

Zion Lutheran Church



Ash Wednesday

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith,
and serve others.

The Imposition of Ashes and the Celebration of Holy Communion Zion Lutheran Church

GATHERING

The assembly gathers in silence and may remain seated for the reciting of Psalm 51. Please join in unison.

**☞ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**

**Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.
The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt-offerings and whole burnt-offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Please rise.

***GLORIA PATRI**

☩ 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

***GREETING**

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (R/ Amen)**

FIRST READING:

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

L The word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL:**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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INVITATION TO LENT

The assembly may either sit or kneel. The presiding minister will invite the assembly into the discipline of Lent.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Congregation may either sit or kneel during confession.

Most holy and merciful God,

G **We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

After each petition, the congregation will respond by saying:

G **Have mercy on us, O God.**

The confession continues...

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

G **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

P Lord, bless the sinner who asks for your forgiveness and bless † all those who receive these ashes. May they keep this lenten season in preparation for the joy of Easter. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

People may come forward and stand to receive the ashes. Please form two lines as you come forward. The Ministers will mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

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

After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.

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 Savior,

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P Come back to the Lord with all your heart; lave the past in ashes, and turn to God with tears and fasting, for he is slow to anger and ready to forgive. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in † eternal life.

C Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

ANTHEM

Coming Home
(Kirkpatrick/McDonald)

OFFERING

During this special music offering, we ask that you consider how you can support the work and mission at Zion through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or drop your Offering in the offering plate as it comes through the pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



***OFFERTORY**

G Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***SURSUM CORDA**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

P It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (☒ Amen.)**

***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**

☐ When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

☑ Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to the disciples.

***AGNUS DEI**

