

# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

5:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
Faribault, MN 55021



## THE PARABLES OF LENT RECEIVE JUSTIFICATION

### THE PARABLE *of the* PHARISEE *and the* TAX COLLECTOR

#### Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685, vv. 1-3

Please stand

#### Invocation

P We begin our service this evening in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

#### Litany for Lent

P In this holy season the Son of God humbles Himself so that we receive mercy.

C **Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to You.**

P In this holy season the Son of God prays for us so that we are made one with Him and each other.

C **Help me to faithfully pray, O God, that my prayers would be pleasing and acceptable to You.**

P In this holy season the Son of God lives a perfect life so that we receive His perfection.

C **Fill me with Your Spirit, O God, that my life and actions would be pleasing and acceptable to You.**

P In this holy season the Son of God enters into His Passion and death so that we may be redeemed from our sin.

C **Grant me Your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

**Hymn:** *LSB* 685, v. 4

**4. Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead.**

**That to life we may awaken, Jesus, You are now our head.**

**We are Your own living members, Where You live, there we shall be,**

**In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.**

**Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P The Scripture reminds us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return, let us therefore confess our sins:

**C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. The root of our sin is pride, and pride has made us love ourselves more than we love You or others. Too often we believe that our lives are acceptable to You, when in reality they are not. We have sinned against You by speaking selfish words, by thinking selfish thoughts and by taking selfish action. We have failed to love others more than ourselves and You above all else. Have mercy on us sinners.**

P Since we cannot justify ourselves, our God sent His one and only Son to live a perfect life and die the death we deserved. Because of His generous grace, our sinful pride and all other sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Please be seated**

### **Epistle Reading ... 1 Peter 5:6-11**

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

<sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Please stand for the reading of the Gospel**

## Gospel Reading ... Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

<sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

<sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not

even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Please be seated

## Sermon Hymn ... (Sung to the tune of LSB 424)

1. We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,  
For as each parable is heard Christ’s kingdom is made known.
2. The tax man prays alone, the Pharisee with pride.  
Which prayer is heard before the throne? Which man is justified?
3. In ev’ry time of need, before the judgment throne,  
Your work, O Lamb of God, I’ll plead, Your merits, not my own.

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## Sermon

**Tithes and Offering / Hymn...**      **“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”**      *LSB 419, vv. 1,2*  
(sung to the tune of TLH 166)

## Prayers

*Each petition ends with the following response:*

P Christ who heals all brokenness,

**C restore our broken hearts.**

## Lord’s Prayer

**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**

P In the ancient church, ashes were traced on the foreheads of the believers on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence and the promise of God’s sure forgiveness. Tonight, as you wait in line to receive Holy Communion, the Worship Assistant will trace the sign of the cross on your forehead if you wish, and say the words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

### **Imposition of Ashes**

P In times of great sorrow and heartache, God’s people of old would wear their grief. With sackcloth and ashes their outward form reflected the reality of their hearts.

#### **C Brokenness cannot be hidden away.**

P Tonight we admit the brokenness of our hearts and we wear the sign of our brokenness: ashes.

#### **C Our brokenness cannot be hidden away.**

P Yet we know that brokenness is only part of the story. There’s more. The ashes trace the shape of the cross—the cross that removes our sin, heals our brokenness, and makes us whole.

#### **C Our brokenness is not forever; we are restored in the cross.**

### **Please stand**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P Together we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, confident that we receive Jesus’ body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. With it, we also receive the forgiveness of sins and a stronger bond to God and each other. Through this supper we confess and share in our faith with one another, trusting in Jesus’ words for the forgiveness of our sins. As Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, we require that those who receive the Lord’s Supper share in the beliefs that we hold. So, hear now the words of our Lord Jesus spoken at the time of the Last Supper:

### **Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Please be seated

### Agnus Dei “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.

### Communion Hymns

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB 420*

“Jesus Refuge of the Weary” *LSB 423*

### After the distribution—please stand

### Communion Dismissal:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen

**Benediction**

P Receive the blessing of the Lord:

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**Closing Hymn ... “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *LSB* 427**

**Leading Worship**

**Preaching & Presiding** The Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

**Music** Barbara Mrosko, Organist; Trinity Choir

**Elder** Mark Prieve

**Worship Assistant** Richard Delaske

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