



March 2, 2022

Triumphant Lutheran Church

We grow in Christ to serve others.

Ash Wednesday

12:00pm and 7:00pm

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[P] Pastor [AM] Assisting Minister [C] Congregation ELW – Worship Book

PSALM 51:1-17 *To be read responsively.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak

and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,

that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked,

and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,

O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

Glory 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

EXHORTATION

[P] Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

CONFESSION

[P] Most Holy and Merciful Father:

[C] **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

[P] We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

[C] **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

[P] We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

[C] **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

[P] We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

[C] **we confess to you, Lord.**

[P] Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

[C] **we confess to you, Lord.**

[P] Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

[C] **we confess to you, Lord.**

[P] Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

[C] **we confess to you, Lord.**

[P] Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

[C] **we confess to you, Lord.**

[P] Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

[C] **accept our repentance, Lord.**

[P] For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

[C] **accept our repentance, Lord.**

[P] For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

[C] **accept our repentance, Lord.**

[P] Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

[C] **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward and kneel before the altar.

The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

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

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

You may read Psalm 90 (Pew Bible Pg. 929) silently during the imposition of ashes.

[P] Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
[C] **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

[P] By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,
[C] **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

[P] Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him 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 his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] **Amen**

Silence for reflection

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain mercy, full pardon, and forgiveness; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

Pew Bible Pg. 1153

[R] The Word of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

RETURN TO THE LORD

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra- cious and mer- ci- ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a- bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Pew Bible Pg. 1503

[P] The Gospel of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church” ELW 321

APOSTLES' CREED

[AM] Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

[C] **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

[AM] As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

[AM] Lord God Almighty, your prophets warn us to tremble at your coming, for it will be a day of darkness and gloom. They advise us to return to you with our hearts, so that our gloom may be turned into the noonday sun, for you are also gracious and merciful. The day of the Lord is coming:

[C] He abounds in steadfast love.

[AM] Have mercy on us, O God, and blot out our sins. Against you and you alone have we sinned, for all our wrong against others is against a beloved child of your own. Create in us new hearts, and put a new and right spirit within us. The day of the Lord is coming:

[C] He abounds in steadfast love.

[AM] Lord Jesus Christ, as fellow servants of God we may be treated as imposters, yet you make us true. We may be accused of being sorrowful, but we rejoice in your presence. We may be pitied because we are seen as poor and having nothing but faith, but you make us rich in the love of God. The day of the Lord is coming:

[C] He abounds in steadfast love.

[AM] Holy Spirit, help us hear the words of Jesus as the Word of God. Help our hearts treasure your presence more than the treasures of the world. When we do find ourselves loving you above all else, help us to be humble in spirit, for it is your gift, not our accomplishment. The day of the Lord is coming:

[C] He abounds in steadfast love.

[AM] We bring before you those who are well aware of their physical weaknesses, for they stand in need of your healing. As we name them aloud or silently in our hearts, help us to trust you with all whom we love, especially those on our prayer list. The day of the Lord is coming:

[C] He abounds in steadfast love.

[AM] Remembering the saints who have gone before us, fill us with hope for the day of salvation, when the ruins will be rebuilt, the streets restored, and the waters will never fail. The day of the Lord is coming:

[C] He abounds in steadfast love.

[P] Though we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, we remember that we are your precious dust.

[C] **Amen.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

GATHERING OF GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

[AM] O God whose giving knows no ending, we lift before you these gifts. Take and use what we offer here, gather and make us one, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

[C] **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 152

[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 our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all time and in all places give thanks and praise... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

ELW page 153

Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

ELW page 108

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. ELW page 154
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace,--- grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

[AM] Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have gathered and fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to be your body for the sake of a world in need. In your name we pray,
[C] **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "Be Thou My Vision" ELW 793

DISMISSAL

[AM] We grow in Christ to serve others.
[C] **Thanks be to God.**

Depart In Silence

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Ash Wednesday Services

Pastor Rev. Aaron Richter
Organist Carol Snyder

12:00pm Service

Assisting Minister Jackie Mitchell
Reader Mary Gandolfo

7:00pm Service

Assisting Minister
Reader Gordon Hengst

