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This service of confession marks the beginning of Lent, a season of penitence. The worship that begins today concludes with our Easter celebration.

***Prelude***

***Prelude for Ash Wednesday***

*Craig A. Penfield*

*(Stand)*

***Invocation***

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

***Gathering Hymn***      “O Lord, Throughout These 40 Days”

ELW 319 Text: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930; 1978  
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Music: A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003; 1969 Concordia  
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- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.**
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust  
in God's eternal word.**
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.**
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.**

## ***Prayer of the Day***

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C:** **Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*(Sit)*

***First Reading:***

**Joel 2:12-19**

R: A reading from Joel.

<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> rend 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. <sup>14</sup> 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? <sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup> gather 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. <sup>17</sup> Between 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?'" <sup>18</sup> Then the LORD became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. <sup>19</sup> In response to his people the LORD said: I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a mockery among the nations.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm*

**Psalm 51:1-13**

*Read Responsively*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 **You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**C:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

**Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10**

R: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**6** As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

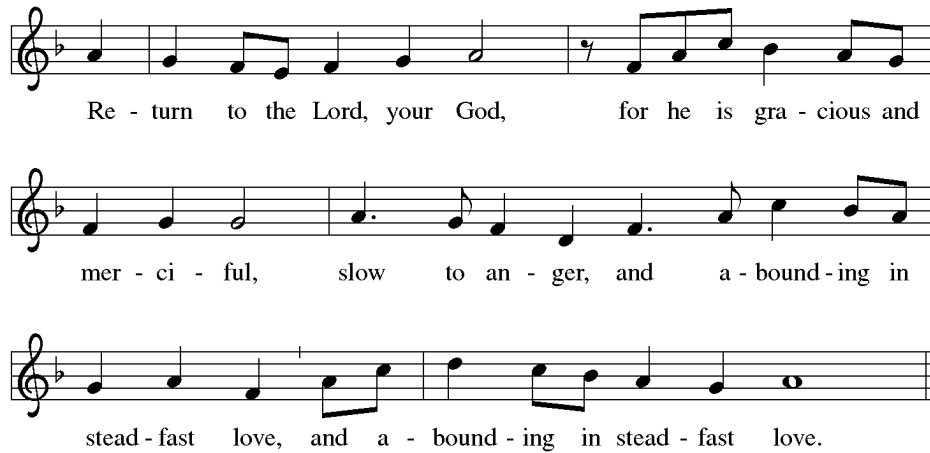
Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true, <sup>9</sup> as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed, <sup>10</sup> as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

## *Lenten Acclamation*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## *The Gospel*

## *Matthew 6:1-9,16-21*

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

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

**6** “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “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. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> But 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.

<sup>7</sup> “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their

many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> “Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be revered as holy.

<sup>16</sup> “And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so 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.

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Sit)*

## ***The Homily***

*(Stand)*

## ***Hymn of the Day***

“Our Father We Have Wandered”

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Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

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**1 Our Father, we have wandered  
and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.  
But now, in exile dwelling,  
we rise with fear and shame,  
as, distant but compelling,  
we hear you call our name.**

**2 And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
behold us, Lord, returning  
with hope and trust to you.  
In haste you come to meet us  
and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness there to greet us  
with calf and robe and ring.**

**3 O Lord of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving,  
and ever-caring Lord,  
grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing,  
in pardon, and in peace.**

### *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and  
became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Kneel/Sit)*

**Prayers**

**“Jesus, Remember Me”**

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**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(After each portion of the prayers:)*

A: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*(The prayers conclude:)*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, the Word made flesh and the Light of the world.

**C: Amen.**

*(Stand)*

**The Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another with a word of peace:  
“Peace be with you” ... “God bless you” ... “God loves you”...*

## ***The Gathering of Gifts***

*Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.*

*(Stand)*

## ***The Offering Hymn***

### **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923:

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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 your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## ***The Offering Prayer***

P: Let us pray.

P: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## ***The Confession***

P: Brothers and sisters; God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father who does not desire us to come under his judgement, but to turn to him and live.

P: As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

P: Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love – the discipline of Lent – help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in our Lenten discipline.

