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Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

March 5, 2025

Divine Service Setting Three

Opening Hymn

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

LSB 419



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Confessional Address

Litany for Ash Wednesday

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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 need of our 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 graciously to 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.
- **C** grant us Your peace.

Imposition of Ashes

Psalm 34:4-10

and delivered me from | all my fears.

Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who | fear him,*
and de- | livers them.

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!

Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him | have no lack!

The young lions suffer want and | hunger;*
but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1-15

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among

the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Revelation 22:-5, 14

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:9-13

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and

the angels were ministering to him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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

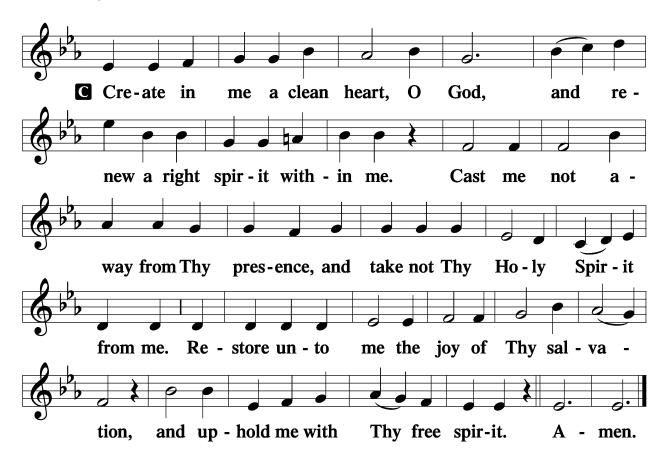
"The Tree of Life" LSB 561



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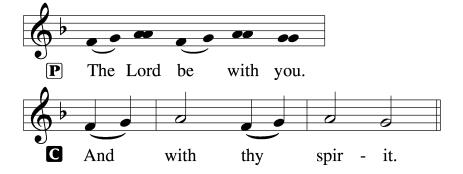
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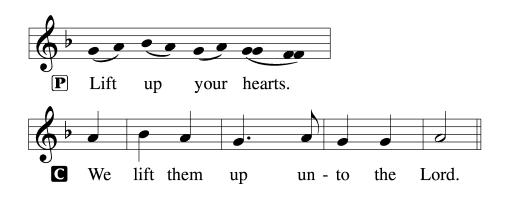


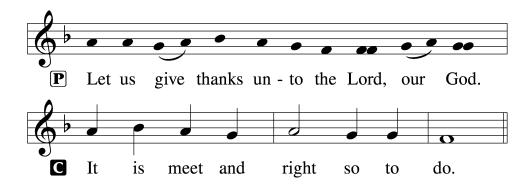
Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

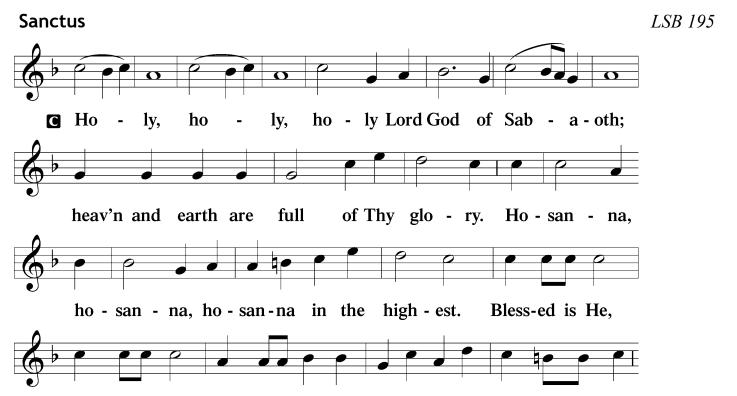
Preface LSB 194







P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

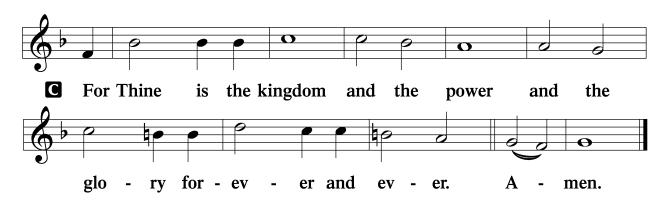
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

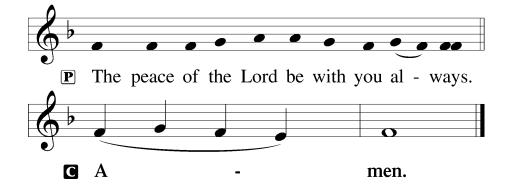
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

