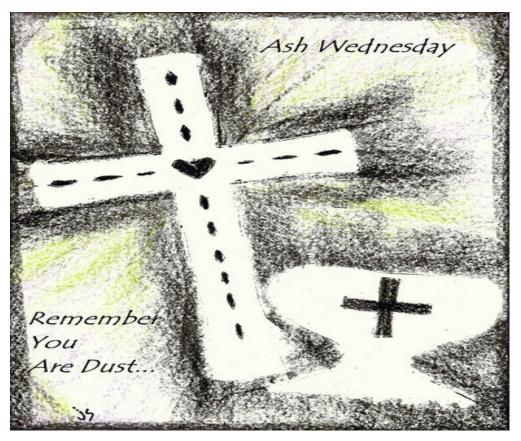
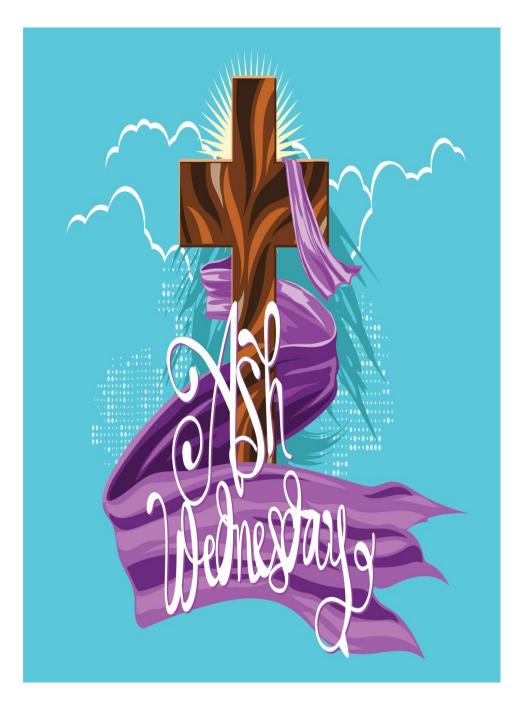
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February 26, 2023







Communion Statement We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.

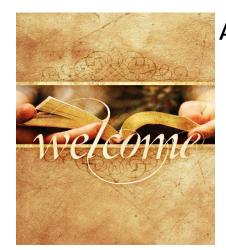
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Ash Wednesday Worship

Sunday

February 26, 2023

Divine Service I

Welcome and Announcements

Salutation

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always

G And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with those worshipping around you.

Ash Wednesday

Please stand as you are able

P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

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 Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Silence for reflection.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

- **P** O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- **P** O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- **P** O Christ,
- C hear us.
- **P** God the Father in heaven,
- **C** have mercy.
- **P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

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C have mercy.

- **P** God the Holy Spirit,
- C have mercy.
- **P** Be gracious to us.
- **C** Spare us, good Lord.
- **P** Be gracious to us.
- **G** Help us, good Lord.
- **P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
 - by Your holy nativity;
 - by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
 - by Your agony and bloody sweat;
 - by Your cross and passion;
 - by Your precious death and burial;
 - by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
 - and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- G Help us, good Lord.
- In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- **G** Help us, good Lord.
- **P** We poor sinners implore You
- **C** to hear us, O Lord.
- To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;

and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

G We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

G We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

G We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- **P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- we implore You to hear us.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.
- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **G** grant us Your peace.
- **P** O Christ,
- C hear us.
- **P** O Lord,

C have mercy.

- **P** O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- **P** O Lord,
- C have mercy. Amen.
- **P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have com-

passion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who



lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message

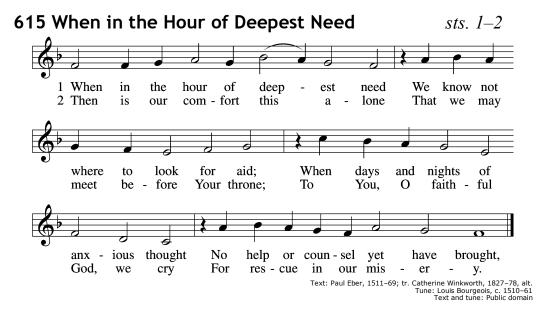
Imposition of Ashes

The pastors receive ashes first, followed by the Gospel Ringers, and then those members of the congregation who wish to receive them. Using the right thumb, the pastors place the ashes on the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross, saying: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Gospel Ringers play the anthem: "El Shaddai" while congregation receives the ashes.

After receiving the ashes, each person returns to his place in silence. There is no statement of dismissal.

After all have received the ashes, the service continues.



Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen.

Exhortation

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- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. Confession of Sins LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word

Responsive Reading of Psalm 51:1-13

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!

G³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

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

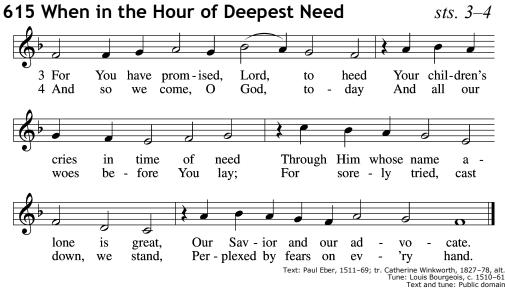
C so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

- Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- G ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 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.
- C¹⁰ 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 a willing spirit.
- ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
- **G** and sinners will return to you.
- 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.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **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.

