Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Wednesday, February 17, 2021

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation:
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal. Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

+ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross

The Congregation rises, turns towards the entrance of the nave, and faces the Cross of Christ, the reminder of Christ's promise to come and dwell among His people as they are gathered in His name.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the **¥** *Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **Amen!**

Introit



- [Antiphon] The sacrifices of God are a | bro- ken *spirit*; || a broken and contrite heart, O God, | you will not de- | spise.
- Verse 1: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | stead- fast love; || according to your abundant mercy | blot out my trans- | *gressions*.
- *Verse 2: Wash me thoroughly from my in- | i- qui- ty, || and | cleanse me from my | sin!*
- Verse 3: For I know | my trans- •gressions•, || and my sin is | •ever• be- fore__ | me.
- Verse 4: Create in me a clean | heart, O God, || and renew aright | •spirit• with- in | me.
- Verse 5: Cast me not away | from your •presence•, || and take not your Holy | Spi- rit from | me.
- Verse 6: Restore to me the joy of | your sal- •vation•, || and uphold me | with a will- ing | •spirit•.
- Gloria: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son: || and | to the Ho- ly | •Spirit•;

 As it was in the be- | •ginning•, is now, || and will | be for- •ever•. A- | men!
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Blessing of the Ashes

Pastoral Address for the Beginning of Lent

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: ...

Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

Imposition of Ashes and Individual Absolution

[At this point, in the history of the Church's liturgy, the faithful approached the altar, and kneeling, received the imposition of ashes, accompanied by the words: "Remember, O man, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return!" We pause, at this time, to meditate in song and silence on the sobering thought of our own mortality due to sin. Those who wish to come forward and receive the ashes may do so at this time, at the usher's direction. You may be seated until the imposition of ashes is completed. Then we kneel for prayer.]

Jesus Sinners Doth Burgundy Hymn 609

[Kneel] Ash Wednesday Litany	
O Lord,	have mercy.
O Christ,	have mercy.
O Lord,	have mercy.
O Christ,	hear us.
God the Father in heaven,	have mercy.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	have mercy.
God the Holy Spirit,	have mercy.
Be gracious to us	Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious to us.	Help us, good Lord.
From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from	

of judgment: Help us, good Lord.

We implore You to hear us, good Lord. To raise those that fall and to strengthen those that stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed: We implore You to hear us, good Lord. 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 and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; to strengthen and keep

all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts, to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You to hear us. Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,.....have mercy. Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy. Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,.....grant us Your peace. O Christ, hear us. O Lord, have mercy. O Christ,have mercy. O Lord, have mercy. Amen. Salutation and Collect Almighty and everlasting God, because You hate nothing You have made and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and + The Office of the Word of God + [Be Seated] Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12-19 Epistle of the Day 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 [Rise] Tract 1. Be merciful to | me, O God, be merciful to me, for in . . . | You my soul takes | •refuge•. Nor repay us He does not deal with us according to our sins according to | our in- iq- ui- ties. Do not remember Let Your comagainst us our passion come speedily to meet us, former in -− | *iq*−− *ui*− *ties*. for we are . . . | brought ve-ry Help us, O God, of deliver us, and our salvation, for atone for our sins, | for ____ Your name's sake. the gloryl of Your Name Holy Gospel St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 [The Gospel is announced.] [The Gospel is proclaimed.] Glo-ry be to Thee, O Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

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

[Bow] 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 worshipped 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 \pm of the world to come. Amen!

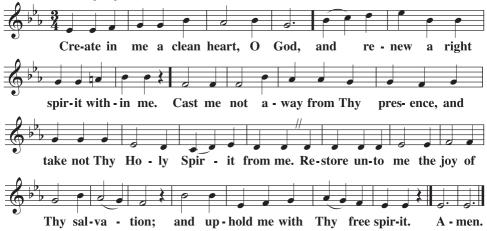
[Be Seated]

Hymn of the Day From Depths of Woe Burgundy Hymn 607

Sermon

Offerings, Voluntary





+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

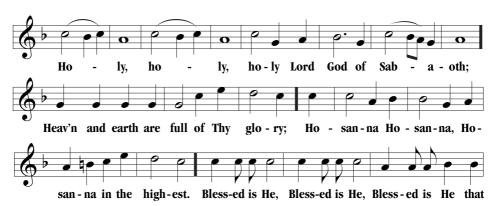


Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface for Lent, Sanctus

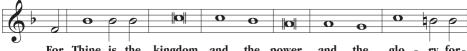




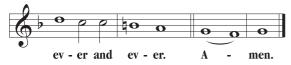
com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest.

[Kneel] Lord's Prayer

[Pastor chants:] Our Father who art in heaven; but deliver us from evil.



For Thine is the kingdom and and the glo the ry forpower



Words of Institution, Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Agnus Dei



[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns .. Lord, to You I Make Confession .. Burgundy Hymn 608 "As Surely as I Live," Burgundy Hymn 614 [Rise for stanza 8.]

Eucharistic Benediction

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting! \(\pm\) Depart in Peace! Amen!

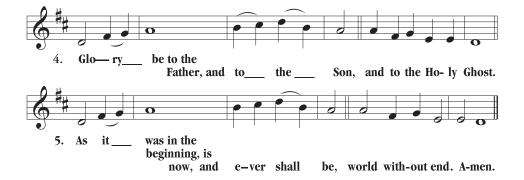




- 1. Lord now—lettest Thou Thy servant, de-part— in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy Word.
- 2. For eyes have seen mine_ Thy Salvation, fore the face of all__ people. which Thou hast pre- pared__ be-

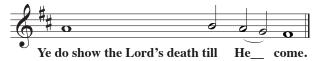


3. a Light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the Glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is - - - -



Post Communion Rite

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:



Prayer of Thanksgiving ... now and forever.