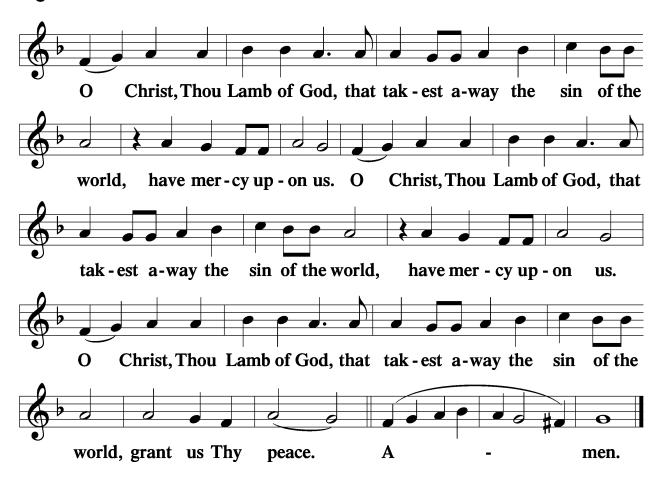


The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198



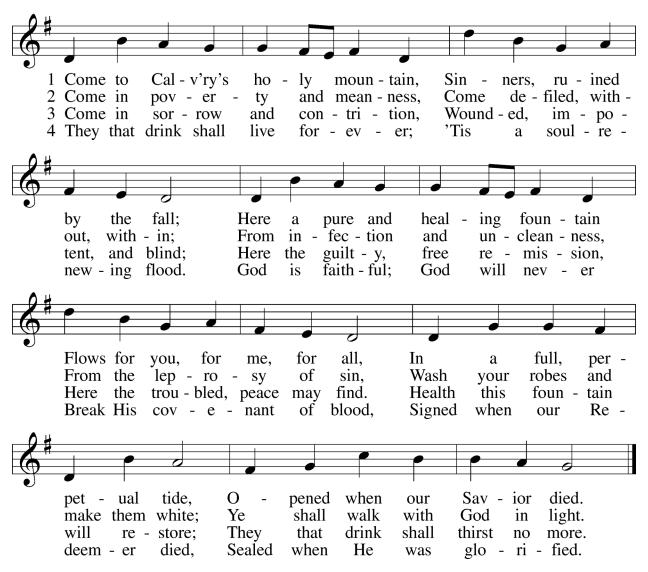
Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

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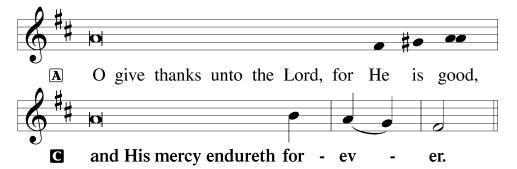
- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 199



Thanksgiving LSB 200

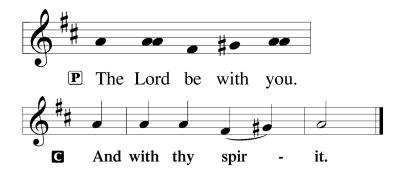


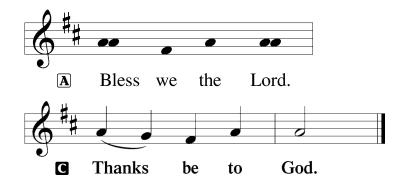
A Let us pray.



Salutation and Benedicamus

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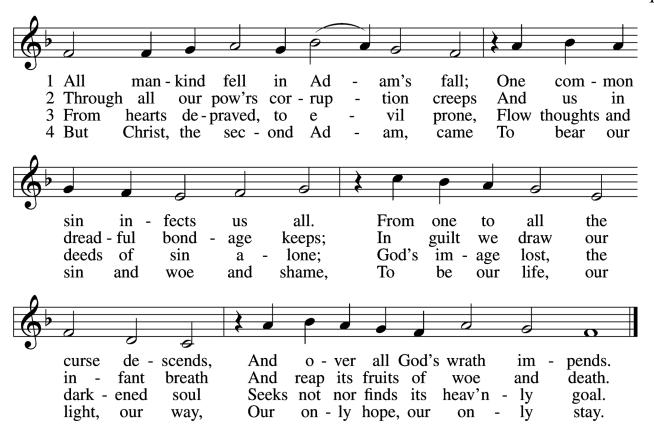
Benediction LSB 202



Closing Hymn

"All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

LSB 562



- 5 As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell, So by one Man, who took our place, We all were justified by grace.
- We thank You, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs. This grace our ev'ry way attend Until we reach our journey's end.

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This year's Lenten Series focuses on **The Salutary Gift**. Within the solemn halls of the Lenten season, we gather around God's Word in repentance of sins, preparation for our Savior's sacrifice, and thanksgiving for the crucifixion's redemptive power. The theology of the Lord's Supper mirrors this Lenten pilgrimage in many ways.

Each weekly theme reveals a host of approaches for understanding the same sacramental gift: life-giving fruit, nourishment, healing, communion with the saints, a priestly meal, the feast of victory, and more. Meditate on and embrace these beautiful, biblical images and metaphors of the Lord's Supper in addition to the chief blessing of the Holy Sacrament described in Scripture: *the forgiveness of sins*. The forgiveness of sins, won for the world on Calvary and offered in the Lord's body and blood, truly makes this blessed Supper a "salutary gift."

March 12: Bread from Heaven (Exodus 16:1-12)

March 19: Healing Medicine (Luke 10:25-37)

March 26: Blest Communion (1 Corinthians 10:14-22)

April 2: Rest for the Weary (Matthew 11:27-12:8)

April 9: Nuptial Feast (Isaiah 61:10-62:5)

April 17: Maundy Thursday – Covenant Meal (Exodus 24:3-11)

April 18: Good Friday – Sacrificial Banquet (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

April 20: Easter – Feast of Victory (Isaiah 25:6-9)

Lenten Meals will begin Wednesday, March 12 and will continue each Wednesday throughout Lent. We will start serving at 5:45pm. (Note the earlier time.)

A Hymn Sing will also begin on Wednesday, March 12. Join us at 6:45 to sing your favorite hymn.

Our Midweek Offerings will once again go towards Missions.