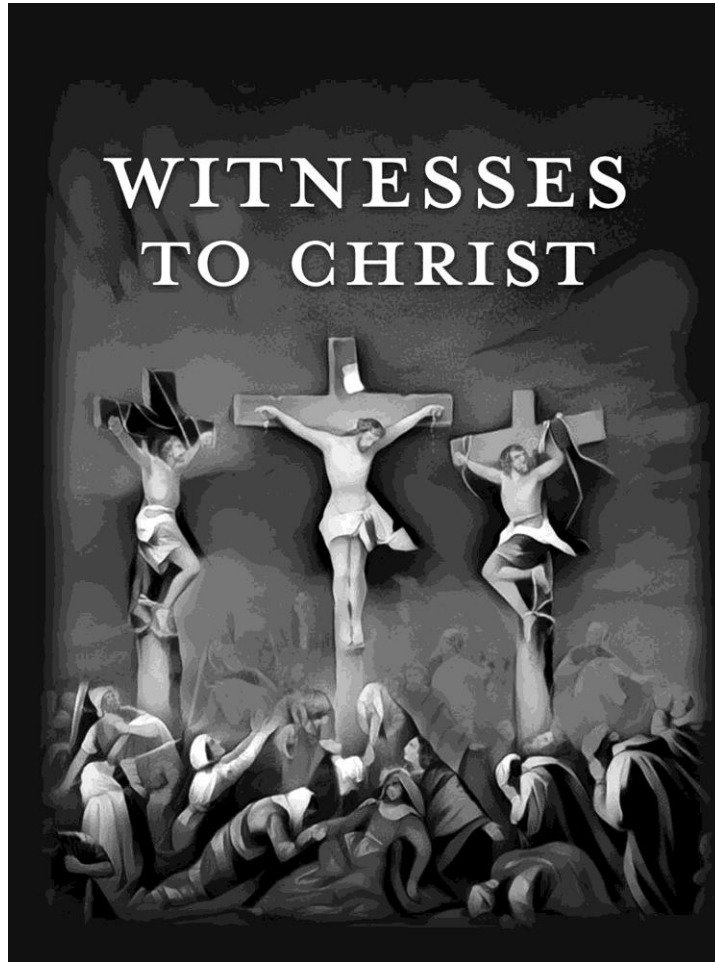


ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022 12:15pm & 6:30pm



As We Gather

As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention on various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:6–7). John the Baptist's mission is "to bear witness about the light." In fact, fourteen times in John's Gospel, the word *witness* is connected with John the Baptist. "He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:8–9). John points us to Jesus, who takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame at the cross.

PREPARATION

Psalm 51 *(for your silent meditation)*

- ¹*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*
- ²*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*
- ³*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*
- ⁴*Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.*
- ⁵*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
- ⁶*Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*
- ⁷*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
- ⁸*Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*
- ⁹*Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.*
- ¹⁰*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*
- ¹¹*Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*
- ¹²*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*
- ¹³*Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.*
- ¹⁴*Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.*
- ¹⁵*O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.*
- ¹⁶*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*
- ¹⁷*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Holy Communion

Welcome! When the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, (LCMS) celebrate the Lord's Supper we confess the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. (*1 Cor 10:16 & 1 Cor 11:23-26*) We believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present "*in, with and under*" elements of the Holy Supper. Please register your intent to commune on the pew card after prayerfully reading it. If you are visiting with us and you desire to join with us in communion fellowship in agreement with these beliefs, please speak to our Pastor or the elder on duty before the Service. Thank You.

Call to Worship

Prelude

Welcome

#418

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P Today we begin our Lenten journey, recognizing the witnesses who point us to Christ,

C **testifying to His words and actions for us.**

P John the Baptist directs us to Jesus, proclaiming:

C **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

Confession and Absolution

P John's words remind us that we need forgiveness. We cannot escape our sin, guilt, or shame on our own. Though we may try to hide our sin, our heavenly Father knows all things. He invites us to turn to Him so that our sin, guilt, and shame might be taken away. Together we confess:

C **Lord, we come before You filled with regrets of things we should not have done, words we wish we could take back, and thoughts we cannot bear to remember. Our sins have infected our relationships with others and our relationship with You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so the joy of Your salvation might be restored to us.**

P John's words remind us that forgiveness comes to us from Jesus. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the Lamb of God, 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. Behold, we are forgiven by Christ!**



Imposition of Ashes

P We are indeed forgiven in Christ. Still, in this world, we suffer the wages of sin, which is death. We endure pain, disease, and grief. Today we receive the mark of the cross upon us in the form of ashes. These ashes remind us that we are merely dust and ashes, that when we die, our bodies will return to dust and ashes. But the sign of the cross reminds us that dust and ashes are not the end for us. When Jesus returns, He will raise us from the dead, and we will live forever with Him in the new creation.

C Amen. We will be free from sin, death, and Satan when Jesus returns.

As each person comes forward, they receive the sign of the cross on his or her forehead or hand with ashes, saying:

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

Imposition Hymns

#611

#425

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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.

P The Old Testament Reading is from Joel, the second chapter.

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and 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.
¹⁴Who 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?
¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather 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.
¹⁷Between 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?’”
¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.
¹⁹The 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.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

P The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fifth and sixth chapters.

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.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as 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.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

“Behold! The Lamb of God,” John Said



1 “Be - hold! The Lamb of God,” John said, “Who
 2 The Way— of jus - tice was de - prived; The
 3 Christ’s glo - ry is not seen by those Who
 4 May we this ho - ly Len - ten - tide Christ’s



takes all sin a - way.” This Lamb is Christ, who
 Truth— was o - ver - run; The Life— was all from
 view God’s Word as dross, For world - ly wis - dom
 Pas - sion clear - ly see; This som - ber vi - sion



in our stead For sin would mute - ly pay.
 Christ de - rived; God glo - ri - fies His Son!
 nev - er knows How gain could come from loss.
 will pro - vide The truth that sets us free.



“Be - hold your King!” by Pi - late scourged; Sin’s
 “I am the Bread of Life,” Christ said; “My
 Yet, this the glo - ry of the Christ: His
 Hear John, who speaks of what he knows; Come,



hell - ish sum on Him con - verged,
 sa - cred blood for all, I shed;
 per - fect life He sac - ri - ficed,
 fol - low on the path Christ chose:



While “Cru - ci - fy!” the hate - ful urged, Their
 Who eats and drinks of Me is fed.” All
 His fin - ished work for all suf - ficed— Debt
 The cross, the tomb from which He rose In



Sav - ior to be - tray.
 death by Christ un - done.
 can - celed on the cross.
 joy - ous vic - to - ry!

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Collection of Cards / Preparation for Communion

Prayer of the Church

SACRAMENT

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.

The 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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

#420

Christ, the Life of All the Living

#421

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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O Christ, You Walked the Road

Postlude

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Worship with us

5:30 pm Saturday 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday

Midweek Lenten Services

12:15pm and 6:30pm

March 9

Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha, *John 12:1–11*

March 16

Malchus, *John 18:1–11*

March 23

Peter, *John 18:12–27*

March 30

Barabbas, *John 18:33–40*

April 6

Pontius Pilate, *John 19:1–16*

Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

April 14 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Judas Iscariot, *John 13:21–30*

Good Friday

April 15 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm

John, the Gospel Writer, *John 19:25–37*

The Resurrection of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

April 17 at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:30am

Mary Magdalene, *John 20:1–18*