

FOR US



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

*= Stand

C = Congregation

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in Sacramental Union with the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only communicant members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

PREPARATION

Ash Wednesday Address

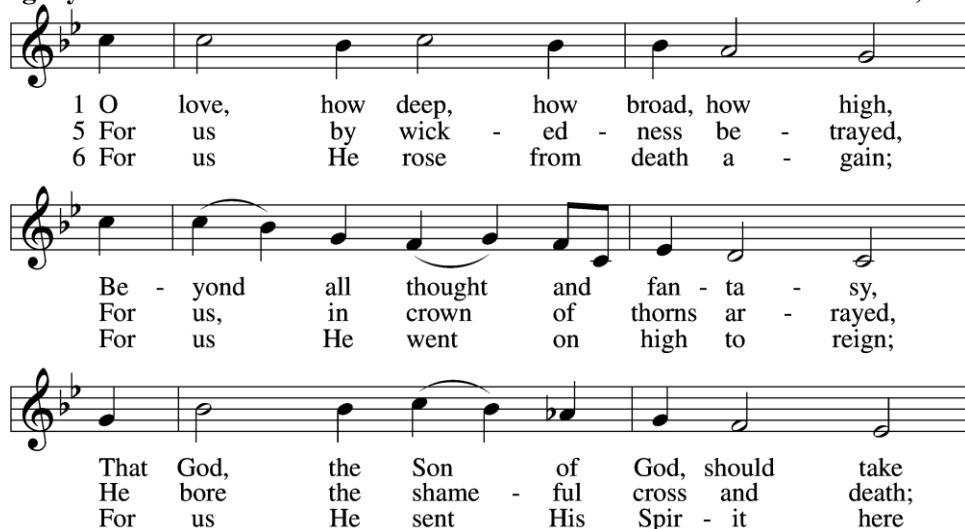
P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in Heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Opening Hymn

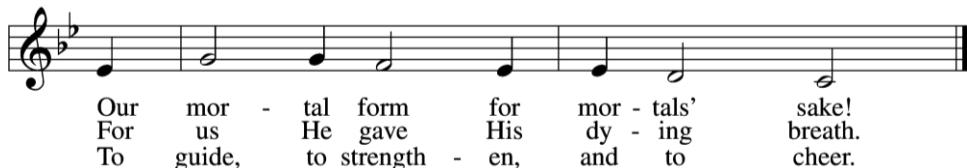
LSB 544 O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,
6 For us He rose from death a - gain;

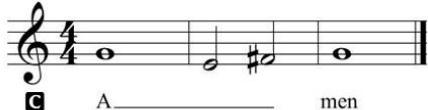
Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,
For us He went on high to reign;

That God, the Son should God, take
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;
For us He sent His Spir - it here



*Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the [†] Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Confession of Sins

P We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But our God is faithful and just, and He remembers us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C Most merciful God, we confess to You that we have broken Your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to be the people You have called us to be. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought. So often we fail to remember Your promises, Your presence, and Your perfect plan. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of Your love that we may walk in Your ways and live to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Absolution



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:12–19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and 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. ¹⁴Who 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? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather 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. ¹⁷Between 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?’”

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The 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

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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*Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

¹[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I

say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

¹⁶“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

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*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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
5 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing Wafts its praise on high,
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
An - gel hosts re - joic - ing Make their glad re - ply.
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

Sermon

“Incarnate for Us”

(2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10)

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

Voluntary

Lord, Who Throughout The Forty Days

CONSOLATION/John Leavitt Wagner

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response. It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the first measure.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

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C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

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C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

Sanctus



Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the first measure.

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

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the first measure.

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

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the first measure.

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

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the first measure.

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

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a single line of music in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are quarter notes and eighth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note in the first measure.

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

*The Words of Our Lord

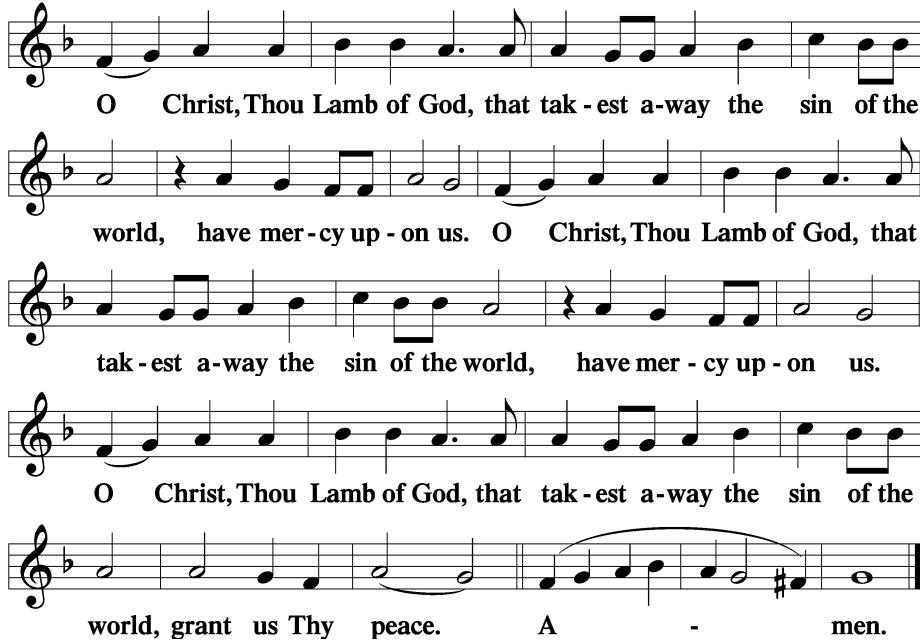
*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

*Agnus Dei



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.

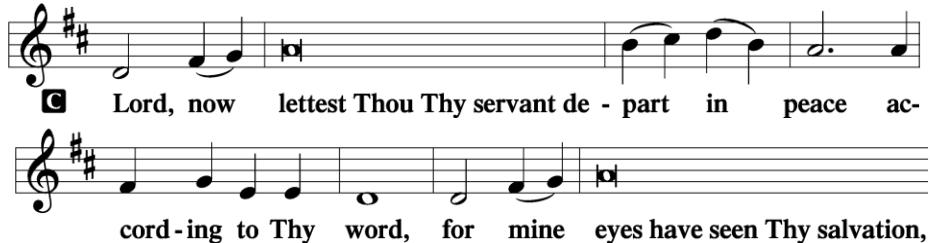
Distribution Hymns

LSB 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

*Nunc Dimittis



C 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 - rael. 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

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray...

men.

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

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.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 878 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.

2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;

6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.

What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?

Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,

Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?

Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.

Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.

In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Psalm 69:16–18; Psalm 51:7

P Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

C **Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*The people come forward to receive the ashes as
the pastor repeats Genesis 3:19 over each penitent.*

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

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgists: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Choir: Chancel Choir

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: C. Stackle/D. Gerfen/W. Schuessler

Elders: 11:30: Jeff Akers, Steve Kienstra; 6:30: Rob Uthoff, Ken Werkmeister

Ushers: 11:30: Lenten Morning Team; 6:30: Team #13 – Craig Owen, Captain

Altar Committee: 11:30: Bonna Mayer; 6:30: Anne Glessner

Join us next week for our Midweek Lenten Service

11:00 a.m. Organ Recital - Michelle Sliger and Burnell Hackman

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Lenten Supper hosted by the Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays in Lent

11:00 a.m. - Organ Recital

11:30 a.m. - Worship Service

5:00 p.m. - Lenten Supper

6:30 p.m. - Worship Service

