

The Divine Service



**Remember, O Man, that dust you are,
and to dust you will return.**

Ash Wednesday



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The Common Service with Imposition of Ashes

It is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross on yourself where you see the sign of the cross (+) in the order of service.

BELL TOLL

This rite replaces the beginning of the service, prior to the First Lesson. There is no opening hymn. Remain seated.

PSALM 51a *(the insert is from Christian Worship Supplement page 48)*

Cantors: Psalm Verses
Congregation: Refrain & *Glory Patri* (Glory be to the Father)

Silence for meditation

INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us be still. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. The congregation may kneel.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Most holy and merciful Father,

C: We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own grievous fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

M: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

M: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

M: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our anger when our selfish aims are denied and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us

C: **We confess to you, O Lord.**

M: Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

M: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

M: For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,

C: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

M: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

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

Silence for meditation

Those who desire to receive the sign of ashes will come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward, line up along the communion railing. Kneel at the direction of the pastor. Baptized children may come forward at their parents' discretion.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The minister shall apply ashes to the forehead of each in the form of a small cross, saying:

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

After all who desire have received ashes and have returned to their seats, the minister shall say:

M: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

C: **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

M: By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,

C: **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.

Therefore, upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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HYMN 98 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

1ST LESSON ISAIAH 59:12-20

For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and

wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.

M: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130 (page 114)

In unison

2nd LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b - 6:2

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Cantor: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (*Joel 2:13*)

GOSPEL

LUKE 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Readings are from the English Standard Version (ESV)

M: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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**

HYMN 303 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

SERMON

**JOHN 18:4-11
THE HANDS OF THE PASSION.
The Hands of Misguided Zeal (Simon Peter)**

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

THE GREAT LITANY

Prayer of Approach to God

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: **Have mercy on us.**

Prayers for Deliverance

M: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

C: **Spare us, good Lord.**

M: From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity:

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all deadly sin and from deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil:

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, from hardness of heart and contempt for

your Word and your will:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For the Church

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to you will.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give us hearts to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For Our Country

M: Rule the hearts of your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For All People

M: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend

our lives according to your Holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayers

M: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

C: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us peace.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

Intercessions

Intercessions that are requested prior to the bulletin's printing will be included in the bulletin. Requests may be made prior to the service as well. In our prayers...



The Litany concludes with the following or some other collect.

M: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the ages to come life everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The liturgy for the Sacrament continues on page 21 of the hymnal. It shall be chanted.

Holy Communion It is appropriate that those who have not communed at Good Shepherd before should speak with the pastor before they receive the Lord's Supper here.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 312 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN 124 Savior, When in Dust to You

Silent Prayer

When the hymn has been completed, be seated. You may remain to pray and to meditate until you decide to dismiss yourself.

Preacher & Celebrant Pastor Thomas E. Schroeder
Organist Jeanette Schneider

Thank you to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church for the use of their chimes.

REMOVAL OF ASHES

The ashes from this evening can be washed clean easily with warm water and soap. For the remainder of the day, they are also a witness of our faith to those whom we meet.

OFFERINGS

The offerings for all mid-week Lenten Services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday have been designated as follows: All offerings combined, up to \$1500 will be split evenly between Palabra de Vida Lutheran Church in Detroit, WELS Radio Hour, and for the building of a Lutheran seminary in Viet Nam. All offerings above these will go to Good Shepherd's general fund.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Divine Service is Sundays at 10:00 AM, in person and on Facebook Live.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class is on Sunday at 8:45 AM.

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Lenten Vespers will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM through March 24.

OFFICE HOURS – Monday – Thursday (9:00 AM - Noon)

The pastor will be in his office unless a meeting has been scheduled elsewhere (consult the weekly schedule). The pastor is also available by appointment. Call or text (248-719-5218). You may also email (welsnovi@aol.com), but the response may be slower.

Worship Tidbit for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

The last Sunday in the Epiphany season is "The Transfiguration of our Lord." On the Galilean mountain, our Savior gave a vision of his divine glory – glory that the world often wanted to see, but didn't. It was that momentary vision that Peter, James, and John were able to keep in mind in the following weeks as they saw their Lord arrested, beaten, tried, condemned, and executed. We also take one last gaze at our glorified Lord just before entering the Lenten season. Jesus descended that mountain to go to Jerusalem and die for the sins of the world. With his Passion in view, we bid farewell today to "Alleluia" until the Easter season.

ANNUAL MEETING / OPEN FORUM / VOTERS' MEETING

On **Sunday, February 21**, we will have our Annual Meeting after church. This will be done in person and over Zoom. Registration will be necessary for Zoom. Please contact Pastor Schroeder for Zoom links.

The Annual Meeting is where we report what has been accomplished in this past year, but more importantly what we want to do this year and in the longer term. Some plans have already been made, but other plans need people to help. We can set goals and strive to achieve them based on how much our own members are invested in them. All of us can play a part, and this meeting is where we all get to see what can be done.

After the Open Forum, the Voters' Meeting will be held. All confirmed men in the congregation are urged to participate. Men, God called you to be leaders. We need you to lead, which is both honorable and necessary. If you are new to the Voters' Assembly, then come and get familiar with what we are doing.

Good Shepherd 40th Anniversary Photo Compilation

This year is the 40th anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! To commemorate the occasion we would like to put together a compilation of photos to develop into a video. If you're interested, please find (or recreate) up to 6 photos of your time with the congregation that you would like to share and email them to Brian Wilder (bawilder@mtu.edu) or Pastor Schroeder (welsnovi@aol.com) so we can compile them into a video. Also, if anyone has experience developing a video for this type of project and would like to assist in the creation any help would be greatly appreciated! Please submit your photos no later than **March 17** (Ash Wednesday).

CHANGES TO THE SERVICE

With a reasonable amount of precautions already in place, we will be returning more elements to the service. Beginning in Lent, we will return the order of Holy Communion to the regular part of the service rather than do it separately after the live-stream has concluded. Those who worship online will still be able to sing a hymn during the distribution of the sacrament. We will add more singing to the service as well, particularly the canticles during the Communion portion of the service.

If you have any concerns about these additions, please speak to Pastor Schroeder or one of our elders—Dan Rauchholz, Ken Reisig, and Dan Schneider. We want to strike an appropriate balance, but we will need people to let us know if they believe the balance is off.

As always, let us continue to pray for one another and to seek each other's good.

CONCERNING PASTORAL CARE

Besides Facebook Live and YouTube, you can find the pastor's sermons archived on this blog. You can use the search bar to find a particular date, day of the Church Year, or Scripture reference.

Pastor Schroeder will be available for private devotions, Holy Absolution, and Holy Communion to members in small groups or to individuals. You may call to set up an appointment at any time. Visits by appointment can be done either at church or at your home.

If you want to ask for intercessions for loved ones, we will certainly remember them in our prayers, too. If your loved one has no pastor, ask if they would like Pastor Schroeder to visit them.

SHUT-INS - *Please remember our shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers.*

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