <p>2 Today Your gate is open,<br/>And all who enter in<br/>Shall find a Father's welcome<br/>And pardon for their sin.<br/>The past shall be forgotten,<br/>A present joy be giv'n,<br/>A future grace be promised,<br/>A glorious crown in heav'n.</p> | <p>3 Today our Father calls us;<br/>His Holy Spirit waits;<br/>His blessed angels gather<br/>Around the heav'nly gates.<br/>No question will be asked us<br/>How often we have come;<br/>Although we oft have wandered,<br/>It is our Father's home.</p> <p>4 O all-embracing Mercy,<br/>O ever-open Door,<br/>What should we do without You<br/>When heart and eye run o'er?<br/>When all things seem against us,<br/>To drive us to despair,<br/>We know one gate is open,<br/>One ear will hear our prayer.</p> |
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## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

*Joel 2:12-19*

“Right now,” says the LORD, “return to Me with all your hearts, with fasting, weeping, and mourning.” Tear your hearts and not your clothes, and turn to *the LORD* your God because He *is gracious, merciful, slow to get angry, full of kindness, and relents from disaster*. Who knows - He may relent and leave behind Him a blessing – gifts of food and drink for the LORD your God? Blow the horn in Zion, order a holy fast, call a solemn meeting. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, get the elders together, gather the little children, even those who are nursing. Have the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Have the priests, the LORD's servants, weep between the porch and the altar. Have them say: “Spare Your people, LORD, and don't let Your inheritance be disgraced and mocked among the nations. Why should any of the nations ask, 'Where is their God?'" Then the LORD was zealous for His country and took pity

on His people. The LORD answered His people: “Now I'm sending you fresh grain, new wine, and olive oil, until you are satisfied. And I will no longer let you be a disgrace among the nations.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory Psalm

*Psalm 51*

**P** Have mercy on me, O God,

**C** according to your steadfast love;

**P** according to your abundant mercy

**C** 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

**C** and done what is evil in your sight,

**P** so that you may be justified in your words

**C** and blameless in your judgment.

**P** 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** 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** 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** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,  
**C** and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare your praise.
- P** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
**C** you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
**C** a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- P** Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
**C** build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- P** then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
**C** then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**All Recite: 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.**

## **Epistle Lesson**

*2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ. God is pleading through us. We ask you for Christ, "Be reunited with God." God made Him Who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we would have the righteousness of God.

As men who are working with God we plead with you: Don't let God's grace be wasted on you. He says:

*At a favorable time I have heard you;  
 On the day of salvation I have helped you.  
 Look, now is the favorable time.  
 Look, now is the day of salvation.*

We're not in any way giving people a reason to turn away, to keep them from finding fault with our work. Instead we're in everything showing we're God's good workers by great endurance in suffering, in need, and in hardships; when

we're beaten or put in prison, when there are riots; when we're overworked and go without sleep and food; by being pure, by knowledge, by patience and kindness; by the Holy Spirit; by sincere love; by telling the truth; by God's power; with the weapons of righteousness in the right hand and the left; when we're honored or dishonored, blamed or praised. Treated as deceivers, we are honest; as unknown, we are well known; *as dying*, and you see, we go on *living, as corrected but not killed*; as sad, we're always glad; as beggars, we're making many rich; as having nothing, we really have everything.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract for Ash Wednesday

**P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**P** Do not remember against us our former iniquities;

**C** let your compassion come speedily to meet us.

**P** Help us, O God of our salvation,

**C** for the glory of your name.

## Holy Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

“Be careful not to do your good works before people to be seen by them. If you do, your Father in heaven will not reward you. So when you give to the poor, don't blow your horn, as hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets to be praised by people. I tell you, that's really all the reward they'll get. When you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your giving may be secret. Then your Father, Who sees what is secret, will reward you.” When you pray, don't be like hypocrites, who like to stand praying in synagogues and on street corners in order to be seen by people. I tell you, that's really all the reward they'll get. But when you pray, *go into your own room, shut your door, and pray* to your Father, Who is with you when you're alone, and your Father, Who sees what is secret, will reward you. “When you fast, don't look sad like hypocrites. They disfigure their faces to show people they are fasting. I tell you, that's really all the reward they'll get. But when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face so that no one will see you fasting except your Father, Who is with you when you're alone. And your Father, Who sees what is secret, will reward you. Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and



rust destroy them and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where no moth or rust destroys them and no thieves break in and steal. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**HYMN** ~ *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*

*LSB 607*

- 1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee,  
In trial and tribulation;  
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,  
Lord, hear my supplication.  
If Thou rememb' rest ev'ry sin,  
Who then could heaven ever win  
Or stand before Thy presence?
- 2 Thy love and grace alone avail  
To blot out my transgression;  
The best and holiest deeds must fail  
To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before Thee none can boasting stand,  
But all must fear Thy strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.
- 3 Therefore my hope is in the Lord  
And not in mine own merit;  
It rests upon His faithful Word  
To them of contrite spirit

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**SERMON**

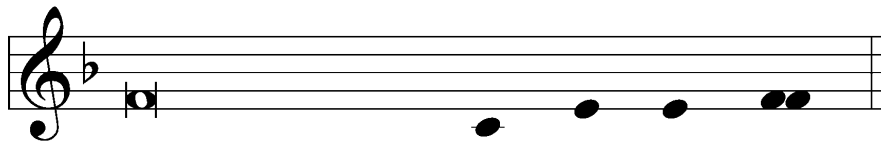
**OFFERING**

**PRAYER / Litany** (*sing responses*)

That He is merciful and just;  
This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.

