

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

**Ash Wednesday**

**February 17, 2021**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service in praise of the Lord. It is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that we gather to worship. Please sign attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord's Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**(Evening) Anthem**

“Lamb of God”

**Adult Choir**

## **Confession and Absolution**

**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. 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 that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection*

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

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all 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.

Introit

Ps. 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: v. 17

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**C** a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**C** according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C** and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** For I know my transgressions,

**C** and my sin is ever before me.

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

**C** and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from your presence,

**C** and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**C** a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Kyrie (*spoken*)

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and 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.

## Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19 ESV

- <sup>12</sup> “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup> and 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.
- <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;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;

- 16      gather 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.
- 17      Between 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?’ ”
- 18      Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
          and had pity on his people.
- 19      The 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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

- P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
**C** the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
**P** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising  
          the shame,  
**C** and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10 ESV

<sup>20b</sup> We implore 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> Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For 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. <sup>3</sup>We put 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 commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.    **[C]** Thanks be to God.

**Verse**

**Joel 2:13b**

*Spoken by all:* **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Holy Gospel**

**St. Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21** **ESV**

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when 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 when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I

say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen 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 lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** **158**

**Hymn** “Break Your Hearts” **page 7**

**Sermon** “A Call to Return”

**Prayer of the Church**

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . In prayer,  
**C** we return to You, O Lord.

*Final petition concludes:*

**P** . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Service of the Sacrament** **160-166**

*The liturgy for the Service of the Sacrament will be spoken except for the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei, and the Post-Communion Canticle.*

**Distribution Hymns** **419, 570, 610**

**Post-Communion Canticle** “Nunc Dimittis” **165**

**Closing Hymn** “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” **422**

**Postlude**



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# Break Your Hearts

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TRUE REPENTANCE

Jonathan Kohrs



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,  
2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.  
3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing Your re - pen - tance true.  
It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:  
E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cern  
While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will earn  
When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing; To your Lord re - turn.  
Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.  
Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.