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AN ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

AS WE GATHER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

As we enter the Lenten season, we encounter a significant problem: we have fallen into sin just as Adam and Eve did, which means we are banished from the Garden of Eden just as they were. The wages of sin is death, and without access to the tree of life, we are all doomed to die. We are dust, and to dust we shall return. Yet, in Jesus, we find that we are not doomed to dust forever, but Jesus will raise us from the dead to join Him in a new Eden, a new paradise forever.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO LENTEN WORSHIP

David Garcia, *Organ*
Pastor Stephen Heimer

P My family in Christ: God created us to experience joy in communion with Him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of His creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so we do not and cannot enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Heavenly Father Who does not desire us to come under His judgment, but to turn to Him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor and His mission of mercy to our world. Repentance, the daily remembrance of our baptism, prayer, worship, and works of love and mercy – the very disciplines of Lent – strengthen us. I invite you, therefore to commit yourselves to this Lenten renewal, to confess your sins, and ask our Heavenly Father for His Spirit's strength to grow in your love for Him and your obedience to Him in this sacred season of Lent.

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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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** We begin our Lenten journey toward the cross.
C **We follow Jesus through the wilderness.**
- P** We commit ourselves to prayer and fasting.
C **We commit ourselves to serving God and our neighbors.**
- P** We remember our mortality.
C **We remember God's mercy.**
- P** For as Adam, we came from the dust,
C **and to dust we shall return.**
- P** As Adam, we have sinned,
C **and we need God's forgiveness.**

CONFESSION

- P** Most holy and merciful Father:
C **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**
- P** We have not loved You with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
C **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- P** We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your holy spirit.
C **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- P** We confess to you lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.
C **We confess to you Lord.**
- P** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.
C **We confess to you Lord.**
- P** Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those whom we perceive as more fortunate than ourselves.
C **We confess to you Lord.**
- P** Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and compromise of our Christian integrity in daily life and work.
C **We confess to you Lord.**
- P** Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
C **We confess to you Lord.**
- P** Accept our repentance, heavenly father for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
C **Accept our repentance for the sake of Your Son, Jesus.**
- P** For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
C **Accept our repentance for the sake of Your Son, Jesus.**
- P** For our waste and pollution of your creation, our lack of concern physically and spiritually for those who come after us, our own children and grandchildren,
C **Accept our repentance for the sake of Your Son, Jesus.**
- P** Receive us and restore us for your mercy is great.
C **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

You are invited to come forward to receive the sign of the cross, drawn with ashes upon your forehead, to remember that in your baptism your heavenly Father has raised you from ashes and dust, has breathed into you His Holy Spirit, and is recreating you for His mission. This year you will be ushered forward one household at a time. Please remain standing and ashes will be applied using a new, unused Q-tip for each individual person. After receiving the ashes and returning to your seat, you are encouraged to join in the singing of our selected hymns or turn to the Bible or to the Psalm section in front of the Hymnal and read Psalm 32; 51; 119 or other personally selected psalms.

HYMN: 419 SAVIOR, WHEN IN DUST TO THEE



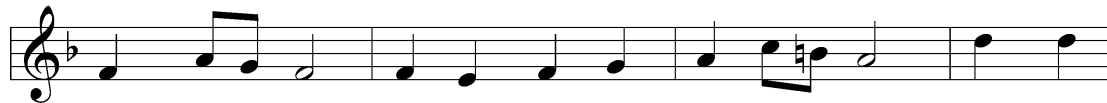
1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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HYMN: 611 CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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ABSOLUTION

Psalm 103:1-14

- P** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- C** **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**
- P** who forgives all your iniquity,
- C** **who heals all your diseases,**
- P** who redeems your life from the pit,
- C** **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- P** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- C** **The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- P** He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.
- C** **The Lord is merciful and gracious,**
- P** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** **He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**
- P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,
- C** **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- P** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
- C** **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**
- P** as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
- C** **As a father shows compassion to His children,**
- P** so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.
- C** **For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.**
- P** Even though we are dust and ashes, God removes our sin and makes us whiter than snow through the blood of Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. God has removed our sin as far as the east is from the west.**

+ WORD +

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You created us in Your holy image, but through our continuous sin, we have been poor reflections of You. Strengthen us throughout this season to put away sin and selfish ambition, so that we may journey toward the cross and empty tomb with all humility and patience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT (Adam and Eve fall into sin. God reminds them that they will die and return to dust.) Genesis 3

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. ¹⁵I 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."

¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. ²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE (We have borne the image of Adam, but we shall bear the image of Christ) 1 Corinthians 15:45–58

⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus sends out the Twelve with a message of repentance and healing.)

Mark 6:7–13

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

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

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Second Article and Meaning

C **[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;**

P Not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

C **That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**

P Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

C **This is most certainly true.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"When I Behold Jesus Christ" LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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SERMON

Bold Love: "The Bold Solution"

OFFERING

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.

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+ SACRAMENT +

P The Lord be with you.