- 4 And though it tarry through the night  
And till the morning waken,  
My heart shall never doubt His might  
Nor count itself forsaken.  
O Israel, trust in God your Lord.  
Born of the Spirit and the Word,  
Now wait for His appearing.
- 5 Though great our sins, yet greater still  
Is God's abundant favor;  
His hand of mercy never will  
Abandon us, nor waver.  
Our shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow.

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

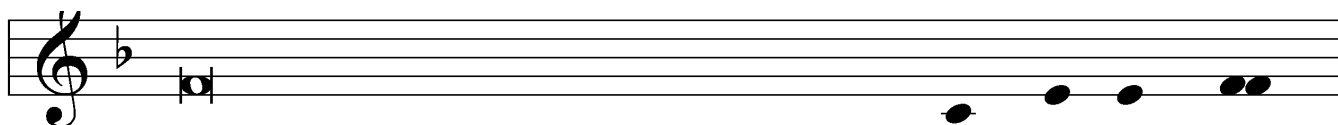
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

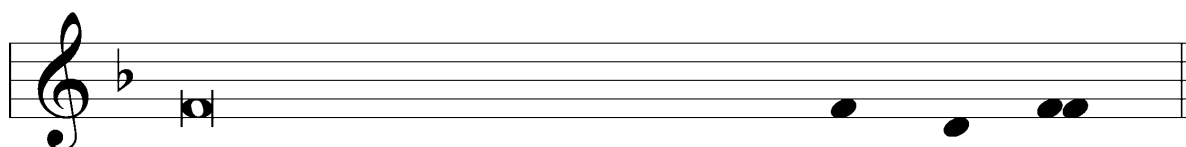
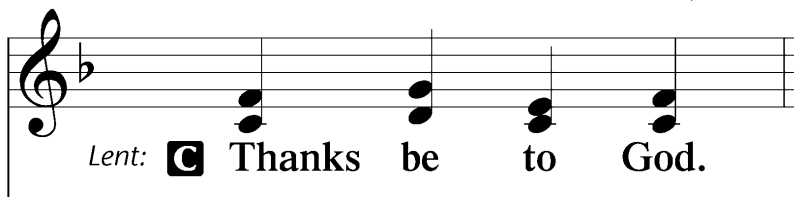
**L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*

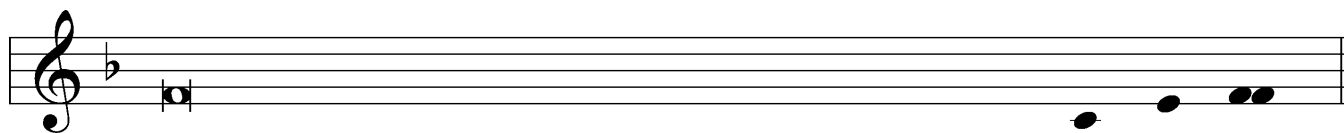


**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

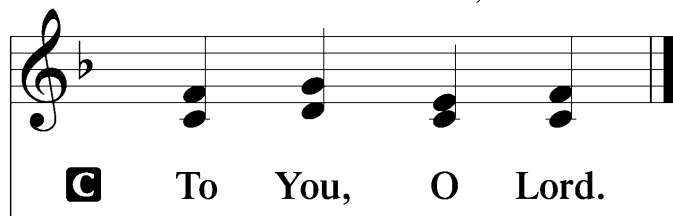


**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



## Collect for Peace and Collect of the Day

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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 Lord's Prayer

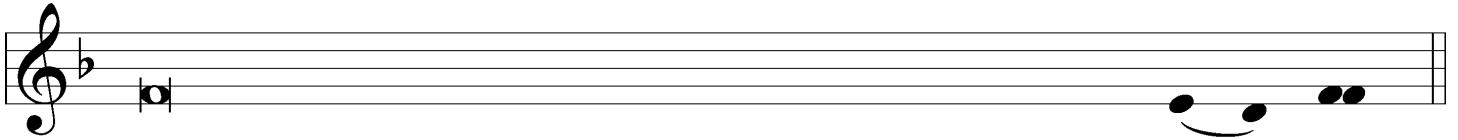
*p251 or Back cover of LSB*

**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.

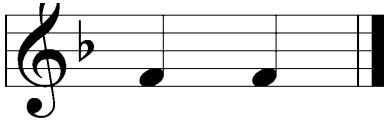
## Luther's Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Stand*



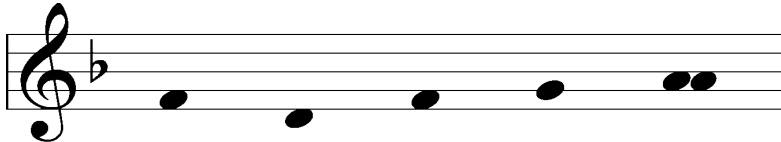
**L** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



**C** A - men.

## Benedicamus through Benediction

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING HYMN ~ *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

LSB 610

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| 1 Lord Jesus, think on me<br>And purge away my sin;<br>From worldly passions set me free<br>And make me pure within.           | In all my pain and misery,<br>O be my health and life!  |
| 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,<br>By anxious thoughts oppressed;<br>Let me Your loving servant be<br>And taste Your promised rest. | 4 Lord Jesus, think on me<br>Nor let me go astray;<br>Through darkness and perplexity<br>Point out Your chosen way.           |
| 3 Lord Jesus, think on me<br>Amid the battle's strife;   | 5 Lord Jesus, think on me<br>That, when this life is past,<br>I may the eternal brightness see<br>And share Your joy at last. |

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## POSTLUDE



The Son of Man  
must undergo  
great  
suffering

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