The Lord be with you.

Bless we the Lord.





Benediction

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 \maltese give you peace.



The Congregation departs in silence.

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Readings for Ash Wednesday

The Old Testament Reading is 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."

The Epistle is 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.

The Gospel is 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. ...

"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."

Hymns for the Ash Wednesday

LSB419 Savior When in Dust to Thee

Robert Grant

- Savior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the adoring knee;
 When, repentant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
 O, by all Thy pains and woe Suffered once for us below,
 Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!
- 2. By Thy helpless infant years, By Thy life of want and tears, By Thy days of deep distress In the savage wilderness, By the dread, mysterious hour Of the insulting tempter's pow'r, Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye; Hear our penitential cry!
- 3. By thine hour of dire despair, By thine agony of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn, By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dreadful sacrifice, Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
- 4. By Thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone, By the vault whose dark abode Held in vain the rising God, O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, re-ascended Lord, Bending from Thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

LSB609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Erdmann Neumeister

- 1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander! Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing, Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing. Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 3. Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh; Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 4. I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession. Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 5. Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion: For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6. Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7. Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

LSB607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

Martin Luther

- 1. From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and tribulation; Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, Lord, hear my supplication. If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin, Who then could heaven ever win Or stand before Thy presence?
- 2. Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression; The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression. Before Thee none can boasting stand, But all must fear Thy strict demand And live alone by mercy.
- 3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in mine own merit; It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit That He is merciful and just: This is my comfort and my trust. His help I wait with patience.
- 4. And though it tarry through the night And till the morning waken, My heart shall never doubt His might Nor count itself forsaken. O Israel, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spirit and the Word, Now wait for His appearing.
- 5. Though great our sins, yet greater still Is God's abundant favor; His hand of mercy never will Abandon us, nor waver. Our shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free From all their sin and sorrow.

LSB608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

Johann Franck

- 1. Lord, to You I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray, I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way. Led by You to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.
- 2. Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me in Your grace. Do not for my sins forsake me; Let Your wrath not overtake me.

- 3. For Your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n Himself to rescue me, Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free. Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and soothe this anguish.
- 4. Lord, on You I cast my burden—Sink it in the deepest sea! Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity. Let Your Spirit leave me never; Make me only Yours forever.
- 1. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

LSB614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said George W. Briggs

- "As surely as I live," God said, "I would not see the sinner dead.
 I want him turned from error's ways, Repentant, living endless days."
- 2. And so our Lord gave this command: "Go forth and preach in ev'ry land; Bestow on all My pard'ning grace Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 3. "All those whose sins you thus remit I truly pardon and acquit, And those whose sins you will retain Condemned and guilty shall remain.
- 4. "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the keys are giv'n To open, close the gates of heav'n."
- 5. The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live;
 The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
- 6. When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7. All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free, In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.
- △8. Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Justification by Faith Not Fasting

[F]rom faith there flows this knowledge, which is true, and is certain that whatever outward thing there is besides faith does not justify. Forms of worship were instituted in such variety among the Jews and among us that they are beyond number. "Go and learn what this means" (Matt. 9:13), that what is most important to you nevertheless does not count for anything. Therefore those who want to please God through sacrifices are in error. And to the disciples who were plucking grain on the Sabbath, Christ said (Mark 2:27): "The Sabbath was made for men." Here the righteousness that consists in the observance of days, even of the Sabbath, is rejected. "I do not care," He says, "for a greater one is here" (Matt. 12:6); that is, the Sabbath does not justify, but faith in Christ does. To believe that the Sabbath justifies is to believe something contrary to the truth. But what of the new moon? This does not count for anything either, Paul says (Col. 2:16). This is the truth. Why do we fast frequently? We are "sons [of the bridechamber]," He says (Matt. 9:15). This was a good and a true fasting, not like the fasting mentioned in Matt. 6:16. Nevertheless, he rejects it. Fasting does not justify, but faith in Christ does. If you have this, then you are pleasing to God, whether you fast or not. Eat whatever God has given. "Nothing is to be rejected," Paul says in 1 Tim. 4:4. And why did David eat the bread of the Presence? (Matt. 12:3-4) Nothing is pure or holy apart from faith. To us all things are holy, even sins committed against human traditions. ... [T]here is neither condemnation nor salvation in outward things, but only in believing. Therefore we say in accordance with the mind of Christ that nothing justifies except believing in Christ.

Luther's Works, 29:6-7.

Zion Stay-Safe Protocols

- Indiana and Allen County metrics continue to get better. Vaccines are available for more and more. If you can, we encourage you to be vaccinated!
- We are starting to inch our way back to normal.
- If you are sick, GO/STAY HOME; go to the doctor.
- Those over 65 or immunocompromised are most vulnerable.
- Wear masks if you can, especially in the pews, because of
 prolonged exposure there;
 - respiratory droplets expelled while singing and speaking.
- Be aware of your surroundings; spread out in church; do the recommended distancing (six feet); use the transepts; go to the balcony as necessary. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- You are invited now to shake hands, if you're comfortable doing it. Otherwise, we can still bump fists or forearms. Still practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands and using hand sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue (then throw it away) or into your elbow.
- Limit your socializing after the service.
- Take your service bulletin home after service or deposit it in the blue recycling bins. Hymns are in the hymnals.
- No offering plates are being passed. Place your offerings and communion registrations in the baskets in the narthex. Don't forget your bank's automatic bill pay as a method of tithing.
- Holy Communion will continue with stations until the virus is contained. Individual cups are offered for the blood of Christ.