

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

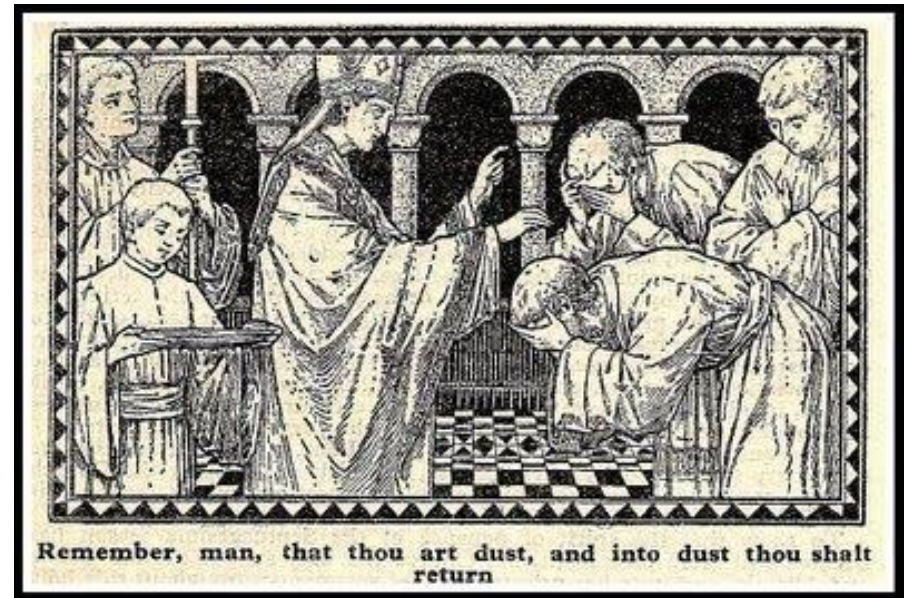
A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Ash Wednesday
February 14th, 2018

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” St. Matthew 6:21

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Introit

I **WILL** - || cry out | to | God | **Most** - | High, *
To God who performs | **all** - | **things** - | for | me.
|| And in the shadow of Your wings I will | make | my | **re**- - | fuge, *
Until these calami- | **ties** - | **have** - | passed | by. (*Psalm 57:2, 1b*)
|| Be merciful to me, O God, be mer- | ci- | ful | **to** - | me! *
For my | **soul** - | **trusts** - | in | You;
|| And in the shadow of Your wings I will | make | my | **re**- - | fuge, *
Until these calami- | **ties** - | **have** - | passed | by.
|| I will cry out | to | God | **Most** - | High, *
To God who performs | **all** - | **things** - | for | me.
|| He shall send from heav- | en | and | **save** - | me; *
God shall send forth His mer- | **cy** - | **and** - | His | truth. (*Psalm 57:1-3*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

|| I will cry out | to | God | **Most** - | High, *
To God who performs | **all** - | **things** - | for | me.
|| And in the shadow of Your wings I will | make | my | **re**- - | fuge, *
Until these calami- | **ties** - | **have** - | passed | by. (*Psalm 57:2, 1b*)

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and Everlasting God, our Father, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost 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 liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Beginning of Lent

O Gracious God, Who retainest not Thine anger forever, but delightest in mercy and pardonest iniquity, Who wouldst be gracious to Thy people rather than pour out Thy wrath upon sinners, we beseech Thee, forgive us all our sins, and enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to go and sin no more; for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

|| Be merciful to me, O God, be mer- | ci- | ful | **to** - | me! *
For my | **soul** - | **trusts** - | in | You;
|| He shall | send | from | **heav**- - | en | *
And save me; He reproaches the one who would | **swal**- - | **low** - | me | up. (*Psalm 57:1, 3a*)

Tract (From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Verse)

|| O Lord, do not deal with us accord- | ing | to | **our** - | sins, *
Nor punish us according to our | **in**- - | **i**- - | qui- | ties.
|| O Lord, do not remember former iniqui- | ties | a- | **gainst** - | us! *
Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been |
brought - | **ve**- - | ry | low.
|| Help us, O God of | our | **sal**- | **va**- - | tion, *
For the glo- | **ry** - | **of** - | Your | name. (*Psalm 103:10, 79:8-9a paraphrase*)

Isaiah 59:12-21

¹² “For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: ¹³ In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. ¹⁴ Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. ¹⁵ So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. ¹⁷ For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak. ¹⁸ According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. ¹⁹ So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. ²⁰ The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” Says the LORD. ²¹ “As for Me,” says the LORD, “this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the LORD, “from this time and for-evermore.”

