

ASH WEDNESDAY



Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
REDLANDS, CA

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SUNDAY MORNING

Divine Services are at 8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.
Adult Bible Study starts at 9:30a.m.

TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.



THE DIVINE SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

✠ IN NOMINE JESU CHRISTI ✠

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE PASTORAL ADDRESS FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first, this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism and First Communion in the Great Vigil of Easter, and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had become separated through sin. In the course of time, the Church came to realize that, by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel, and so, grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. 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 Lenten season for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

We pray:

THE LITANY AND COLLECT FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

P: God the Father,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: God the Son,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: God the Holy Spirit,

C: **have mercy on us.**

P: From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for Thy Holy Word in its Law and in its Gospel,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

C: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

P: In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death, and at the day of judgment,
C: Good Lord deliver us.
P: By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation; by Thy birth, childhood and obedience; by Thy baptism, fasting and temptation,
C: Good Lord deliver us.
P: By Thy ministry in word and work; by Thy mighty acts of power; and by Thy preaching of the kingdom.
C: Good Lord deliver us.
P: By Thy agony and trial; by Thy cross and passion; and by Thy precious death and burial,
C: Good Lord deliver us.
P: By Thy mighty resurrection; by Thy glorious ascension; and by Thy sending of the Holy Spirit;
C: Good Lord deliver us.
P: Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to live our lives according to Thy Holy Word.

(At this point in the Ash Wednesday Confession of Sins, the imposition of ashes on the foreheads of the penitents in the form of a cross occurs as a reminder that we are but weak, sinful, mortal human beings who will return to the dust of the earth and whose only hope of salvation lies not in us but in the perfect life, suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. All who desire to receive the imposition of ashes may approach the altar rail at this time.)

P: Remember, O Man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return.
C: Amen!
P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Thy salvation,
C: that we may show forth in the world Thy glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
P: By the cross and passion of Thy Son, our Lord:
C: bring us, with all Thy saints to the joy of His resurrection.
P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou dost not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore Thee to grant us true repentance and Thy Holy Spirit that those things may please Thee which we do on this day, that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to Thy eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen!

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All613

THE KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.
C: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that Thou has made and does forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

✠ THE OFFICE OF THE WORD OF GOD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joel 2:12-19

THE GRADUAL (Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity

C: **and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: **and my sin is always before me.**

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: **so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.**

P: Surely I have been a sinner from birth,

C: **sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;

C: **you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.**

P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

C: **wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

P: Let me hear joy and gladness;

C: **let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

P: Hide your face from my sins

C: **and blot out all my iniquity.**

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: **and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P: Do not cast me from your presence

C: **or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

C: **and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

P: Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
C: and sinners will turn back to you.
P: Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,
C: and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth will declare your praise.
P: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
C: you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
C: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
P: In your good pleasure make Zion prosper;
C: build up the walls of Jerusalem.
P: Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you;
C: then bulls will be offered on your altar.
ALL: 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.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

THE VERSE (Psalm 103:10, 79:9a)

P: He hath not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.
C: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

THE SERMON HYMN: From the Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee607

THE SERMON

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all

things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by

the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life (✠) of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERINGS

✠ THE OFFICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right and salutary ... praising Thee and saying:

THE SANCTUS

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – ALL

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE ANGUS DEI

C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE THANKSGIVING

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

C: **You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy Spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the (✠) Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee750

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

THE BLESSINGS IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

February 24th

✠ **The Blood of Christ Purifies** ✠

March 3rd

✠ **The Blood of Christ Redeems** ✠

March 10th

✠ **The Blood of Christ Gives Access** ✠

March 17th

✠ **The Blood of Christ Speaks** ✠

March 24th

✠ **The Blood of Christ Sanctifies** ✠



Wednesdays starting February 24th ~ Soup/Salad Suppers

Preceding the Lenten Vespers Services will be a soup/salad dinner at 6:00PM. Please come and join us for food and fellowship. Sign-up in the narthex to bring soup, salad, etc.