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**God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day  
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,  
and who also generously provides our daily bread,  
we welcome you into our presence.**

**Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?**

**February 14, 2018**



**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

# ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM ~ February 14, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE ~ *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Five*

*Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.*

## PRELUDE

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## GATHERING

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### PRAYER

*See Bulletin Cover*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

P During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.

Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Merciful God,

**C you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved*

**ELW 602**

### GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

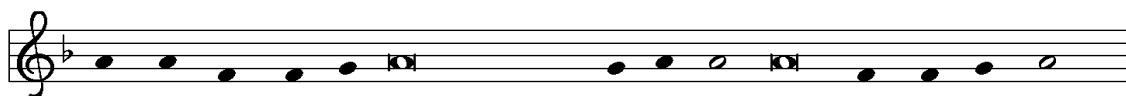
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.  
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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 receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**THE FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

*Because of the coming Day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —

<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup>Who 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?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

P The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 51:1-17**

*Read Responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<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 sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

**SECOND READING: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:20b--6:10**

*The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT**



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

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

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

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

[Jesus said to the disciples] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever 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.

<sup>16</sup>"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ**

**THE SERMON**

**INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**ELW 793**

*Please remain seated during the hymn.*

*If you wish to receive ashes, please come to the altar rail via the center aisle. You may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

**MUSIC DURING IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

P Almighty God, you have created us out of dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our morality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS

A Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

A We pray for the church. Turn our lives toward you in repentance. Turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love. Turn our actions toward the world in mercy. Renew us in faith, in prayer, and in compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the world. Teach us to treasure the earth as your beloved creation. Provide plentiful and healthy homes for all. Bring new life from decay. Repair what has been damaged from misuse or neglect. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the nations. Empower leaders to resist the use of power for personal gain or selfish interest. Teach us to build communities where all can live in safety and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all in need. Protect those who are victimized by crime or injustice. Unburden those who are weighed down by guilt or shame. Assist those who are unemployed. Comfort those who mourn, and the sick, especially Loni Reece, Carl Quarnstrom, Don Longren, Kathryn Axelton, Keith Springer, Roy O'Neil, Gay Marker, and Mike Andrews. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for this assembly. Deepen our faith. Empower those who work in our community to provide food, shelter, and health care to those who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died in faith. Bring us with them to the promise of unending life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

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**MEAL**

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**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      **ELW 884**  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A** Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Spoken responsively during Lent.*

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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 in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### THE 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.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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. A - men.

*We invite all to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to red wine. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward with their families to receive a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

**ELW 592**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**ELW 471**

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

**P** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

**ELW 606**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Feb. 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday	<b>Martha Nemeth</b>		<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Martha Nemeth</b>	<b>Parker Jackson</b>	<b>Cindy McGinnis &amp; Team One</b>		<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Pr. Alan Saatkamp</b>
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*Welcome to worship at Trinity!*

We thank you for joining us this evening for worship, and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting, please sign the guest book near the front doors. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pr. Alan at 605-214-1469 or 785-233-0767.

**Lent Midweek Worship Services**

+ February 21

+ February 28

+ March 7

+ March 14

+ March 21

Midweek services will begin with a soup supper @ 5:30.

Worship & Bible study will follow @ 6:15 pm.



The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church** is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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