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Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes

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Divine Service Setting Three

Opening Hymn

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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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.
- P** 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.
- P** 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.
- P** 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 51

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

²**Wash 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.

⁴**Against 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.

⁶**Behold, 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.

⁸**Let 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.

¹⁰**Create 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.

¹²**Restore 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.

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

Proverbs 6:16-19

¹⁶There are six things that the LORD hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:

¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,

¹⁹a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:15-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “When you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is

in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

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

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - jice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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Sermon

“Seven Abominations”

Proverbs 6:16-19

Offertory

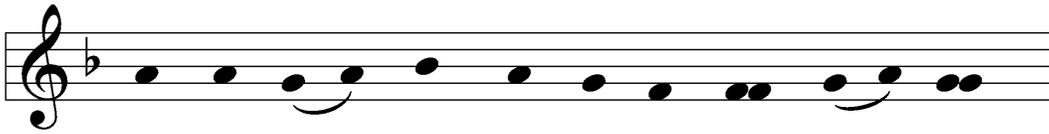
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☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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

Sanctus

LSB 195



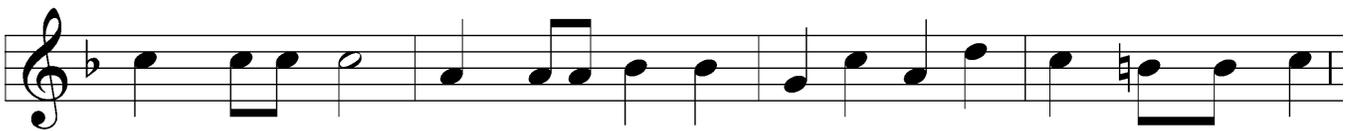
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



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



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

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.



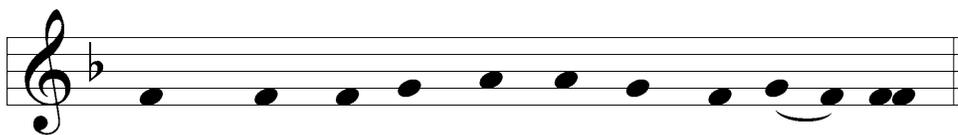
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Statement on Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that our Savior Jesus Christ is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar. Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the confession of faith as taught by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). If you are a guest who has not been instructed concerning our church's teaching of the Lord's Supper, we invite you to first attend our instructional classes. If you would like a Christian blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

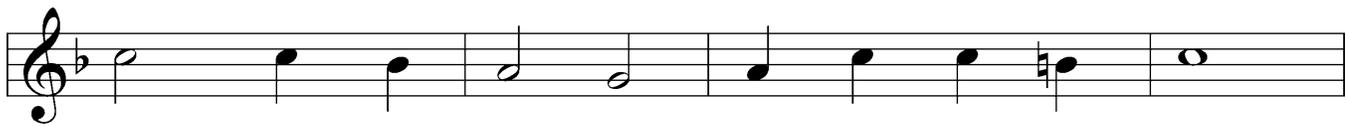
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1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

LSB 634



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”

6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Nunc Dimittis

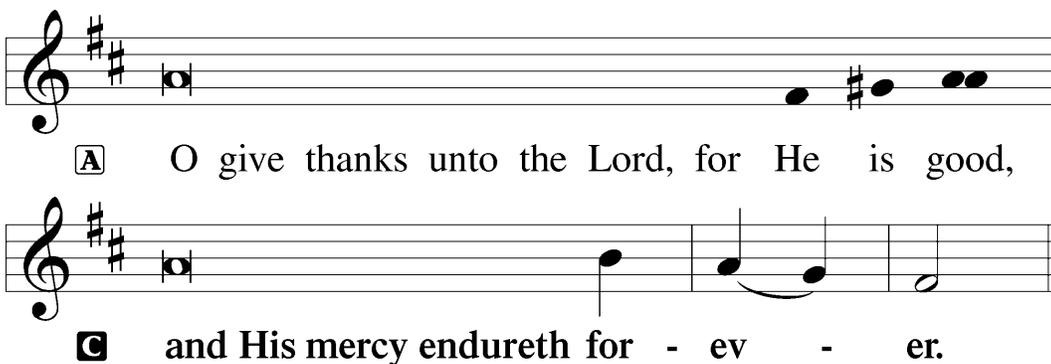
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

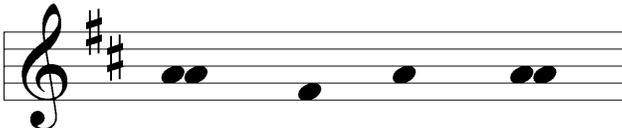
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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This year's Lenten Series focuses on **The Seven Abominations** as found in Proverbs 6:16-19. Sin is all around us and deep within us. These seven come from the very core of our sinful human nature. Through this series, we see what God hates about these sins and their opposite virtue that God loves.

February 25	Midweek 1	Haughty Eyes/Humble Spirit (Isaiah 3:16-17)
March 4	Midweek 2	Lying Tongue/Mouth of Praise (Proverbs 12:17-19)
March 11	Midweek 3	Shed Innocent Blood/Protect Life (Genesis 4:1-16)
March 18	Midweek 4	Wicked Heart/Good Deeds (Mark 10:17)
March 25	Midweek 5	Hastening Evil/Slow to Anger (Nahum 1:2-3)
April 2	Maundy Thursday	False Witness/True Witness (John 8:31-32)
April 3	Good Friday	Sowing Discord/Uplift One Another (Galatians 6:1-4)
April 5	Easter	Loved in Christ (Exodus 15:13)

Lenten Meals will begin Wednesday, February 25 and will continue each Wednesday throughout Lent. We will start serving at 5:45pm.

A Hymn Sing will also begin on Wednesday, February 25. Join us at 6:45 to sing your favorite hymn.

Our Midweek Offerings will once again go towards Missions.

