

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Services: Wednesdays at 11:00am & 7:00pm. There is a potluck at 6:00pm before the evening service.

February 24: The Promising Word; “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

March 3: The Faithful Word; “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)

March 10: The Compassionate Word; “Woman, behold, your son!” . . . “Behold, your mother!” (John 19:26–27)

March 17: The Suffering Word; “I thirst.” (John 19:28)

March 24: The Dying Word; “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!” (Luke 23:46)



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2010
Words of Life from the Cross

Calvary Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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WELCOME

In the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to Christian worship. If you are a visitor with us, please sign our guest register by the front door and fill out a worship card given to you by an usher.

Stand

a 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.

Litany

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| a O Lord, | a By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your |
| T have mercy. | holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and |
| a O Christ, | temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by |
| T have mercy. | Your cross and passion; by Your precious death |
| a O Lord, | and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and |
| T have mercy. | ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, |
| a O Christ, | the Comforter: |
| T hear us. | T Help us, good Lord. |
| a God the Father in heaven, | a In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our |
| T have mercy. | prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of |
| a God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | judgment: |
| T have mercy. | T Help us, good Lord. |
| a God the Holy Spirit, | a We poor sinners implore You |
| T have mercy. | T to hear us, O Lord. |
| a Be gracious to us. | a To prosper the teaching of Your Word; to bless our |
| T Spare us, good Lord. | prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve |
| a Be gracious to us. | us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow |
| T Help us, good Lord. | and strength to our repentance: |
| | T We implore You to hear us, good Lord. |

a Lord, in Your mercy;

T **hear our prayer.**

a O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, defend us, Your humble servants, from all the assaults of our enemies that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversary but may rejoice in Your abiding protection;

a Lord, in Your mercy;

T **hear our prayer**

a Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised;

a Lord, in Your mercy;

T **hear our prayer.**

a O Lord God, by the example of Your blessed Son, grant us peace to accept patiently the sufferings of the present time in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed to us;

Special petitions may be inserted here.

a Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

T **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus

a Let us bless the Lord.

T **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

a The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

T **Amen.**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418

a The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

T **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

[Jesus said:] “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.

[Jesus said:] “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.

a This is the Gospel of the Lord.

T **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostle’s Creed

Sit

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

LSB 447 (v.1-3)

Sermon

The Pardoning Word

Luke 23:34

³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

a Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness;

a 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 prayer; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

T **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

a To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

T **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

a Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

T **we implore You to hear us.**

a Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
T **have mercy.**

a Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
T **have mercy.**

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

a O Christ,

T **hear us.**

a O Lord,

T **have mercy.**

a O Christ,

T **have mercy.**

a O Lord,

T **have mercy. Amen.**

a 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.

T **Amen.**

Sit

Imposition of Ashes

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419

Stand

Confession of Sins

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

Silence for self-examination.

a I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

T **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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T **Amen.**

Psalm (whole verse by whole verse)

Psalm 6:1–10

O Lord, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | languishing;*
heal me, O Lord, for my bones are | troubled.

My soul also is greatly | troubled.*

But you, O Lord— | how long?

Turn, O Lord, deliv- | er my life;*

save me for the sake of your | steadfast love.

For in death there is no remem- | brance of you;*

in Sheol who will | give you praise?

I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my | bed with tears;*

I drench my couch with my | weeping.

My eye wastes away be- | cause of grief;*

it grows weak because of | all my foes.

Depart from me, all you workers of | evil,*

for the Lord has heard the sound of my | weeping.

The Lord has | heard my plea;*

the Lord ac- | cepts my prayer.

All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly | troubled;*

they shall turn back and be put to shame in a | moment.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Kyrie

T **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

a The Lord be with you.

T **And also with you.**

a Let us pray. 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.

T **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament

Joel 2:12–19

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

a This is the Word of the Lord.

T **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

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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