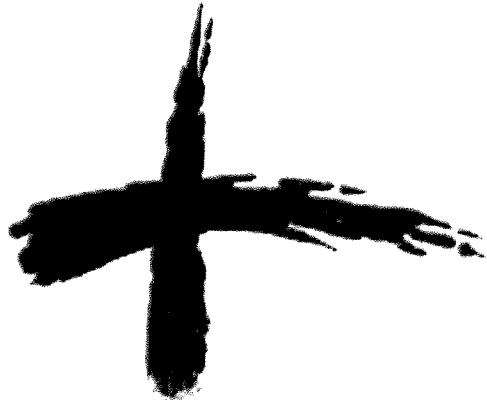


Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**Bringing Christ To All People
Today And Every Day**

GATHERING TOGETHER

WELCOME - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM - Stand As You Are Able

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

CONFESSION

P Blessed be The Holy Trinity, ✝ One God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gifts of Jesus' grace, love, and mercy!

C Amen!

P Let us acknowledge before The Holy Trinity and one another our need for repentance and Jesus' grace, love, and mercy!

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Holy Trinity,

C we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your Holy Word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen!

P Hear and receive the Good News: God our Father so loved His world and people that He gave His only Son Jesus, so that all may receive grace, love, and mercy in His Son. This promise is for all of us! Jesus embraces us with His Divine grace, love, and mercy, ✝ forgives us in His Holy Name, and revives us in The Holy Spirit's fire and power!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C Lord God our Father, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to keep us steadfast in your Holy Word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

P Let us pray!

C Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

P Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in The Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

THE BANQUET

COMMUNION LITURGY

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

- In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

- Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory.

- Pour out The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER - SING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

TABLE BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

THE SENDING

BLESSING - SING - Stand As You Are Able

C Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!"
We are Jesus strong! Amen!

SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

FINAL SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!



IMPOSITION OF ASHES

People come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.

R Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return!

C Amen!

After those who desire ashes have received them, the minister continues.

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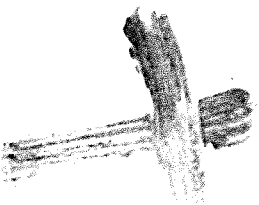
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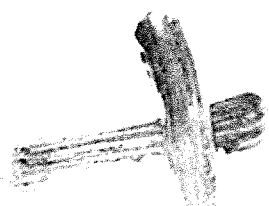
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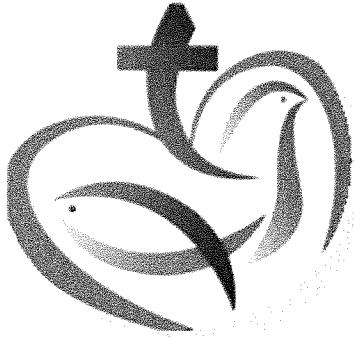
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LESSONS

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024



Worship Services
with Holy Communion
At 9:00 am & 10:30am

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*Bringing Christ To All People Today
And Every Day*

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

L In this part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th Chapter.

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

L Jesus taught his disciples and those gathered: ¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever 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 whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

L Because of the coming day of the Lord God, the prophet Joel calls the people of the southern kingdom of Judah to a community lament. The repentant community declares that the Lord God is gracious and asks the Lord God to spare the people lest the nations doubt the Lord God's power to save.

L ¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. 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; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

³For I know ¹my offenses,
and my sin is ev-¹er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born ¹steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth ¹deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur-¹er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear ¹joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken ¹may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face ¹from my sins,
and blot out ¹all my wickedness.

- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- ¹³Let me teach your ways to offenders,
and sinners shall be restored to you.
- ¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**
- ¹⁵O LORD, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- ¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**
- ¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:1-10

L Through the power of The Holy Spirit, the ministry of Jesus' Gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through Jesus' Gospel, God His Father's reconciling activity in the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God His Father. In this way, God His Father accepts us into the reality of His Son Jesus' Divine Salvation.

L ^{5:20b}We entreat 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. ^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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