C **The Lord be with you also.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **We offer our thanksgiving of lips and life; our duty and delight.**

P We thank you, Almighty Lord, that You are the God of all humankind, that You are not ashamed to be called our God, that You know us by our name, that You keep the world in Your hands. For You have made us and called us in this life to be united to You, to be Your people on this earth. Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists. Blessed are You for You have given us space and time to live in. Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breathe. We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands, for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, we praise Your majesty, Almighty God, with all Your faithful people; therefore, we bow our hearts before You now and worship You:

C **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. You alone are worthy, Lord our God to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and are preserved. Worthy alone is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and treasure and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever. Amen!**
(Revelation 4, 5)

P Blessed are You, Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world, You chose us to be Your children. You have freed us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, Lord, our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks for us; and that He will come to judge the living and the dead on the day that You have appointed. We pray, Lord our God, send us Your Holy Spirit, Your Spirit Who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ in us. We pray that we may surrender ourselves completely to Your service, and that, in the midst of this world, and before the eyes of all Your people, we may live Your gospel and be the sign of Your peace; that we may be opened to the poor, the sick, and the dying, and to all who are in need, that so we may be the Church of Jesus Christ, united with all faithful people everywhere. Through Him and with Him, and in Him You are blessed and praised, Lord our God, Almighty Father, in union with the Holy Spirit, today and unto endless day, forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (AGNUS DEI)

"The Lamb" LSB 547

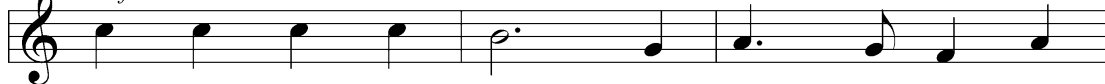


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32), the Scriptures call those who commune to personally examine themselves and in their communing publicly confess:

✠ **I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.**

✠ **I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.**

✠ **I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.**

✠ **Through His grace and strength, I will live to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.**

For those communicants preferring it, a light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice can be found at the center of each tray of wine (fruit of the vine). Children are invited to accompany parents to the altar for the blessing. We trust that your communion with Christ and His people will strengthen your faith, increase your love, and empower your witness to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have questions about your communing, please speak with the Pastor.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to suffer the death we deserve and rise from the dust to guarantee our resurrection from the dead. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, liberate, and defend us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD

COMMUNION RECEPTION AND HYMNS

HYMN: 435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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HYMN: 421 JESUS, GRANT THAT BALM AND HEALING



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



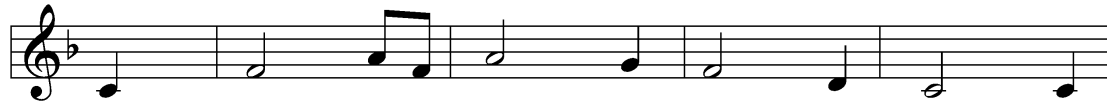
Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



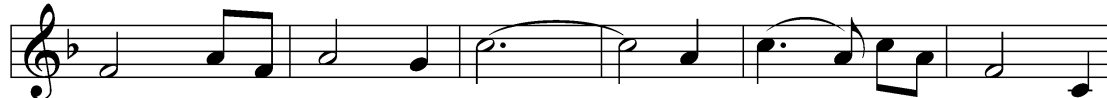
sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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HYMN: 744 AMAZING GRACE



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Almighty and ever living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us that we are truly members of His body the church. We ask You to strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this Communion and as Your workmanship live the life of mercy for which You have prepared us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, to Whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
3 No blind - ing sign we ask, No won - der from a - bove.
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a - lone In Your un - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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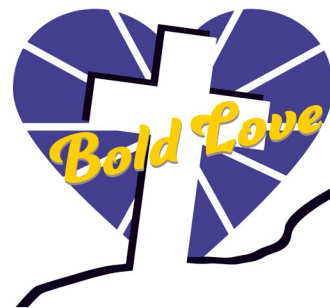
BENEDICTION

- P** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

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LENTEN THEME - "BOLD LOVE"

The world needs Christians who are bold in faith and Spirit-inspired love. This Lent we gather mid-week for renewal and inspiration in the bold love of Jesus. Many Christians are well aware of what took place on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. But what took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week? These three days contain bold action of Jesus, bold teaching, and bold confrontation with the religious leaders. Ash Wednesday reminds us of Christ's bold solution to the dreadful problem of sin and death. The other five midweek services of this series explore the "Bold" events that took place between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. May the Holy Spirit kindle bold faith and love in us this Lenten season.



Feb 17	Genesis 3:19	"Bold Solution"
Feb 24	Mark 11:15–19	"Bold Action"
March 3	Mark 12:28–37	"Bold Questions"
March 10	Matthew 23:1–12	"Bold Teaching"
March 17	John 12:23–36	"Bold Final Appearance"
March 24	Luke 22:1–6	"Bold Deal"

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