

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead  
and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father  
and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

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#### The Distribution

*(Before our Lord's body and blood are distributed, the imposition of  
ashes will be offered. If you do not wish to receive the ashes, simply  
bow your head placing your forehead in your hand, and you will be  
passed by.)*

#### The Distribution Hymns

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"	Hymn 618
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THE CLOSING HYMN	stanzas 1-2, 4-5, 7	Hymn 609
"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"		

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### Wednesday, March 5, 2025

#### THE DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE (modified)

(The congregation shall stand during the  
CAPITALIZED portions of the service.)

The Opening Hymn	Hymn 611
"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"	

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS	
THE PSALM	Psalms 51:1-13

#### THE LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

P:	God the Father in heaven,
C:	<b>HAVE MERCY.</b>
P:	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C:	<b>HAVE MERCY.</b>
P:	God the Holy Spirit,
C:	<b>HAVE MERCY.</b>
P:	Be gracious to us.
C:	<b>SPARE US, GOOD LORD.</b>
P:	Be gracious to us.
C:	<b>HELP US, GOOD LORD.</b>
P:	By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;...and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
C:	<b>HELP US, GOOD LORD.</b>
P:	In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
C:	<b>HELP US, GOOD LORD.</b>
P:	We poor sinners implore You:
C:	<b>TO HEAR US, O LORD.</b>
P:	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:

**C: WE IMPORE YOU TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.**

P: To draw all sinners to Yourself; . . . and to have mercy on us all:

**C: WE IMPORE YOU TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.**

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

**C: WE IMPORE YOU TO HEAR US, GOOD LORD.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C: WE IMPORE YOU TO HEAR US.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: HAVE MERCY.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: HAVE MERCY.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: GRANT US YOUR PEACE.**

P: O Christ,

**C: HEAR US.**

P: O Lord,

**C: HAVE MERCY.**

P: O Christ,

**C: HAVE MERCY.**

P: O Lord,

**C: HAVE MERCY. AMEN.**

#### THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The Old Testament

Joel 2:12-19

The Anthem

J. S. Bach

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

*(see Gospel responses on pages 190-191)*

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#### The Hymn of the Day

Hymn 704

**"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"**

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THE EXHORTATION TO THE COMMUNICANTS

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**C: O ALMIGHTY GOD, MERCIFUL FATHER, I, A POOR MISERABLE SINNER, CONFESS UNTO YOU ALL MY SINS AND INIQUITIES WITH WHICH I HAVE EVER OFFENDED YOU AND JUSTLY DESERVED YOUR TEMPORAL AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. BUT I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR THEM AND SINCERELY REPENT OF THEM, AND I PRAY YOU OF YOUR BOUNDLESS MERCY AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE HOLY, INNOCENT, BITTER SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED SON, JESUS CHRIST, TO BE GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL TO ME, A POOR SINFUL BEING. FORGIVE ME ALL MY SINS AND GRANT ME THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT I MAY AMEND MY SINFUL LIFE.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C: AMEN.**

P: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C: YES.**

**ON THIS ASH WEDNESDAY** we are reminded in a graphic way that the wages of our sin is death. As the sign of the cross is made on our foreheads with ashes we hear the words spoken to us, just as they were spoken to Adam, the first sinner, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return." But no sooner have those words of Law been spoken than we also hear words of Gospel. "Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you. Take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you." As we commune tonight it becomes clear who we are—forgiven sinners. Thanks be to God!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent. We use the color purple to symbolize mourning and repentance over sin.

**THE LITURGY** will be spoken. The only portions of the service to be sung are the hymns, the Offertory, and the Agnus Dei.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION THIS EVENING!** We believe that in the Lord's Supper the true body and blood of Jesus are received under the bread and wine for the great blessing of those who believe Jesus' words (Matthew 26:26-28). Since it is also possible to receive this Supper to our spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) and because communing together is an expression of fellowship and unity at this altar (1 Corinthians 10:16-18), we respectfully ask that only those who are presently confirmed members in good standing of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod receive the Lord's Supper. If you are not communing, but would like to receive a blessing, simply kneel or stand at the communion rail and cross your arms in the form of an "X" in front of you to indicate that you wish to be blessed. You are invited and encouraged to speak with Pastor Tibben so he can further explain our teaching and practice of the Lord's Supper.

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK**  
**LENTEN VESPERS** will be held each Wednesday evening in Lent at 6:30 p.m. preceded by supper from 5:00-6:00.

**"HOLY WEEK HAPPENINGS"**

March 12	"Jesus Cleanses the Temple"
March 19	"Jesus Laments over Jerusalem"
March 26	"The Widow's Offering"
April 2	"Jesus Anointed for Burial"
April 9	"Judas Arranges to Betray Jesus"

**PALM SUNDAY, April 13**

**9:30 a.m.--DIVINE SERVICE** with procession of palms

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK,**  
**April 14, 15, 16; 12:15 p.m.--Services of Word and Prayer**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17**

**10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.--DIVINE SERVICES** with Trinity students at the 10:30 a.m. service and the stripping of the altar at the 7:00 p.m. service

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 18**

**12:00 Noon—Meditations on the Seven Last Words**  
**6:30 p.m.—Tenebrae Service**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 20**

**9:30 a.m.—DIVINE SERVICE, Easter breakfast 8:00 a.m.**