*(Sit/kneel)*

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

**C: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P: 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.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**C: accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

### ***Imposition of Ashes***

*(Those who desire ashes come forward.)*

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

### ***Hymn***

### **“Savior, When in Dust to You”**

ELW 601Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

Music: Joseph Parry, 1841-1903

- 1 Savior, when in dust to you  
low we bow in homage due;  
when, repentant, to the skies  
scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
oh, by all your pains and woe  
suffered once for us below,  
bending from your throne on high,  
hear our penitential cry!**
  
- 2 By your helpless infant years,  
by your life of want and tears,  
by your days of deep distress  
in the savage wilderness,  
by the dread, mysterious hour  
of the insulting tempter's pow'r,  
turn, oh, turn a fav'ring eye;  
hear our penitential cry!**
  
- 3 By your hour of dire despair,  
by your 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!**
  
- 4 By your deep expiring groan,  
by the sad sepulchral stone,  
by the vault whose dark abode  
held in vain the rising God,  
oh, from earth to heav'n restored,  
mighty, reascended Lord,  
bending from your throne on high,  
hear our penitential cry!**

*(After all who desire ashes have received them, the minister leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.)*

*(Stand)*

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C:** that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

**C:** bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### ***Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

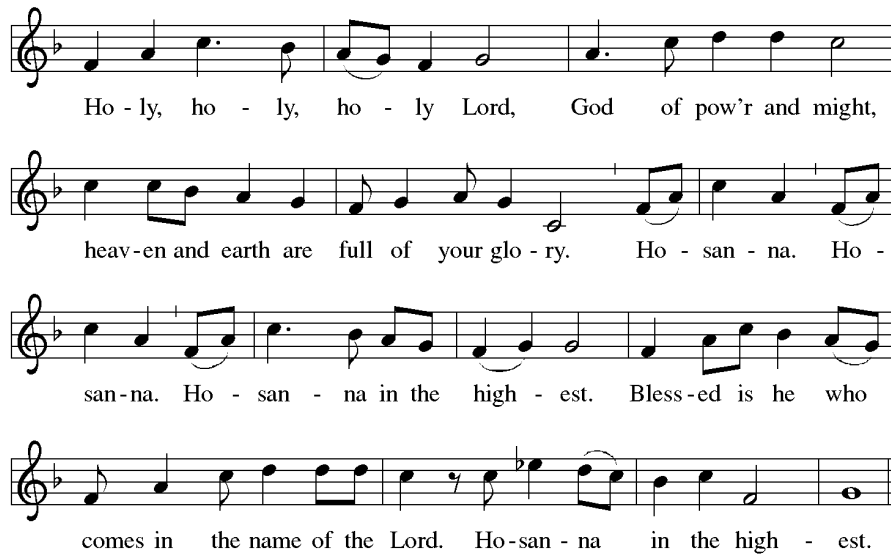
**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### ***Preface***

P: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned into wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

P: 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in His death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours: Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High – one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen, amen, amen.

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

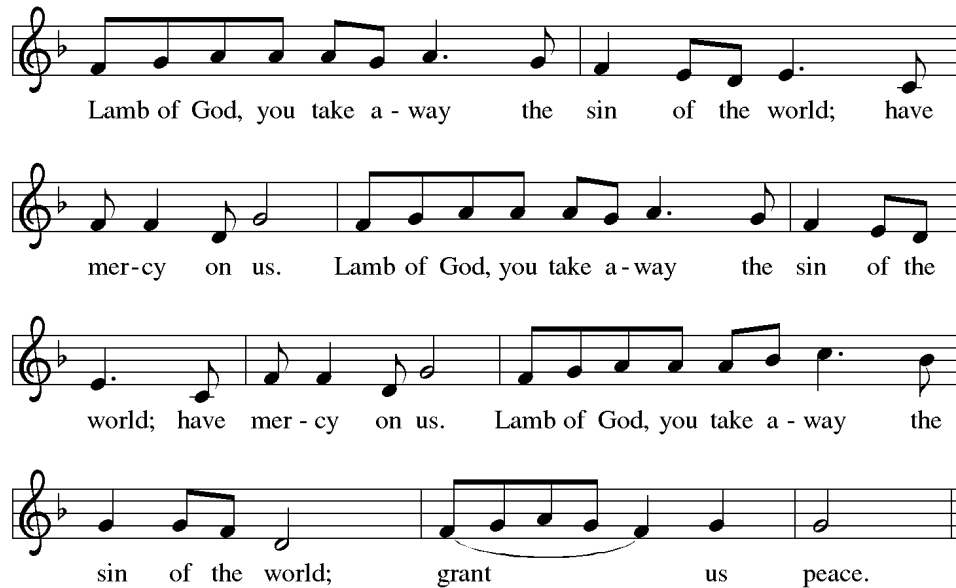
**C:** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the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

