



# Ash Wednesday

Noon & 6:45 p.m. – February 18, 2026

## Prelude

## Ringling of the Bell

## Entrance Hymn

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Hymn 610



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me A - mid the bat - tle's strife;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;  
5 Lord Je - sus, think on me That, when this life is past,



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.  
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.  
In all my pain and mis - er - y, O be my health and life!  
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share Your joy at last.

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Ash Wednesday Address

- 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. Therefore, we come before our Father in heaven, repenting of our sins, and receiving His grace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## + Confession, Imposition of Ashes, and Absolution +

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### Confession of Sins *(please read responsively)*

*Psalm 51:1–13*

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin!**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.**
- <sup>4</sup>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.**
- <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**
- <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
**and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
**and sinners will return to you.**

*Please be seated*

## Imposition of Ashes

Those who wish to receive the mark of ashes upon their foreheads may come forward as instructed.

### Penitential Hymn

#### "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

Hymn 419



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -

dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode

Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to

pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
heav'n re - stored, Might-y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing

from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

*Please stand*

### Absolution

*John 20:19-23*

- P** God the Father has blotted out our sins on behalf of His Son's death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

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## + God Speaks to Us +

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### Ash Wednesday Reading

*Ephesians 3:14-19*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated*

### Hymn of the Day

"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"

Hymn 607

6:45: Choir  
sings v.3

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and  
2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out  
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in  
4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the  
5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -

trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious  
my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest  
mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His  
morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er  
bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy

ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.  
faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it  
doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.  
nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.

If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en  
Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy  
That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort  
O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it  
Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?  
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.  
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.  
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.  
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

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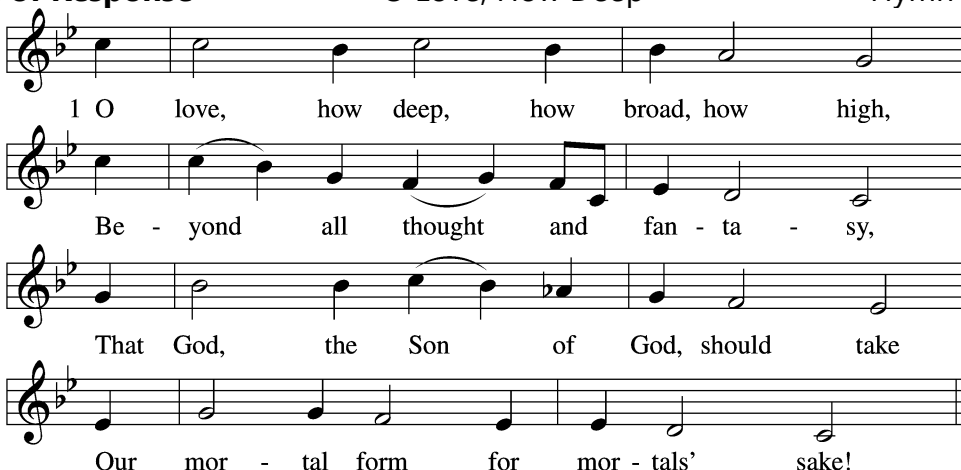
## Sermon

### + We Respond to God's Word +

#### Hymn of Response

#### "O Love, How Deep"

Hymn 544 v.1



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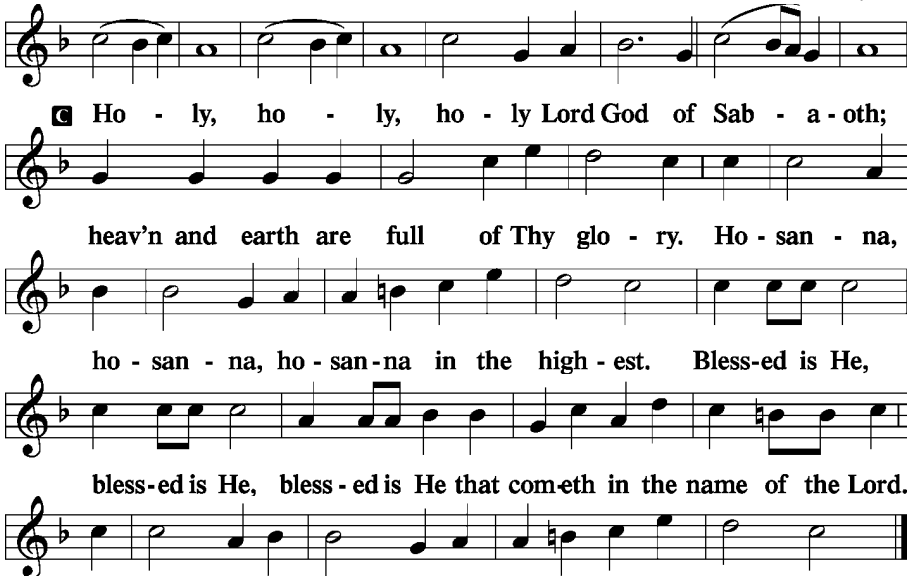
### + God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

#### Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave Himself for us. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## Pax Domini

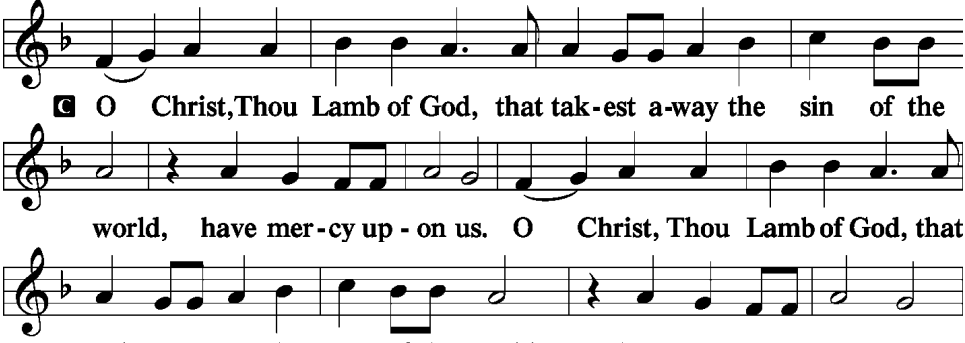
*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



*Please be seated*

## Distribution

### Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ’s institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

### 6:45: Distribution Music

#### Sanctuary Choir

“O Savior, Look upon the Tears”

*by Jacob B. Weber*

*O Savior, look upon the tears we shed in deepest grief.  
We waste away throughout the years, awaiting Your relief.  
Remind us, Lord, that You once cried and wept on Zion’s road  
And longed to gather to Your side all with a heavy load.*

*O Savior, hear our anxious prayers that mingle with our sighs.  
We bow beneath our weighty cares as our petitions rise.  
Remind us, Lord, that You would call upon Your Father’s ear,  
And even now, You speak for all who hold Your name most dear.*

*O Savior, see our broken hearts that suffer with each pain.  
We ache with all our wounded parts as hardened scars remain.  
Remind us, Lord, that You endured the whole world’s agony  
So our renewal is secured: From terrors soon set free.*

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“As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered”

Hymn 612

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## + God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

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### Post-Communion Collect

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, lead us now to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming again.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

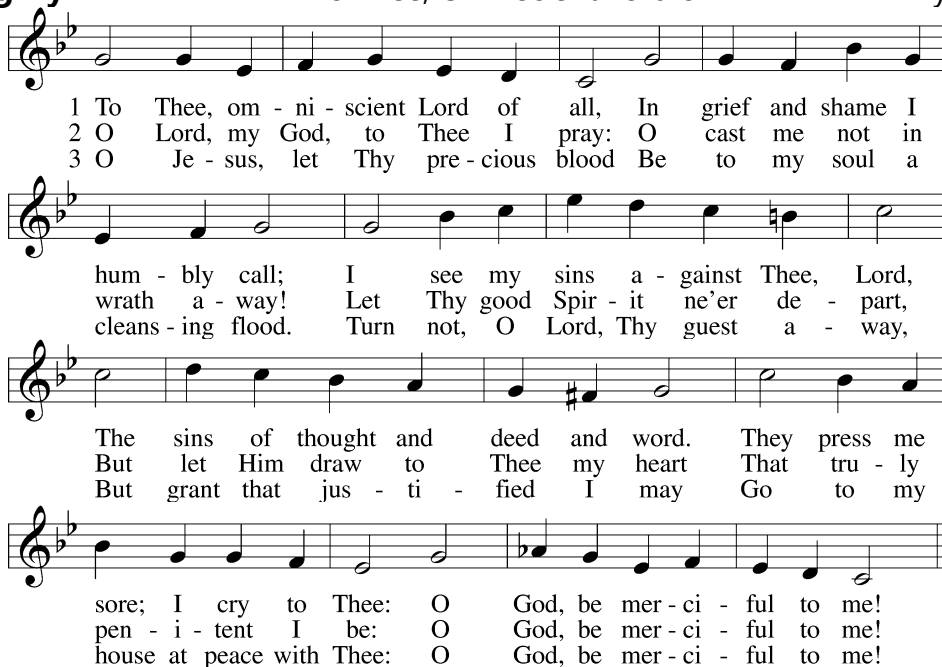
**C Amen.**

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### Closing Hymn

"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

Hymn 613



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a

hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,

The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly  
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my

sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

### Silent Prayer

### Postlude

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