

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Jackson, Minnesota

Ash Wednesday  
February 22, 2023



**(Evening) Anthem**

**Adult Choir**

“From a Cradle to a Cross”

**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.**

### Litany

**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 teaching 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.

## Imposition of Ashes

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

Hymn                      “Savior, When in Dust To Thee”                      419

## Confession and Absolution

**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: Ps. 51:17

- 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

- P** Lord have mercy.  
**C** Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

## 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, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Job 30:11-19 ESV

- <sup>11</sup> Because God has loosed my cord and humbled me,  
they have cast off restraint in my presence.  
<sup>12</sup> On my right hand the rabble rise;  
they push away my feet;  
they cast up against me their ways of destruction.

- 13 They break up my path;  
they promote my calamity;  
they need no one to help them.
- 14 As through a wide breach they come;  
amid the crash they roll on.
- 15 Terrors are turned upon me;  
my honor is pursued as by the wind,  
and my prosperity has passed away like a cloud.
- 16 “And now my soul is poured out within me;  
days of affliction have taken hold of me.
- 17 The night racks my bones,  
and the pain that gnaws me takes no rest.
- 18 With great force my garment is disfigured;  
it binds me about like the collar of my tunic.
- 19 God has cast me into the mire,  
and I have become like dust and ashes.

**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 11:20-30 ESV**

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

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

<sup>20</sup> Then [Jesus] began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**Nicene Creed**

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# One House Abides Unending

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1 One house a - bides un - end - ing, One Mas - ter  
 2 The wealth of all cre - a - tion We squan - dered  
 3 With end - less hun - ger driv - en The grave cried  
 4 Ex - change our ash for beau - ty, A - noint our

fears no fall, One Lord pro - vides, at - tend - ing The  
 at our birth. The heirs of con - dem - na - tion Sowed  
 out for more, But Je - sus Christ has giv - en Safe  
 grief with joy; Dear Lord, who paid our du - ty, All

dai - ly want of all. When ru - in would al -  
 tears in blight - ed earth. But light, the world's first  
 pas - sage through its door: His flow - ing blood our  
 grace for us em - ploy. Feed us the sav - ing

lure them Whose one es - tate was need, One Fa - ther  
 trea - sure, The Mas - ter worked a - new In prom - ise,  
 rai - ment, The flood to purge our shame; The liv - ing  
 man - na Lest on the way we fail And sweet - en

would se - cure them In will, in trust, in deed.  
 and in mea - sure No mor - tal eye could view.  
 God the pay - ment That buys for us His name.  
 our Ho - san - na To ho - ly Eas - ter's hail.

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Sermon

“Sitting in Dust and Ashes”

Prayer of the Church

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord:      **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Final petition:*

**P** To Him alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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