*(Sit)*

### ***Communion Distribution***

*Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized and Communicant members of all Christian denominations who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.*

***Communion Hymns***      “Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

***Communion Hymn 1***

**“Restore In Us, O God”**

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- 1 Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.**
- 2 O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flow'r.**
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.**
- 4 Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends,  
may see you face to face.**

***Communion Hymn 1***

**“Softly and Tenderly”**

**ELW 608** Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

***Refrain***

**"Come home, (Come home,  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain***

- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain***

P: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no person evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and keep you.

**C: Amen.**

(Stand)

***Post Communion Blessing***

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keeping you steadfast in your faith for life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## *Post Communion*

## “May the God of All Healing”

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May the God of all heal-ing en - fold us in love,  
fill us with peace, and lead us to whole-ness and strength.

## *Post Communion Prayer*

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## *Benediction*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## *Closing Hymn*

## “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

ELW 599 Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Music: W. Daman, The Psalmes of Daud, 1579, alt.

**1 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free  
and make me pure within.**

- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be  
and taste your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point out your chosen way.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
and share your joy at last.

***Sending***

P: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

***Postlude***

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), arr. Craig A. Penfield

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

**Pastor** Rev. Chris Agne  
**Musician** Ben Harris

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### ***Sunday @6***

To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601; Enter this code:773-431-475# For further information, call Dolores Prather (301) 459-7163 or Mary Tipton (301)-257-7585!

### ***75th Church Anniversary***

*For our 75th church anniversary, we are creating a special montage of photos to share at our celebration.*

*We need your help to fill it with cherished moments from our history! Please send digital copies of your favorite photos to Andy House at [awhouse16@gmail.com](mailto:awhouse16@gmail.com).*

***Let's remember God's goodness and faithfulness together!***

## ***Prayer Requests***

Please contact Pastor Chris for changes.

[pastor@alutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastor@alutheranchurch.com)

*Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.*

### **Healing**

Sharon Agne	Joan Prather
Olivia Powell	Rob Garrett
Dolores Prather	Ernestine Hayes
Helen Riley	Herman McNeil
Calvin Lee	Susie Nilsson
Zachary Plue	Helen Bell
Joyce Bailey	Kent & Walt Nilsson

### **In Remembrance**

Jannie Goldston	Ludie Sims
Jenny DeMaio	Alice Gaither
Tami Smith Randolph	Alice McNeil

### **Homebound**

John DellaGatta	Lois Flemming
Olivia Powell	Arthur & Mildred Smith
Helen Riley	

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Daniel Gonsales, Craig DellaGatta

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Information & Notices

February 18, 2026

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## Services

## Please Note

### Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

**Holy Communion** is celebrated  
in most services.

### Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can  
be made through the Church  
Office.

### Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension  
members are arranged through  
the Church Office.

**Adult Bible Study:** Bible study  
meets on Sundays after worship, at  
10:30 am.

### Staff:

Rev. Chris Agne.....Pastor  
Gwen Neal.....Office Mgr.  
Ben Harris.....Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30  
Closed Holidays

Please allow us to share Church  
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## **This Week at Ascension**

**Sunday, February 22**

**Lent 1**

9:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	<b>Voters' Meeting</b>   Choir Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Lamb of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

**Wednesday, February 25**

12:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service
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**Sunday, March 1**

**Lent 2**

9:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	Bible Study
12:00 pm	Lamb of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

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### **Coming Events**

**Saturday, March 6**

LWML Spring Rally

**Sunday, March 22**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service/Luncheon

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### **Serving Us in Worship, Sunday February 22**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Chris Agne
<b>Assistant</b>	Andy House
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Andy House
<b>Greeters</b>	Kathy & Harry Sessums
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White, Barbara Thom
<b>Ushers</b>	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem