



Hope Lutheran Church

17 February 2021

7:00PM

A Lenten Worship Service

The Lord's Supper

Christ Jesus intends to strengthen and improve our fellowship with Him and one another through the proper practice of Holy Communion. We must examine ourselves as to whether we truly repent of our sins and believe in the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood under the bread and wine. Also, any refusal to forgive and love our neighbor must be disowned, for in the Sacrament we are most fully at one with Christ and one another, and so we may bring no contradiction of this with us to the Sacrament. **There are helpful questions and answers to assist in preparing for the Sacrament, in the hymnal on pages 329-330. *There are also helpful prayers in the hymnal on page 308.**

If you are a guest from a sister Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Please speak with the pastor or an elder so we may notify your church that you celebrated the Sacrament with us.

Ash Wednesday Thoughts

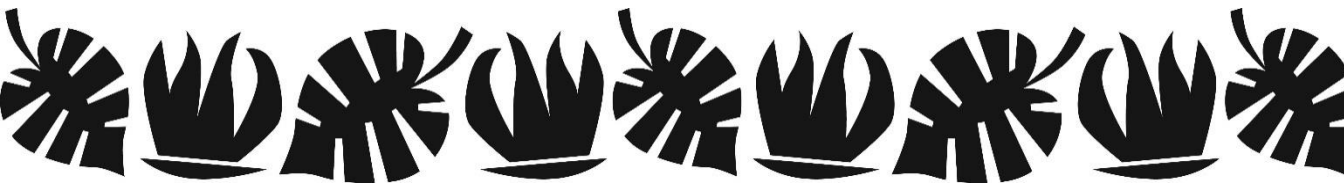
Out of respect for those around you, please remain quiet. Use this time for silent contemplation and meditation.

Remember, my friends, that we are dust and to dust we will return (Genesis 3:19).

Ashes have always reminded God's people that they will not live forever. God offers us His promise in the cross of Jesus Christ. Let's let go of the "things" of this life for the sake of God's promises.

Participating in the custom of receiving the sign of the cross with ashes on your forehead witnesses to the world what you believe about your death and resurrection in Jesus Christ. These ashes come from the palms of last Palm Sunday. This is symbolic of what Jesus processed into Jerusalem to do for you – namely take all of your sins upon Himself on the cross. As you rejoiced last Palm Sunday with His coming to you to save you, you now wear that mark of your salvation upon your forehead.

During Lent, keep talking to God, asking Him to accomplish in you the work of His salvation so that you may show forth God's glory in the world and experience always the joy of Christ's resurrection. *Pastor Aue.*



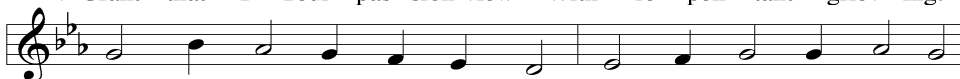
OPENING HYMN:

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

#440



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
 How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
 This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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| <p>5 If my sins give me alarm
 And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Your cross my fear disarm;
 Peace of conscience give me.
 Help me see forgiveness won
 By Your holy passion.
 If for me He slays His Son,
 God must have compassion!</p> | <p>6 Graciously my faith renew;
 Help me bear my crosses,
 Learning humbleness from You,
 Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give You love for love!
 Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heav'n above
 Sing Your praise forever.</p> |
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INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church deigns 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.

We 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 need of our 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 graciously to 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.**

BLESSING AND RECEIVING OF ASHES

P: The ashes in this bowl are from last year's palms from Palm Sunday. If it is your desire, we invite you to participate in the custom of receiving the sign of the cross with ashes on your forehead.

(At this time, congregation approaches the altar. As the ashes are applied, Pastor says:)

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

P: We pray:
Lord, let these ashes be a reminder to us that we are dust. May this be a mark of our repentance. Bless all those who receive these ashes this day. May they keep this Lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**



HYMN

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

#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!

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We pray: Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made and You forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

(Silence for Reflection)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness;

C: **in Your great compassion, blot out all my offenses.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: **And renew a right spirit within me.**

(Silence for Reflection)

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.**

(Silence for Reflection)

P: As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

PASSION NARRATIVE Part 1

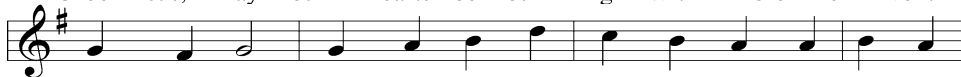
SERMON HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

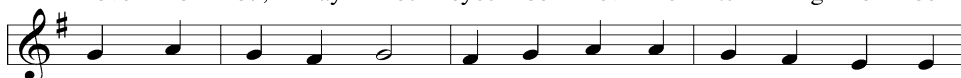
#423



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

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SERMON TEXT : Luke 2:18-19, 47-51

¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

. . . **HOLY NIGHT**

SERMON THEME: “. . .Round Yon Virgin Mother and child”

HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

#363

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord our God, the Father of mercies, You have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that the wicked turn from their way and live. Out of Your infinite goodness, You have delivered up Your only-begotten Son to death on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. For His sake, remember not our ingratitude and indifference, but have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins. “As Your dear Son was wounded for our transgressions and by His stripes we are healed,” let us daily meditate upon His Passion with true repentance and sincere faith, that His death may be our life, His righteousness our salvation, His conflict our victory and everlasting peace. Replenish us with Your Holy Spirit that, loving You with our whole hearts, we may walk by faith according to Your Word, blameless in Your sight. Teach us to love one another, to bear one another’s burdens, and so to fulfill the Law of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve and who gave His life as a ransom for many. Help us likewise to love our enemies and from our hearts to forgive everyone who trespasses against us. Let us follow the example of our Savior in patiently enduring the trials and afflictions of this present world, that, having suffered with Him, we may also be glorified with Him. For His sake hear all who cry to You in sorrow and distress, and deliver them according to their need and Your abundant mercy. Bestow Your blessing upon the ministry of reconciliation. May the preaching of the cross become a message of peace and the very power of Your Gospel unto the ends of the earth, that all the nations may be delivered from the darkness of their sins and glorify Your gracious name with all Your saints in light. Grant courage and strength to the ministers of Your Word to preach Christ and Him crucified, both in season and out of season, calling sinners to repentance and believers to rejoice in Your salvation. May the death of Your Son be our comfort in our last hour, and let us depart in peace to rise with Him to life everlasting; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

LORD' S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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 T 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 T 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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:)

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

#431

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;
Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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| <p>5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.</p> | <p>6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.</p> |
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7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: Let us pray.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

A: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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 T give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” #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!

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