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WE WELCOME YOU to our worship service. We pray God's rich blessings upon you as you hear His Word and praise His holy name. We ask our members and visitors to please use the friendship pad found on the pew. Kindly hand the friendship pad to the person sitting next to you. The Ushers will collect them after the service. Thank You.

HOLY COMMUNION will be offered during our worship service this evening. You are encouraged to prepare for communion by meditating on the Christian Questions and Answers located on pages 329 & 330 in the front of the hymnal.

We rejoice in this celebration of the **LORD'S** Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body & Blood in and with the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

(1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice close communion and ask that ALL guests who desire to commune; kindly speak to the Pastor before the service. Please respect our position of love in this matter of pastoral care, BSLC.

THIS WORSHIP FOLDER / CHURCH BULLETIN is prepared for your convenience and contains the entire order of worship with all spoken and sung responses. However, if you are more comfortable using the hymnal, you may use the order of worship found in the front pages of Lutheran Service Book where all the melodies are shown for the sung responses of the congregation.

Greeting of Peace The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Opening Hymn

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Ash Wednesday

- P 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 especially 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 so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

P O Lord,
 C **have mercy.**
 P O Christ,
 C **have mercy.**
 P O Lord,
 C **have mercy.**
 P O Christ,
 C **hear us.**
 P God the Father in heaven,
 C **have mercy.**
 P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 C **have mercy.**
 P God the Holy Spirit,
 C **have mercy.**
 P Be gracious to us.
 C **Spare us, good Lord.**
 P Be gracious to us.
 C **Help us, good Lord.**
 P 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:
 C **Help us, good Lord.**
 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 **Help us, good Lord.**
 P We poor sinners implore You
 C **to hear us, O Lord.**
 P To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
 to bless our prayer and meditation;
 to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
 and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our
 repentance:

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
P 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 our need of prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all;

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
P To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and
slanderers;
and to graciously hear our prayers;

C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C **we implore 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.**
P 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.

C **Amen.**

The Imposition of Ashes

Sit

The pastor and assistants receive ashes first, followed by the congregation. Using the right thumb, the pastor or an assistant places the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying:

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

After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his place in silence.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as

a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

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Introit (spoken) Ps. 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: Ps. 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;*

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, *

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, *

and my sin is ever before me.

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 to me the joy of your salvation, *

and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Kyrie 

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

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

Choir (4:30 p.m.) "Psalm 130"

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

¹²"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and 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. ¹⁴Who 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?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather 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.

¹⁷Between 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?'"

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (Sung by Choir 4:30 p.m.) *Heb. 12:2*
“Come Let Us Fix our Eyes on Jesus”

Gradual (spoken by congregation at 7:00 p.m.)

C **O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10*

^{20b}We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

HandBells (7p.m.) “When I survey the Wondrous Cross”

Sit

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

C  **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Jesus said: “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.


²“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. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“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. ⁶But 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. . . .

¹⁶“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. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that 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.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

○ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to
the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the
prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory 

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

Prayer of the Church

After the final petition:

- P Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface 

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**
- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with

cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

p.195

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

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- C **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 Our Lord

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- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
**"Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me."**
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the**

forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C  Amen.

Agnus Dei

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- C 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.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

<i>"Lamb of God"</i>	#550
<i>"All Depends on Our Possessing"</i>	#732
<i>"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"</i>	#915

Stand

"Nunc Dimittis"

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- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast 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.

Thanksgiving

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- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

- P Let us pray.
- P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Handbells (7pm) “All Through the Night”


Salutation and Benedicamus

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- P The Lord be with you.
- C  **And with thy spirit.**
- P Bless we the Lord.
- C  **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give
you peace.
- C  **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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“Miracles of Lent”

Theme for Wednesday’s Lenten Services:

4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Worship Services

Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

Mar 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - Apr. 6th and 13th