Joel 2:12-19

¹² “Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” ¹³ So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

¹⁴ Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing be-hind Him—a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶ Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. ¹⁷ Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸ Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. ¹⁹ The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.”

St. Matthew 6:16-21

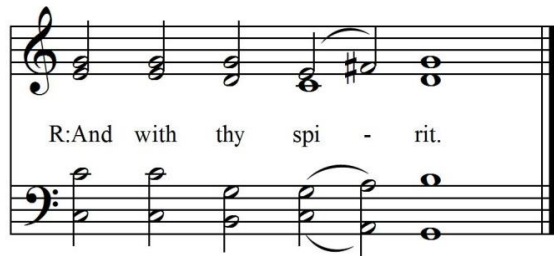
¹⁶ “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

When all have received the ashes, the Celebrant, from the Epistle horn, and facing the Congregation, with parted hands, chants:



The Lord be with you.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



R: And with thy spirit.

The Deacon then chants:



Let us pray.

The Celebrant then prays the following Collect, chanting:

V: Grant us, O Lord, to begin with holy fasts the campaign of our Christian warfare, that, as we do battle with the spirits of evil, we may be protected by the help of self-denial; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

And the Congregation responds, chanting:



Amen.

The Service continues with the Introit.

The Rite of Imposition of Ashes

In place of the Confiteor, the ashes obtained by burning the palm branches used the preceding Palm Sunday, and mixed with anointing oil, are now set apart for use in the Imposition of Ashes.

While the Ministers enter, the Choir chants the following Introit:



HEAR ME, || O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is | good; | - *
 Turn to me according to the multitude of Your ten- | der | mer-
 | cies. (Psalm 69:16)
 || Save me, O | God! | - *
 For the waters have come up | to | my | neck.
 || I sink in deep mire, where there is no | stand- | ing; *
 I have come into deep waters, where the floods ov- | er- | flow |
 me.
 || I am weary with my cry -ing; (+) My throat is | dry; | - *
 My eyes fail while I wait | for | my | God.
 || Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my |
 head; | - *
 They are mighty who would destroy me, being my enemies
 wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I still must | re- |
 store | it.
 || O God, You know my | fool-ish · | ness; *
 And my sins are not hid- | den | from | You.
 || Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed
 because of | me; | - *
 Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O
 God of | Is- | ra- | el.
 || Because for Your sake I have borne re- | proach; | - *
 Shame has co- | vered | my | face.
 || I have become a stranger to my | bro- | thers, *
 And an alien to my moth- | er's | child- | ren;
 || Because zeal for Your house has eaten me | up, | - *
 And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fall- | en |
 on | me.
 || When I wept and chastened my soul with | fast- | ing, *



That became | my | re- | proach.
|| I also made sackcloth my | gar- | ment; *
I became a by- | word | to | them.
|| Those who sit in the gate speak a- | gainst | me, *
And I am the song of | the | drunk- | ards.
|| But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable | time;
| - *
O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear me in the truth of
Your | sal- | va- | tion.
|| Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not | sink; | - *
Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the |
deep | wa- | ters.
|| Let not the floodwater overflow me, nor let the deep swallow me | up;
| - *
And let not the pit shut its | mouth | on | me.
|| Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is | good; | - *
Turn to me according to the multitude of Your ten- | der | mer-
| cies.
|| And do not hide Your face from Your ser-*-vant*, (+) for I am in | trou-
| ble; *
Hear me | speed- | i- | ly.
|| Draw near to my soul, and re- | deem | it; *
Deliver me because of my | en- | e- | mies.
|| You know my reproach, my shame, and my dis- | hon- | or; *
My adversaries are all | be- | fore | You.
|| Reproach has broken my | heart, | - *
And I am full of | heav- | i- | ness;
|| I looked for someone to take pity, but there was | none; | - *
And for comforters, but | I | found | none.
|| They also gave me gall for my | food, | - *
And for my thirst they gave me vine- | gar | to | drink.
|| Let their table become a snare be- | fore | them, *
And their well-be- | ing | a | trap.
|| Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not | see; | - *
And make their loins shake con- | tin- | u-*al* · | ly.
|| Pour out Your indignation up- | on | them, *
And let Your wrathful anger take | hold | of | them.



Another Antiphon:

LET THE || priests, who minister to the | Lord, | - *
Weep between the porch and | the | al- | tar;
|| Let them say, “Spare Your people, O | Lord.” | - *
And destroy not the mouths of them that praise | You, | O | Lord.
(Joel 2:17a, Apocryphal Esther 13:17b)

Responsory:



Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned
through | ig- | no- | rance; *
Lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for
repentance and are not able to | find | — | it.



Attend, O Lord, be | mer- | ci- | ful; *
For we | have | sinned | a- | **gainst** - | You.



Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory | of | Your
| Name; *
And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for | Your |
Name's | sake!



Attend, O Lord, be | mer- | ci- | ful; *
For we | have | sinned | a- | **gainst** - | You.



Glory be to the Father and | to | the | Son *
And to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.



Attend, O Lord, be | mer- | ci- | ful; *
For we | have | sinned | a- | **gainst** - | You.

The Deacon then chants:



Let us pray.

The Celebrant then prays the following Collect, chanting:

O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who didst vouchsafe Thy healing pardon to the Ninevites, who repented in sackcloth and ashes, mercifully grant that we may so imitate them in our outward attitude as to follow them in obtaining forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



The Celebrant then censes the ashes. He puts ashes on his own head.

Then the Congregation comes forward to the entrance of the Chancel in single file, and kneeling, receives ashes upon their forehead. To assist the Celebrant, hats should be removed, and hair should be moved out of the way.

He places the ashes on the foreheads in a form of a cross, saying to each person:

V: Remember, O Man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return.

During the Imposition of Ashes, the Choir chants the following Antiphons and Responsory:

Antiphon:



SO REND || your | heart, | - *

And not | your | gar- | ments;

|| Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merci-ful, · (+)
slow to anger, and of great | kind- | ness; *

And He relents from | do- | ing | harm. (Joel 2:13)



|| Let their dwelling place be | de-so- · | late; *

Let no one live | in | their | tents.

|| For they persecute the ones You have | struck, | - *

And talk of the grief of those You | have | wound- | ed.

|| Add iniquity to their in- | i-qui- · | ty, *

And let them not come into Your | right- | eous- | ness.

|| Let them be blotted out of the book of the | liv- | ing, *

And not be written with | the | right- | eous.

|| But I am poor and | sor-row- · | ful; *

Let Your salvation, O God, set me | up | on | high.

|| I will praise the name of God with a | song, | - *

And will magnify Him with | thanks- | giv- | ing.

|| This also shall please the | Lord | - *

Better than an ox or bull, which has | horns | and | hooves.

|| The humble shall see this and be | glad; | - *

And you who seek God, your | hearts | shall | live.

|| For the Lord hears the | poor, | - *

And does not despise His | pri- | son- | ers.

|| Let heaven and earth | praise | Him, *

The seas and everything that | moves | in | them.

|| For God will save Zion and build the cities of | Ju- | dah, *

That they may dwell there and | pos- | sess | it.

|| Also, the descendants of His servants shall in- | her-it · | it, *

And those who love His Name shall | dwell | in | it. (Psalm 69)

The Congregation joins in on the Gloria Patri:

GLORIA PATRI (From The Lutheran Hymnal)

The Choir continues with the Antiphon, chanting:

|| Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is | good; | - *

Turn to me according to the multitude of Your ten- | der | mer-
| cies. (Psalm 69:16)

When the Introit is finished, the Celebrant, at the Epistle horn, facing the Altar, hands joined together, chants:



The Lord be with you.

The Congregation responds chanting:

R: And with thy spi - rit.

The Deacon chants:

Let us pray.

The Celebrant then prays the following Collect, chanting:

V: O Almighty and Everlasting God, spare those who are penitent, be merciful to those who implore Thee; and vouchsafe to send Thy holy Angel from Heaven, to set apart + and sanctify + these ashes, that they may be a wholesome remedy to all who humbly implore Thy holy Name, and who accuse themselves, conscious of their sins, deploring their crimes before Thy divine mercy, and who humbly and earnestly beseech Thy sovereign goodness: and grant through the Invocation of Thy most holy Name that whosoever shall be sprinkled with them for the remission of their sins may receive the safe-keeping of their soul; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

A ————— men.

The Deacon then chants:

Let us pray.

The Celebrant then prays the following Collect, chanting:

V: O God, Who desirest not the death, but the repentance of sinners, look down most graciously upon the frailty of human nature; and in Thy goodness vouchsafe to set apart + these ashes which we purpose to put upon our heads in token of our lowliness and a mark of Thy

forgiveness; so that we who know that we are but dust, and on account of our wickedness deserve to return to dust, may deserve to obtain of Thy mercy, the pardon of all our sins, and the rewards promised to the penitent; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

A ————— men.

The Deacon then chants:

Let us pray.

The Celebrant then prays the following Collect, chanting:

O God, Who art moved by a broken heart, and appeased by contrition, incline the ear of Thy goodness to our prayers and mercifully pour forth upon the heads of Thy servants sprinkled with these ashes the grace of Thy blessing, that Thou mayest both fill them with the spirit of remorse, and effectually grant what they have justly prayed for, and ordain that what Thou hast granted may be permanently established and remain unchanged; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

A ————— men.

TLH 321 “O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee”

Nicolaus Selnecker, 1572

1. O faithful God, thanks be to Thee
Who dost forgive iniquity.

Thou grantest help in sin’s distress,
And soul and body dost Thou bless.

2. Thy servant now declares to me:

“Thy sins are all forgiven thee.
Depart in peace, but sin no more
And e’er My pard’ning grace adore.”

3. O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart,
For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart
Thro’ Christ our Savior’s precious blood,
Which for the sake of sinners flowed.

4. Give us Thy Spirit, peace afford
Now and forever, gracious Lord.
Preserve to us till life is spent
Thy holy Word and Sacrament. Amen.

TLH 329 “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”

Martin Luther, 1523

1. From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
My prayer let come before Thee.
If Thou rememb’rest each misdeed,
If each should have its rightful meed,
Who may abide Thy presence?

2. Thy love and grace alone avail
To blot out my transgression;
The best and holiest deeds must fail
To break sin’s dread oppression.
Before Thee none can boasting stand,
But all must fear Thy strict demand
And live alone by mercy.

3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord
And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word
To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just;
This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.

4. And though it tarry till the night
And till the morning waken,
My heart shall never doubt His might
Nor count itself forsaken.

Do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
Wait for your God’s appearing.

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow. Amen.

TLH 249 “Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old”

Martin Luther, 1526

1. Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old
The Lord of all in Spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.
Above the throne were stately seraphim,
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,
With twain in reverent awe they hid their feet,
And with the other twain aloft they soared,
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!”
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.
Amen.

TLH 326 “Lord, to Thee I Make Confession”

Johann Franck, 1649

1. Lord, to Thee I make confession;
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by Thee to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at Thy terrors.

2. Yet, though conscience’ voice appal me,
Father, I will seek Thy face;
Tho’ Thy child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me to Thy grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Do not let Thy wrath o’ertake me.

3. For Thy Son did suffer for me,
Gave Himself to rescue me,
Died to heal me and restore me,
Reconciled me unto Thee.

'Tis alone His cross can vanquish
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.

4. Then on Him I cast my burden,
Sink it in the depths below.
Let me know Thy gracious pardon,
Wash me, make me white as snow.
Let Thy Spirit leave me never;
Make me only Thine forever. Amen.