

**The Participants**

**Presiding Minister & Preacher:** Rev. Matthew V. Moss  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Matthew P. Johnson  
**Kantor:** Dr. Crystal Rossow  
**Worship Assistant:** 12:30 pm Ed Kemna  
7:00 pm Jerry Rogge  
**Acolytes:** 12:30 pm Matthew Koosman & Naomi Schilling  
7:00 pm Reece Fish & Leah Gordon  
**Altar Guild:** Vivian Radintz & Lisa Kolander

† **UPCOMING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS** †

**LENTEN SERVICES:**

**Ash Wednesday (February 14):** 12:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
Divine Services with Communion

**Wednesdays (February 21-March 21):** 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Lenten Matins & Vespers

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Monday - Wednesday (March 26 -28):** 7:00 pm – Evening Devotionals~  
based on the Propers of the Day

**Maundy Thursday (Mar 29):** 7:00 pm – Divine Service (Stripping of the Altar)

**Good Friday (March 30):** 12:30 pm – Meditation on the Cross;  
7:00 pm – Tenebrae

**Holy Saturday (March 31):** 7:00 pm – Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY (April 1):** 6:00 am – Sunrise Divine Service with Communion  
7:00 am – 10:00 am  
Easter Breakfast Served  
8:00 am – Divine Service with Communion  
10:30 am – Divine Service with Communion

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† Ash Wednesday †

February 14, 2018

*Worshippers and Pastors enter the sanctuary in silence to consider their sins. With Job we cry out: I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes (Job 2:6).*

**PRAYER:** *Gracious God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the sin of Adam all of us who are his children according to the flesh will return to dust and ashes. Yet by your merciful invitation we return to you today in contrition and repentance. Remember us as Your dear children through our Baptism into Christ, forgive us all our sins, and send forth Your Holy Spirit to create new hearts in us each day. Amen.*



**IMPOSITION OF ASHES** (*upon entering the sanctuary, those who desire to receive the ashes may quietly proceed up the outside aisle to the baptismal font; return then to your pew and quietly meditate in preparation for the Divine Service*)

**INTROIT:** Psalm 51, vss. 1-12 (ant.: vs. 2; no 'Glory be to')

**INVITATION TO THE CHURCH'S LENTEN OBSERVANCE**

**THE LITANY:** (insert provided)

**COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

**ANTHEM:**

12:30 pm: (St. John's Grades 5-8) LSB 424  
*O Christ, You Walked the Road*

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Joel 2:12-19  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**THE CATECHISM:**

LSB 321  
*The Ten Commandments*

**THE CREED:**

Nicene Creed (see inside back cover)

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

LSB 565  
*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

**SERMON:** *We're Not Mind-Readers, but Word-Hearers*

**HYMN:** LSB 607  
*From Depths of Woe*

**CONFESSION:** LSB 291

**THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**

12:30 pm: (Tone Chimes Grades 7-8) *Were You There*  
(Dan R. Edwards)

7:00 pm: (St. John's Adult Choir) *Behold the Lamb of God*  
(Healey Willan)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**AGNUS DEI** LSB 198

[NOTE: *the Lord's Supper is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of the LCMS*]

**THE DISTRIBUTION:** (*During the distribution the congregation meditates in holy silence; one may read one or more of the "Penitential Psalms".*)

[Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143]

**CLOSING PRAYERS & BENEDICTION** LSB 200

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 418

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

*Before the service, the imposition of ashes will be offered for those who desire to participate in that custom. More importantly, since the service is the Divine Service, our holy Lord's Supper will be celebrated as we begin the Lenten journey (pilgrimage) to Holy Week and Easter.*

*The people of God leave in silent reflection. Join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM (Matins) or 7:00 PM (Vespers) for prayer and encouragement from God's Word. Last year's meditations revolved around the Ten Commandments and God's Law. This year we will reflect on the Chief Parts of the Christian Faith.*

*The Lent Midweek devotionals will be preceded by fellowship meals:*

**Lenten Lunch** ~ \$5 meal served promptly at noon; menus will be posted in the Sunday bulletin (reservation required by 9am each Wednesday 763-420-2426).

**Lenten Supper** ~ from 5:15-6:45 pm. "Pick any 2": soup, salad, sandwich for \$5, or all "3" for \$8. Available choices will include 2 soups and 2 sandwiches each week. Beverage and dessert included. (No reservation required.)