

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

5:30 PM

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



Preservice Music / Greeting

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Opening

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 so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Opening Hymn “Lift High the Cross” *LSB 837 (stanzas 1-4)*

Please stand

Invocation and Call to Worship

[During the sermon series on Exodus our worship will use psalms that celebrate Israel’s deliverance from Egypt.

Today we use selected verses from Psalm 66.]

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.”

C: Come and see what God has done, how awesome are his works for us!

P: For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

C: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

P: You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water.

C: But God has listened and heard our prayer.

P: He turned the sea into dry land, we passed through the waters on foot.

All: He has brought us to a place of abundance!

Confession and Absolution [From selected verses in Romans 7]

P: Let us now confess our sins to God our Father...

Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C: I know that nothing good lives in me.

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

C: I have the desire to do good.

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: What I do is not the good I want to do.

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C: I find this law at work—

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C: In my inner being I delight in your law.

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.]*

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free! He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot.

All: He has brought us to a place of abundance!

Please sit

Hymn "Lift High the Cross" LSB 837 (stanzas 5-6)

Prayer

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.

All: **Amen.**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT
GOD'S DOING BIG THINGS WITH SMALL STUFF**

Old Testament Reading Exodus 2:1–10

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman.

²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took

pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has

passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

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¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he

made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1–4, 16–18

¹“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.

²“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. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“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.

¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that 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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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Redemption

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

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who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Please sit

Hymn of the Day “What Wondrous Love Is This” *LSB 543* (stanzas 1-4)

Sermon *The First Part in the Series - Exodus: Let My People Go!*

“BIG THINGS WITH SMALL STUFF”

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

Offerings “And This Is Love” *Trinity Choir*

Please stand

Prayers of the Church

Following the pastor’s prayer, “If the Son sets us free,”
the congregation is invited to respond, **“We are free, indeed.”**
[This is based upon John 8:36.]

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

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

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 sit

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 (stanzas 1-7)***“Jesus Refuge of the Weary”***LSB 423 (stanzas 1-3)***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: God has listened and heard our prayer!

C: **He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot.**

P: May the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—lead you to a place of abundance.

All: **Amen and Amen!**

Recessional Hymn “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” *LSB 422 (stanza 1)*

Leading Worship

Preaching & Presiding The Rev. Peter Gueldner

Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist; Trinity Choir

Elder Mark Prieve

Applying Ashes Jeff Evenmo, Noel Handberg, Dave Simonson

Worship Assistant Richard Delaske

Soundboard Chrysteena Saehler

Lenten Midweek Services continue...

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Exodus: Let My People Go!



✝ **February 21** (*supper sponsor needed*)

✝ **February 28** - Followed by Baked Potato Supper hosted by Faribault Lutheran School



✝ **March 6** (*supper sponsor needed*)

✝ **March 13** - Followed by soup supper to benefit St. Vincent de Paul



✝ **March 20** - Followed by soup supper hosted by the Trinity Youth Group

