

Ash Wednesday – March 2, 2022

12:00 & 7:00 PM

WITNESSES TO CHRIST



Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together.** Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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AS WE GATHER

JOHN THE BAPTIST - As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention on various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:6-7). John the Baptist's mission is "to bear witness about the light." In fact, fourteen times in John's Gospel, the word *witness* is connected with John the Baptist. "He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:8-9). John points us to Jesus, who takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame at the cross.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES IN THE SERVICE TONIGHT

Ashes are a symbol of contrition (sorrow for sin): "***I...repent in dust and ashes***" (***Job 42:6***). They are also vivid reminders of mortality: "***For you are dust and to dust you shall return***" (***Genesis 3:19***). Ashes then are a reminder that we are born sinful and deserve God's wrath. But the good news is spoken by St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "***God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.***" The ashes that are put on our foreheads in the shape of a cross remind us of our dirty sins that were piled on Jesus when He died on the cross for us. The ash cross on our forehead also reminds us of the first time the sign of the cross was made on our foreheads – in Baptism. There, in the water of Holy Baptism, we were washed clean with the blood of Jesus, and the dirt of our sins was washed away forever.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Lamb of God
John A Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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.
- P** 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.
- P** 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.

PRAYER

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| P | O Lord, | C | have mercy. |
| P | O Christ, | C | have mercy. |
| P | O Lord, | C | have mercy. |
- 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.**

Sit

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(Worshippers may approach the altar to receive ashes upon the forehead. Approach the altar down the center aisle, in two rows, and return down the side aisles. The pastors, vicar and elders shall speak the words, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" Genesis 3:19).

HYMNS *(Worshippers are encouraged to sing softly and meditatively)*

LSB 435 ***Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain***

LSB 421 ***Jesus, Grant That Balm & Healing***

LSB 423 ***Jesus, Refuge of the Weary***

ANTHEM

O Lord, Hear Me

Hopson

Adult Choir

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Though the ashes represent our innumerable sins, the immeasurable love of Jesus covers them all. This is a true and trustworthy saying: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Christ Jesus has had mercy on you and has paid for

your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. 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.

¹Working 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Return to the Lord

Joel 2:13

C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰"This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel."

³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. ³³I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

(found on the back page of your bulletin)

"Behold! The Lamb of God," John said

Stephen P. Starke

SERMON

John The Baptist

Luke 1

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord, we pray for all those who struggle with past sins and the guilt and regret that remain from those sins. Open their ears to hear and believe Your Word that they are indeed forgiven by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we pray for all those who have suffered shame, concealing the evil that has been done to them. Encourage them that even if they cannot bring themselves to reveal their pain, You have suffered with them. You have removed their shame. Your light conquers even the deepest darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, energize all pastors, educators, musicians, and leaders in Your Church through this season. Grant that their service and work proclaim faithfully Your forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, bring back those who have wandered from the faith. Remind them of Your grace. Help Your Church to be a place that welcomes others just as You welcome others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, restore all those who are sick, injured, recovering, or preparing for surgery, [*especially* . . .]. We ask Your healing and patience for these, Your servants. Remind them that You have walked the road of pain and suffering and will raise them out of all their suffering when You return. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, comfort all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Uphold them in the days ahead, knowing that You, too, walked the road of grief, but that You are the resurrection and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Shall I Render

LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the piece is a double bar line.

Stand

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *Psalm 136*

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ ~ (Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-11

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

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

PAX DOMINI ~ ~ (Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

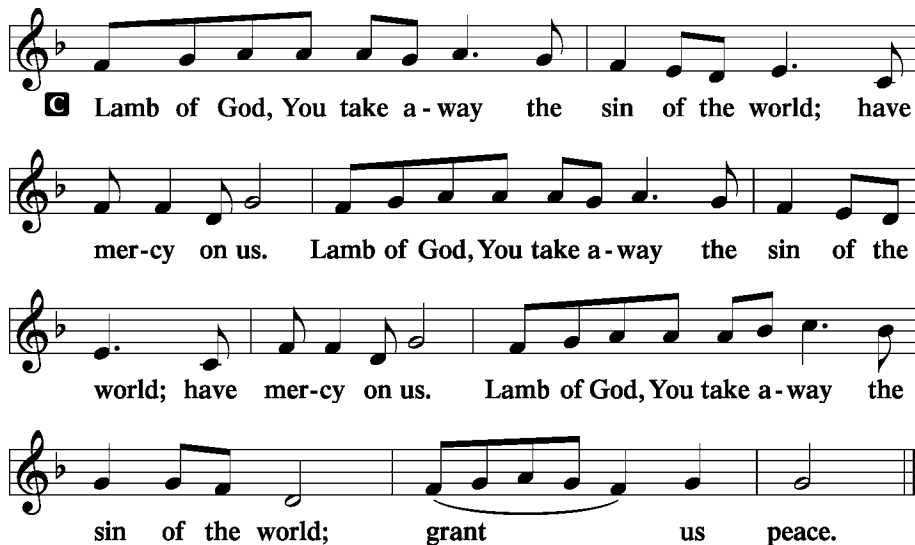
(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen!**

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



C 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.

INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 438 *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*

LSB 550 *Lamb of God*

LSB 543 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord. *Psalm 103:1*
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LSB 418

POSTLUDE

The Glory of These Forty Days

Timothy Albrecht

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 Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
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 Altar Guild..... Carol Brandt & Karen Kuhn

“Behold! The Lamb of God,” John Said

Stephen P. Starke

REALITY
John L. Bell



All 1 “Be - hold! The Lamb of God,” John said, “Who
Choir 2 The Way— of jus - tice was de - prived; The
Men 3 Christ’s glo - ry is not seen by those Who
All 4 May we this ho - ly Len - ten - tide Christ’s



takes all sin a - way.” This Lamb is Christ, who
Truth— was o - ver - run; The Life— was all from
view God’s Word as dross, *Women* For world - ly wis - dom
Pas - sion clear - ly see; This som - ber vi - sion



in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.
Christ de - rived; God glo - ri - fies His Son!
nev - er knows How gain could come from loss.
will pro - vide The truth that sets us free.



“Be - hold your King!” by Pi - late scourged; Sin’s
“I am the Bread of Life,” Christ said; “My
Men Yet, this the glo - ry of the Christ: His
Hear John, who speaks of what he knows; Come,

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hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,
 sa - cred blood for all, I shed;
 per - fect life He sac - ri - ficed,
 fol - low on the path Christ chose:

While "Cru - ci - fy!" the hate - ful urged, Their
 Who eats and drinks of Me is fed." All
 His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt
 The cross, the tomb from which He rose In

Sav - ior to be - tray.
 death by Christ un - done.
 can - celed on the cross.
 joy - ous vic - to - ry!