

***February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022***

***Ash Wednesday Service***

***With Communion***



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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!** We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."

**In our readings today:** On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our faces toward His cross and Passion in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by the way of repentance, and thus we return to the dying and rising of Holy Baptism. Christ Jesus, "*who knew no sin*," became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin and in His resurrection we "*become the righteousness of God*" (2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has thus reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, "*now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (2 Cor. 6:2). He has provided the sacrificial Lamb, and He has left "*a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering*" in the Eucharist (Joel 2:14, 19). He summons us to return to Him with all our hearts, because He is "*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love*" (Joel 2:13). Return to Him in faith and confidence, and so pray to Him as your Father; give to the needy from a heart of love; and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18).

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26–28; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus' own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23–24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17–26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27–34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

**Attendance Registration** cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members' attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

### A Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

Those who desire to receive ashes are ushered forward by families; the pastor places the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying:

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

As the ashes are received in silence, you are invited to meditate on all that Christ has done to forgive your sinfulness using the following Psalms and hymns: Psalms 13, 16, 32, 51, 116, 130, 141; Hymns 420, 422, 425, 430, 438, 607, 610, 614, 616.

*Stand*

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,  
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.  
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;  
C make haste to help me, O Lord.  
C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.  
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

### Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy**  
**blot out my transgressions.**

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**
- <sup>4</sup>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.**
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
**and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
**and sinners will return to you.**
- <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
**and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**
- <sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare your praise.**
- <sup>16</sup>For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
**you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.**
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**
- <sup>18</sup>Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
**build up the walls of Jerusalem;**
- <sup>19</sup>then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
**then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

*Sit*

# God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by

Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessed Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

## Old Testament Reading

*Joel 2:12-19*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Joel, the second chapter.

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
 "return to me with all your heart,  
 with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>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.  
<sup>14</sup>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?  
<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
 consecrate a fast;  
 call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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?'

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10*

**P** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, the fifth and sixth chapters.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[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.

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

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>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...

<sup>16</sup>“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.

<sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>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.

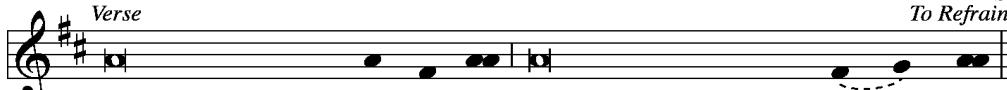
<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Responsory

LSB 231



**L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

## Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,  
 blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to  
 Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Sermon “True Worship”

*Stand*

### Confession

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Canticle

LSB 231

[L] Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,  
[C] and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Magnificat

LSB 231

[C] My soul mag-ni-fies theLord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-i-or;  
[I] for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.  
[II] For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.  
[I] For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
[II] and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.  
[I] He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts. [II] He has cast down the

might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.  
**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,  
 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.  
**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy  
 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev - er.  
**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A-men.

*Sit*

## Prayer

### Service of the Sacrament

**Preface:** (*The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.*) LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** (*Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9.)*)



**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.

**Lord's Prayer:** (*We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.*)

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

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

**Words of Our Lord:** (*We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.*)

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** (*Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.*)

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A single-line musical staff in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. It consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the staff, the text "C A - men." is written, where "C" and "A" are in a square box.

**Agnus Dei:** (*Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.*)

LSB 198

A four-line musical staff in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first line starts with "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us." The second line continues with "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us." The third line begins with "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace." The fourth line concludes with "A - men." The lyrics are enclosed in a square box.

Sit

## Distribution

### Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611

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

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'n's 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,

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

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.

5 O my Savior, help afford  
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!  
 When my wayward heart would stray,  
 Keep me in the narrow way;  
 Grace in time of need supply  
 While I live and when I die.

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

**Post-Communion Canticle:** (*Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.*)

**Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199

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 without end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

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

**Post-Communion Collect:** (*We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.*)

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

### Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction:** (*Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27.).*)

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



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

*Sit*

## Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,

The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,

The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

## Silent Prayer After Worship

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*The Congregation departs in silence.*