**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**For Supply Pastors**

**The Prayer of the Day is led by the assisting minister.**

**The prayers of intercession are done by the assisting minister.**

**Offertory prayer is done by the assisting minister.**

**Post communion prayer is done by the assisting minister.**

**Dismissal is done by the assisting minister.**

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**\*** *Stand as you are able.* ***Bold type is congregational response.***

**WELCOME**

*A period of silence to prepare our hearts and minds for the journey of Lent we begin tonight.*

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Amen.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved you as the Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

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Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thought toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

**\* ENTRANCE HYMN**  *Our Father, We Have Wandered*

ELWHymn 606

**\* GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY** – assisting minister

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and**

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**strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:1-12**

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 51:1-17**

**PSALM 51:1-17** psalm tone 3 **(**sung responsively) – Carla Cashman

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

1Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
  in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.  
2**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,**  
  **and cleanse me | from my sin.**  
3For I know | my offenses,  
  and my sin is ev- | er before me.  
4**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;** **so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.** R   
5Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
  a sinner from my | mother’s womb.  
6**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,**  
  **and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**  
7Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
  wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

8**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**  
  **that the body you have broken | may rejoice.** R

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9Hide your face | from my sins,  
  and blot out | all my wickedness.  
10**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,**  
  **and renew a right spir- | it within me.**  
11Cast me not away | from your presence,  
  and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.  
12**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation**  
  **and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.** R  
13Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
  and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.  
14**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,**  
  **and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**  
15O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
  and my mouth shall pro- | claim 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. R 

**SECOND LESSON Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and**

**merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

\* **GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 6th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** **4**

**SERMON**

**\* HYMN OF DAY** *What Wondrous Love Is This* ELW Hymn 666

**\* APOSTLES’ CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead. 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 PRAYERS – assisting minister**

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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**OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

**\* OFFERTORY SONG** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW Hymn 188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER – assisting minister**

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal

as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**Amen.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\* SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **God of power and might,** **heaven and earth are full of your glory.** **Hosanna in the highest.** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,

together with rivers and seas, wells and springs

we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,

and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,

who joined us in our desert,

pouring out his life for the world.

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.

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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 life, death, and resurrection,

we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food

and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:

wash away our sin,

that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.**Amen.**

**\* THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

***This is the Lord’s Table. He is the host. We are his guests. He welcomes everyone to come, eat and be nourished; fed and forgiven. So, come, eat, and live! You may also come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor, including children, who do not yet receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the communion elements will be brought to you. Tonight, we will partake of Holy Communion at the same time as the imposition of ashes. First, you will receive a smearing of ashes on your forehead in the shape of a cross, and then you will continue to your respective side to receive the bread and the wine or grape juice.***

*Lamb of God*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

*Out of the Depths I Cry to You* ELW Hymn 600

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* ELW Hymn 608

*Change My Heart, O God* ELW Hymn 801

**\* TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

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**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER – assisting minister**

**Let us pray.**

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of

Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,

empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the

world with your love. **Amen.**

**\* BLESSING**

God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN** *The Glory of These Forty Days (1,2, 4)*

ELW Hymn 320

**\* DISMISSAL – assisting minister**

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Leave in silence.*



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