

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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Important Announcements

For those who watch services on Live-Stream during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Stay Home when Sick: If you are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately. If at a service, notify a Safety Team member on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

Singing (updated): MDH has gone from requiring no congregational singing to “not recommended” but does say that if a congregation sings masks and distancing are required. Please tune in early and stay late for the preludes, postludes, and sing with us the hymns that will be provided in the online bulletins.

Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home: The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moss

Liturgist: Pr. Matthew Johnson

Special Note for the Live Stream: Because the Absolution and Communion are sacramental acts that require the in-person interaction of penitent & pastor and communicant & pastor, we will not Live Stream those portions of the Divine Service. If you desire a more detailed explanation of the status of the controversies in Christianity and the LCMS around these acts that have led us to this decision on this practice, your pastors are more than willing to discuss it with you.

Stand
Psalm

Psalm 51:1–13

²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

³For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness;*
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,*
and sinners will re- | turn to you.

²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Invitation to Lenten Observance

- P** 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.

Litany for Ash Wednesday

- P** 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.

C Amen.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C hear us.



L God the Fa - ther in heaven,



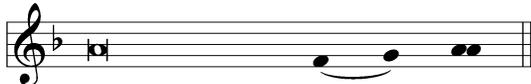
C have mer - cy.



L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



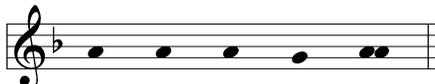
C have mer - cy.



L God the Holy Spir - it,



C have mer - cy.



L Be gra - cious to us.



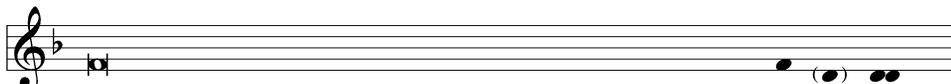
C Spare us, good Lord.



L Be gra - cious to us.



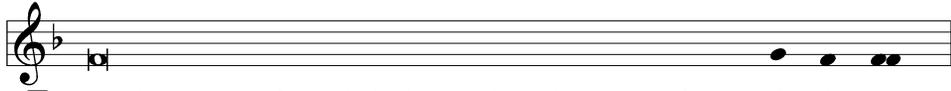
C Help us, good Lord.



L From all sin, from all error, from all e - vil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death;
From pestilence and famine;
from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion;
From lightning and tempest;
from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death:



C Good Lord, de-liv-er us.



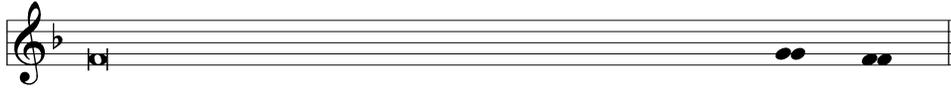
L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na-tiv-i-ty;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your
cross and passion; by Your precious death and bur-i-al;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Com-fort-er:



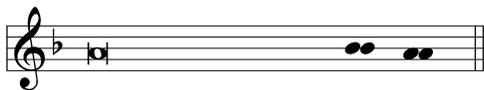
C Help us, good Lord.



L In all time of our tribulation; in all time
of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg-ment:



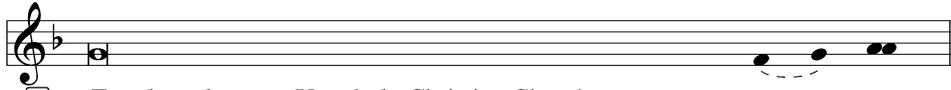
C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im-plore You



C to hear us, O Lord.



L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv-ing;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are de-ceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spir-it:



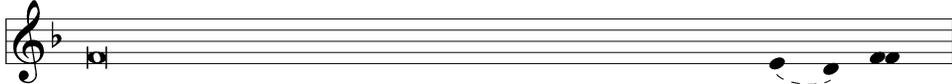
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



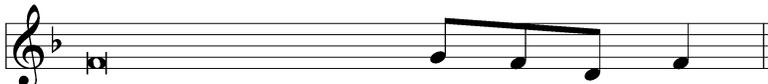
L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



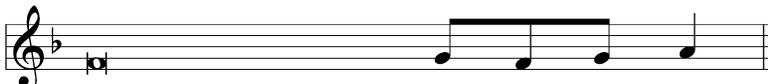
L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president/queen/king and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



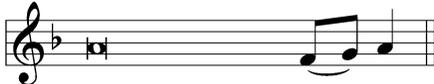
L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



C we implore You to hear us.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C have mer - cy.



L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C grant us Your peace.



L O Christ,



C hear us.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,

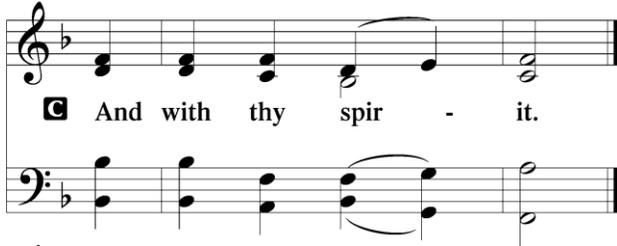


C have mer - cy. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

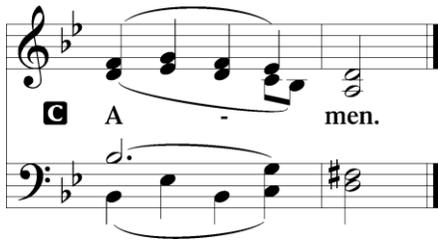


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1–10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a

**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.
Do not remember against us our former in- | iquities;*
let your compassion come speedily to | meet us.**

**Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,*
for the glory | of your name.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[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.

²“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. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“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. ⁶But 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. . . .

¹⁶[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. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that 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.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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.

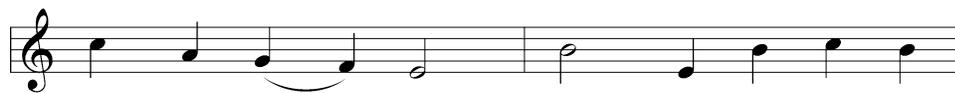
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
 2 Thy love and grace a-lone a-vail To blot out
 3 There-fore my hope is in the Lord And not in
 4 And though it tar-ry through the night And till the
 5 Though great our sins, yet great-er still Is God's a-



trib-u-la-tion; Bend down Thy gra-cious
 my trans-gres-sion; The best and ho-liest
 mine own mer-it; It rests up-on His
 morn-ing wak-en, My heart shall nev-er
 bun-dant fa-vor; His hand of mer-cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup-pli-ca-tion.
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op-pres-sion.
 faith-ful Word To them of con-trite spir-it
 doubt His might Nor count it-self for-sak-en.
 nev-er will A-ban-don us, nor wa-ver.



If Thou re-mem-b'rest ev-'ry sin, Who then could heav-en
 Be-fore Thee none can boast-ing stand, But all must fear Thy
 That He is mer-ci-ful and just; This is my com-fort
 O Is-rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir-it
 Our shep-herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev-er win Or stand be-fore Thy pres-ence?
 strict de-mand And live a-lone by mer-cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa-tience.
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap-pear-ing.
 Is-rael free From all their sin and sor-row.

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Sermon: *Remember (and Repent for) Thou Art Mortal*

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Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

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