

# **THE DIVINE SERVICE ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021  
12pm & 7:00 pm

(Some of the service is taken from the LSB Divine Service, Setting 3)

## **THE BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

### **THE ANTIPHON**

Pastor: Hear me, O Lord; for Thy loving- kindness is good.

**People: Turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.**

Pastor: Save me, O God:

**People: For the waters are come in unto my soul.**

### **GLORIA PATRI**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

### **THE ASH WEDNESDAY CONFESSION**

Pastor: Dearly beloved, forasmuch as we now purpose to enter upon this most holy season of Lent, let us begin our journey to The Cross by confessing our sins to God and to one another:

(Kneel)

Pastor: I now ask you before God, Who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment?

**People: I do confess!**

Pastor: Verily, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

**People: I do repent!**

Pastor: Verily, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?

**People: I do believe!**

Pastor: Verily, you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Do you promise that with the aid of The Holy Spirit you will henceforth amend your sinful life?

**People: I do promise!**

Pastor: Verily, you should so promise, for Christ, Our Lord, says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven." May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**People: Amen!**

Pastor: May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant us pardon, (+) absolution, and remission of all our sins.

**People: Amen!**

## **THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

(As a sign of penitence and human mortality, ashes will be placed on the foreheads of those who so desire.)

Pastor: (+) Remember, O man, that dust thou art,  
and unto dust thou shalt return!

### **HYMN**

*"Savior, When in Dust to Thee" LSB 419*

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT** Joel 2:12-19 ESV

“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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. 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.

6 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 is honor, 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

*"We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953*

**We all believe in one true God  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Ever present help in need  
Praised by all the heav'nly host  
All He made His love enfolds  
All creation He upholds**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ  
Son of God and Mary's son  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost  
Who from both in truth proceeds  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs  
Blest and holy Trinity  
Praise forever be to Thee**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21 ESV

"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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Just as I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**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**

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

**++ SERMON ++**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (Please remain seated)

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Spoken)

**People:**

**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

(Spoken by the Pastor)

### **THE PAX DOMINI** (LSB pg. 197)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you  
always!

**People:** (Sing) **Amen.**

### **THE AGNUS DEI** (LSB pg. 198)

(Sing) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest  
away the sin of the world have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away  
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION** (Sit)

(See Communion policy on the front "Welcome" page of the  
bulletin or on the screen.)

Before approaching The Altar: (Kneel and say)

O Lord Jesus Christ Son Of The Living God, Who according to the will of The Father and through the operation of The Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by Your Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood deliver me from all my iniquities and from every evil, and make me ever cling to Your commandments, and permit me never to part from You.

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

After Returning to The Pew: (kneel and say this or another prayer) O Lord Christ, I can never thank You enough for instituting this Most Blessed Sacrament of Your Most Holy Body and Blood. May it ever be for me salvation to life everlasting and strength for godly living. Who lives and reigns with The Father and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440*

**Jesus I will ponder now  
On Your Holy Passion  
With your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish**

**Make me see Your great distress  
Anguish and affliction  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion  
Make me see how scourge and rod**

**Spear and nails did wound You  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns and crowned You**

**Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your Passion  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination  
Ah I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion**

**Grant that I your Passion view  
With repentant grieving  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure**

**If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me  
Let Your cross my fear disarm  
Peace of conscience give me  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion  
If for me He slays His Son  
God must have compassion**

**Graciously my faith renew  
Help me bear my crosses  
Learning humbleness from You  
Peace mid pain and losses  
May I give You love for love**

**Hear me O my Savior  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (LSB pg. 199)

**(Sing) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart  
in peace according to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which  
Thou has prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of  
Thy people Israel  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the  
Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever  
shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**THE VERSICLE** (Spoken)

**Pastor:** As often as you eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup:

**People:** You show the Lord's death till He  
comes.

**THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** Amen!

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**People: And also with you**

## **THE BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord

Psalm 103:1

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May Almighty God bless you: The Father, (+)  
and The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*"Abide with Me" LSB 878 vs 1, 5 & 6*

**Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness depends Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless O abide with me**

**I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting Where grave thy victory  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the  
skies**

**Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee**

**In life in death O Lord abide with me**

# **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

## **12:00pm Service**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder

Ken Kosmalski, Reader

Volunteers, Ushers

## **7:00 pm Service**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

David Brown, Elder

David Brown, Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong,  
Ushers

## **LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Our Website: [www.mthopelutheranchurch.com](http://www.mthopelutheranchurch.com)

### **ASH WEDNESDAY - February 17<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM  
(With Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 1--February 24<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 2—March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 3—March 10<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 4—March 17<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **MIDWEEK OF LENT 5—March 24<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

### **PALM SUNDAY—March 28<sup>th</sup>**

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am

### **HOLY (MAUNDY) Thursday—April 1<sup>st</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon & 7:00 PM w/HC  
Stripping of the altar for Good Friday

### **GOOD FRIDAY—April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

In person worship 12 Noon  
(To be recorded for viewing on church's FB page and Website.)

## **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

April 4<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY

In person worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am