

Trinity's Lenten Soup Suppers and Midweek Lenten Worship



For five Wednesdays beginning on February 21, a wide variety of delicious soups will be served on Wednesday evenings in The Courtyard from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider providing soup or bread or helping with setup or cleanup for one or more of our Soup Supper dates. Sign up to volunteer using the link in our Friday eBlasts. You can find more details in the February issue of *The Messenger* or contact the church office for more information.

Each week following the Soup Supper we will gather in the sanctuary for service of Liturgy for Lent. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent. In the quiet liturgy that we offer during the season of Lent, we make ready for the story of the Passion of Our Lord that unfolds during Holy Week and culminates on Easter Day.



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Mission: *Trinity Lutheran Church is a dynamic family called by God to nurture each other in our daily journeys of faith and to joyfully increase our response to all people in need, sharing God's gifts of love and grace.*



Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024

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PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Brahms

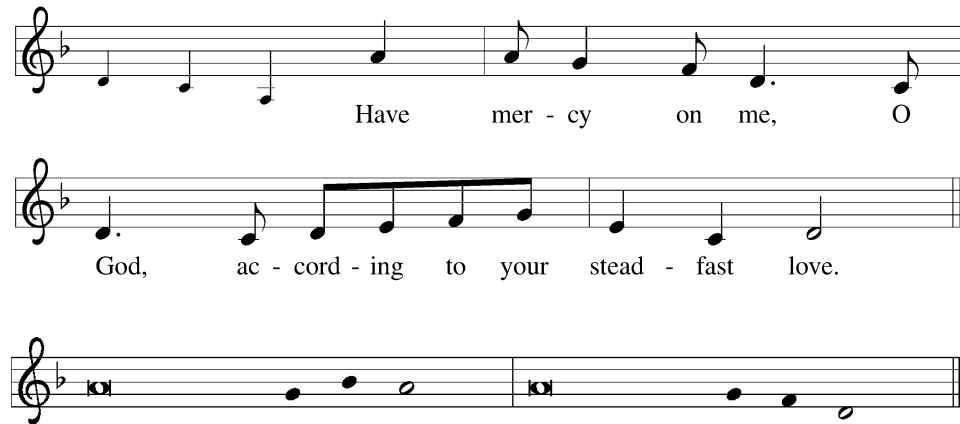
On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-17

1. The organist plays the refrain.
2. The cantor sings the refrain.
3. All sing the refrain.

4. The congregation joins the cantor for all the bold print verses and offers the refrain when marked (R).



Have mer - cy on me, O
God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

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- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.
- ²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**
- ³For I know ¹my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.
- ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment. R**
- ⁵Indeed, I was born ¹steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.
- ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth ¹deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹deep within.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

My Song is Love Unknown

Jackson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (You are welcome to stand.)

- P Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
In the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P Beloved, we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

No. 606

Our Father, We Have Wandered
Herzlich tut mich verlangen

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Share your bread.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

Cherwien

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT *(You are welcome to be seated.)*

All are welcome to receive the gift of grace in Holy Communion. On each tray the inner circle of cups are filled with white grape juice; the surrounding cups are filled with red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex.

This day of penitence we will proceed up the center aisle to the communion rail and kneel or stand to receive the sacrament, returning via the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please notify an usher of that need.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I¹ shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be pur¹er than snow.

⁸Let me hear¹ joy and gladness;
 that the body you have broken¹ may rejoice. R

⁹Hide your face¹ from my sins,
 and blot out¹ all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean¹ heart, O God,
 and renew a right spir¹it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away¹ from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spir¹it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of¹ your salvation
 and sustain me with your boun¹tiful Spirit. R

¹³Let me teach your ways¹ to offenders,
 and sinners shall be re¹stored to you.

¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of¹ my salvation,
 and my tongue shall sing¹ of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, o¹pen my lips,
 and my mouth shall pro¹claim your praise.

¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or¹ I would give it.
 You are not pleased¹ with burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a¹ troubled spirit;
 a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will¹ not despise. R

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(You are welcome to stand.)

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(You are welcome to be seated.)

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

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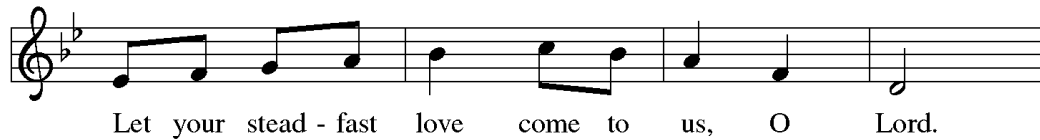
L Word of God, word of life.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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L Word of God, word of life.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*You are welcome to stand.*)

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

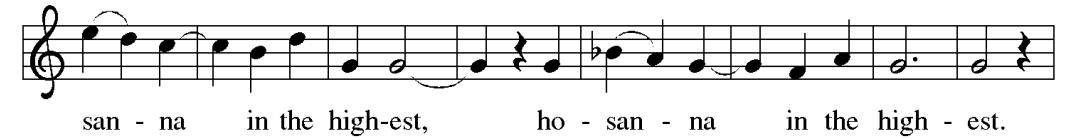
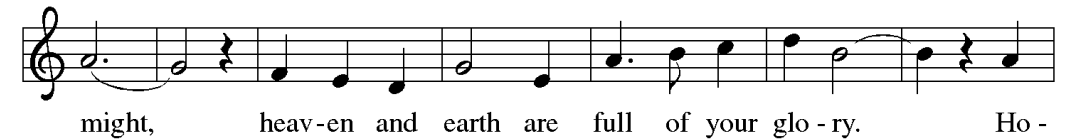
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P The gospel of our Lord.
 C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*You are welcome to be seated.*)**HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 601

Savior, When in Dust to You
 Aberystwyth

(*Please remain seated.*)**SANCTUS****COMMUNION PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

OFFERING *(You are welcome to be seated.)*

(4 p.m.)	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Burkhardt
(7 p.m.)	Lay Up For Yourselves Trinity Choir	Ned Rorem

OFFERING PRAYER *(You are welcome to stand.)*

P Jesus,
**you are the bread of life
 and the host of this meal.
 Bless these gifts that we have gathered
 that all people may know your goodness.
 Feed us not only with this holy food
 but with hunger for justice and peace.
 We pray this in your name.
 Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you..
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

(the presiding minister offers the proper preface, concluding:)

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

INVITATION TO LENT

(The minister extends the invitation to disciplines of the spirit, the disciplines of Lent, and the call to confession of sins.)

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly remains seated. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another,
 and before the whole company of heaven,
 that we have sinned by our fault,
 by our own fault,
 by our own most grievous fault,
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done
 and by what we have left undone.**

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.
Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears 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.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness,
 the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives,
 we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
 and our exploitation of other people,
 we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to share the faith that is in us,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments,
our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

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

Have mercy on us, O God.

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

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward. The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

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

(During the Imposition of Ashes, worshipers are invited to reflect on the words of Psalm 51, Psalm 90 or another reading from the Psalms. The organ accompanies our meditation and devotion.)

After those who desire ashes have received them, the minister continues. You are welcome to stand.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Merciful God.

C **receive our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

