

Those Assisting Us Tonight

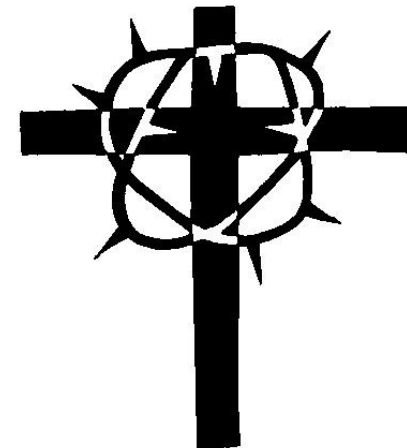
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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Ash Wednesday

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The Order of Holy Communion
(from the *Brandenburg-Nuremberg Kirchenordnungen, 1533*)

The service begins in silence at the ringing of the bell. We then go directly to the service of Corporate Confession and Absolution in the hymnal. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a season in which we focus on how our sins sent Jesus to the cross, and His death on the cross is forgiveness for those sins. Absolution is the most important factor in this service. As such, we have opportunity to come to the altar to have that forgiveness personally applied after we confess our sins.

The Office of Corporate Confession and Absolution page 290ff.

Hymn, "O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art"(TLH 328)

1. O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou art
The Life and Comfort of my heart.
A sinner poor I come to Thee
And bring my many sins with me.
2. O God, my sin indeed is great;
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.
Be merciful to me, I pray;
Take guilt and punishment away.
3. Saint John the Baptist points to Thee
And bids me cast my sin on Thee;
For Thou hast left Thy throne on high
To suffer for the world and die.
4. Help me to mend my ways, O Lord,
And gladly to obey Thy Word.
While here I live, abide with me;
And when I die, take me to Thee.
(Tune: *St. Crispin*, TLH 245)

Notes: This service is an English Adaptation from the *Brandenburg-Nuremberg Kirchenordnungen*, (Church orders) 1533, by Johann Brenz and Andreas Osiander. Both Brenz and Osiander were key figures in the Lutheran Reformation during the 16th century. The bulk of this service was translated from the German by Dr. Eric C. Stumpf. The Lord's Prayer Litany is an adaptation of one written by Dr. Luther for his *Deutsche Missae* of 1526.

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Joel 2:12-19
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Service Notes: "Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart, for He Has Reconciled You to Himself : On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our face toward His cross and Passion in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by way of repentance, and thus we return to our dying and rising in Holy Baptism. Christ Jesus, "*who knew no sin,*" became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin and in His resurrection we "*become the righteousness of God*" (2 Cor. 5:21). As God has thereby reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, "*now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" (2 Cor. 6:2). He has provided the sacrificial Lamb, and He has left "*a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering*" (Joel 2:14) in the Eucharist. He summons us to return to Him with all our heart because He is "*gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love*" (Joel 2:13). We do so with faith and confidence in Him, and so we pray to Him as our Father, give to the needy from a heart of love, and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3–4, 6, 17–18). Paraments are technically black; the burlap reminds of the "sackcloth" from "sackcloth and ashes" and "carries" the black, as a color reminding us of repentance and sorrow.

The Preface

P: Dearly beloved in God: Before we draw near the holy supper of our Lord Jesus Christ.....love one another as He loved us. Because He loved us, we are all one bread and one body, we are all partaking of the one bread and drinking from the one cup.

The Sanctus: "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old" 960
(mostly solo; Congregation invited to join in with "Holy is God the Lord of Sabaoth ... through...His Glory fills the heavens and the earth.")

Luther's Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer

L: Friends in Christ: Since we are here assembled in the name of the Lord, I admonish you to lift up your hearts to God to pray with me the Lord's Prayer, as Christ our Lord has taught us and graciously promised to hear us.

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven.

L: That God, our Father in heaven may look with mercy on us, His needy children on earth, and grant us grace so that His holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of His Word and the fervent love of our lives; that He would graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby His precious name is being blasphemed and profaned. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

C: Thy Kingdom Come

L: That His kingdom may come to us and expand; that all transgressors and they who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom be brought to know Jesus Christ His Son by faith, and that the number of Christians may be increased. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

C: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

That we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do and to suffer His will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things, and always to break, slay, and sacrifice our own wills. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

C: Give us this day our daily bread.

L: That he would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.
(silence for meditation)

L: Let us pray:

C: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

L: That He would forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before Him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

C: and lead us not into temptation

L: That He would not lead us into temptation but help us by His Spirit to subdue the flesh, to despise the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

P: but deliver us from evil

L: And lastly, that He would deliver us from all evil, both of body and soul, now and forever. *(silence for meditation)*

L: Let us pray:

C: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

L: All those who earnestly desire these things will say from their very hearts: Amen, trusting without any doubt that it is Yea and answered in heaven as Christ has promised: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you shall receive it, and you will [Mark 11:24].

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Pax Domini

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

C: and also with you.

Agnus Dei Hymn: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" 434

The Distribution

Music During Distribution:

"The Lamb" 547

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" 624

The Thanksgiving Collect

P: We thank You Almighty God, that You have satisfied us by giving us the Body and the Blood. And we ask Your mercy to strengthen our faith towards You and in fervent love for one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

The Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Aaronic Blessing

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 His favor, and grant You His peace.

C: AMEN!

Closing Hymn, "In Silent Pain the Eternal God" 432

(stanzas 1-2, solo; congregation invited to join on stanza 3)

The Kyrie Eleison

P: O God, the Father in heaven

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,

C: have mercy upon us.

P: O God the Holy Spirit,

C: have mercy upon us, and grace us Your Peace. Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during the solemn season of Lent

The Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...Almighty and everlasting God, because You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily repenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission 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.

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 59:12-20

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-13 (antiphon, vs. 17)

The Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:19-6:2

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:20-30

The Creed *(Nicene Creed, back cover of hymnal)*

The Hymn of the Day, **"From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" 607**

The Sermon: "The Father Wants Jesus to Die" 2 Cor 5:20-6:2

The Offering