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WEDNESDAY
SERVICE

Faith Lutheran Church

Green Bay, WI

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneels.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wobble room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

College Students: Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

We gather in silence



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 also 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 that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.



KYRIE / LITANY

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy.

God the Father, in heaven,
have mercy.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy.

God the Holy Spirit.
have mercy.

Be gracious to us.
Spare us, good Lord.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and Passion; by Your precious death and burial;
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity;
in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You
to hear us, O Lord.

To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith,
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken,
the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;
and graciously to hear our prayers:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace. Amen.

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.

Amen.



IMPOSITION OF ASHES

During the singing of the hymns, the children of God may approach to receive the Imposition of Ashes. Please remain seated if you do not desire to receive the ashes. Your repentance, confession, and forgiveness are not threatened if you choose not to receive ashes.

Ashes symbolize our sinful state before God which results in our own mortality. The sign of the cross reminds us of our baptism and points to the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life that God gives to us in Jesus Christ. In ancient times placing ashes on one's head was an act of humiliation and repentance. Wearing the cross is not a badge of honor as a good work or having gone to church, but a public acknowledgment of repentance from sin and the truth of the words "ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

Hymns During the Imposition:

"Out of the Deep I Call" - (TLH #327) hymn paraphrase of psalm 130

- 1. Out of the deep I call To Thee, O Lord to Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I fall; Be merciful to me.**
- 2. Out of the deep I cry, The woeful deep of sin,
Of evil done in days gone by, Of evil now within;**
- 3. Out of the deep of fear And dread of coming shame;
All night till morning watch is near I plead the precious name.**
- 4. Lord, there is mercy now, As ever was, with Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I bow; be merciful to me.**

“Chief of Sinners, Though I Be” - LSB #611

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee” - LSB #419

Lord, let these ashes be a reminder to us that we are but dust. May these ashes imprinted on our foreheads remind us of our mortality, and by Your holy Word may we be brought to true repentance, trusting solely in Christ as the source of our eternal salvation. May our Lenten journey, begun this day, continue to propel us forward to the victorious day of resurrection and triumph. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament

Joel 2:12-19

"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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-12

Antiphon

(cantor/choir;
then ALL)

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.

Psalm tone

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Cantor/choir Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast | love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Left side Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,
and cleanse me from my | sin!

Right side For I know my trans- | gressions,
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Left 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.

Antiphon

Left Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Right Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret | heart.

Left Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be | clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than | snow.

Right Let me hear joy and | gladness;
let the bones that you have broken re- | joice.

Left Hide your face from my | sins,
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

Antiphon

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.

Left Cast me not away from your | presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from | me.

Right Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

ALL **Glory be to the Father and to the | Son**
and to the Holy | Spirit;
As is was in the be- | ginning,
is now and will be forever. A- | men.

Antiphon

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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.

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 dishonor, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

HYMN: **"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved" - LSB #945**
 (cantor sings first line; then ALL)



SERMON: Pastor David Hintz

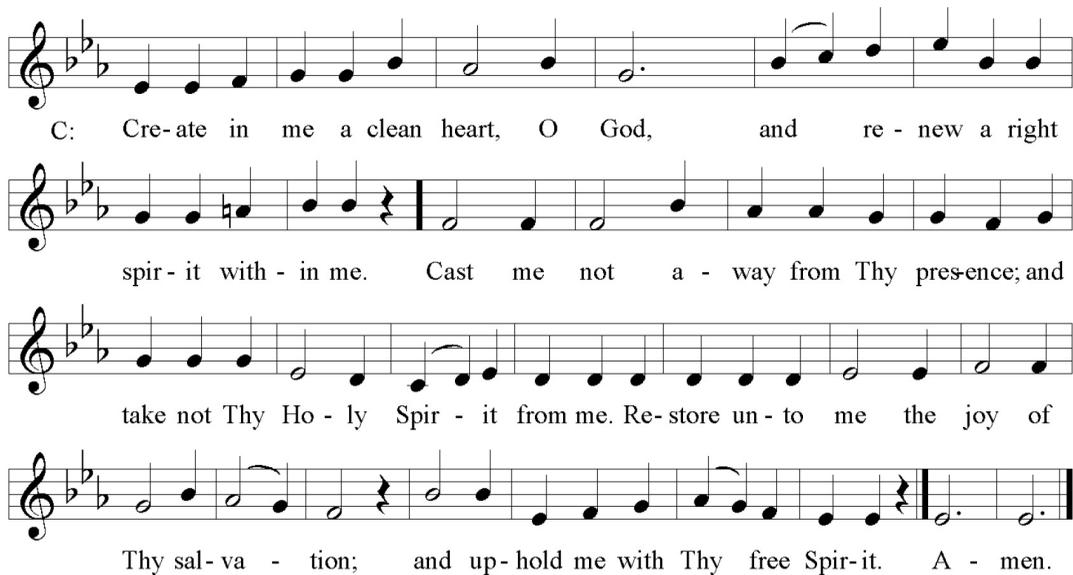
Gathering of the Offering

Did you know that your offering supports the work of local missions seeking to provide care to homeless, abused, and vulnerable populations in our city?

Scan to Give



OFFERTORY: "Create in Me" (Ps. 51:1-12)



C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LUTHER'S QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation (*Romans 6:21, 23*).

Do you hope to be saved?

Yes, that is my hope.

In whom then, do you trust?
In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Who is Christ?
The Son of God, true God and man.

How many Gods are there?
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

Did the Father also die for you?
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

How do you know this?
From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
Yes, I believe it.

What convinces you to believe this?
The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written.

(John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2 and Ephesians 5).

Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it.

(Galatians 5 and Romans 7).

Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say.

(John 15-16; 1 John 2 & 5).

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him.

(John 8 & 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2).

+ SACRAMENT +

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly, good, right, and beneficial that we should always give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. You ask Your people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare joyfully for the wedding feast of the Lamb. Renew our passion for faith and life, and make certain in us that salvation is graciously given to the children of God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*spoken*)

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!

Holy God, as we are gathered in true repentance, our need for redemption is as real to us as ever. Thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to walk upon this earth and to take our sins upon Himself. In remembrance of His life-giving sacrifice let us now faithfully eat and drink of His body and blood and receive anew forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear us as we pray in His name, and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” - LSB #434

COMMUNION HYMNS:

6:30 Adult Choir: *Kyrie* - Andrea Klouse
Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy
Christe eleison Christ, have mercy
Kyrie eleison Lord, have mercy

"There is a Balm in Gilead" - LSB #749

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" - LSB #843

"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord" - LSB #634

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Amen.

HYMN: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB #422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