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Chronicles 21 (selected verses) 1 Chronicles 21:1–4, 7–19, 26–27

¹Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. ²So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, and bring me a report, that I may know their number." ³But Joab said, "May the LORD add to his people a hundred times as many as they are! Are they not, my lord the king, all of them my lord's servants? Why then should my lord require this? Why should it be a cause of guilt for Israel?" ⁴But the king's word prevailed against Joab. So Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came back to Jerusalem.

⁷But God was displeased with this thing, and he struck Israel. ⁸And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. But now, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly." ⁹And the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹⁰"Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you; choose one of them, that I may do it to you." ¹¹So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Choose what you will: ¹²either three years of famine, or three months of devastation by your foes while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence on the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." ¹³Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is very great, but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

¹⁴So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel, and 70,000 men of Israel fell. ¹⁵And God sent the angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw, and he relented from the calamity. And he said to the angel who was working destruction, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. ¹⁷And David said to God, "Was it not I who gave command to number the people? It is I who have sinned and done great evil. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father's house. But do not let the plague be on your people."

¹⁸Now the angel of the LORD had commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁹So David went up at Gad's word, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD.

²⁶And David built there an altar to the LORD and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven upon

the altar of burnt offering. ²⁷Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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.

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 6:1-6< 16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you....

¹⁶"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by ______ others.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:20-21

Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated



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Sermon: 1 Chronicles 21: King David: "Let Your Hand Be Against Me"

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

■ 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.

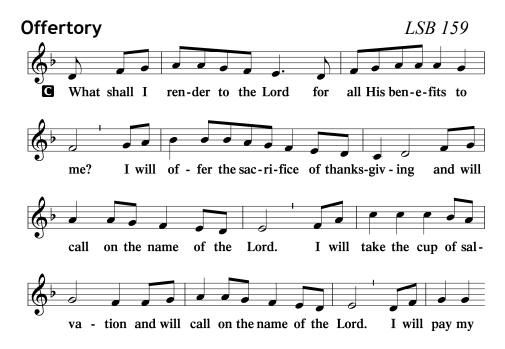
Offering and Prayers

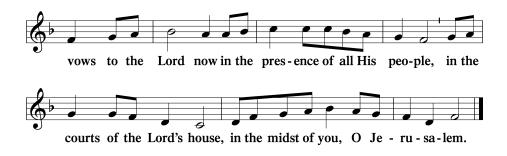
Offering Statement

P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

Offering Verse: Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.





Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** ... let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You

alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

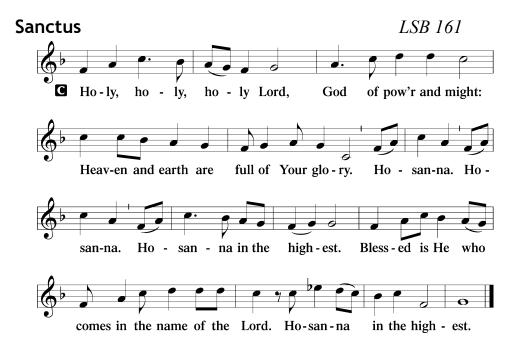
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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

 P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Words of Our Lord

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."

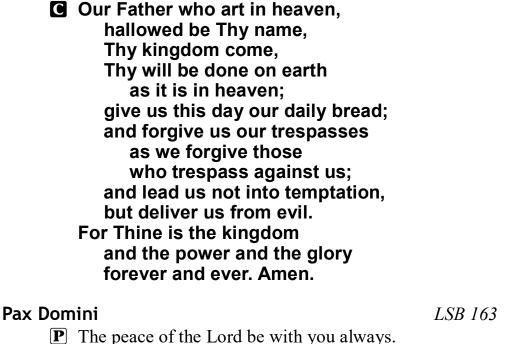
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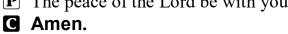
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

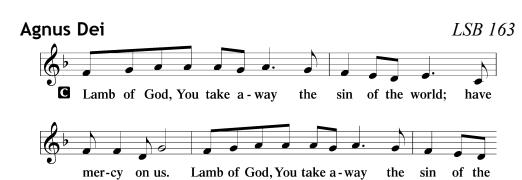
 P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

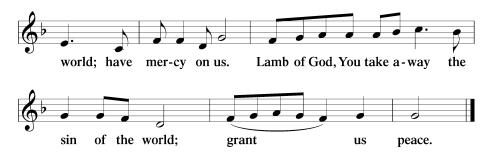
Lord's Prayer

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Please be seated

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Right Column

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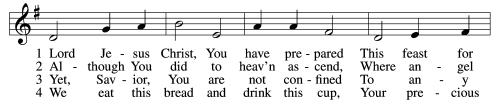
The true body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The true blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said: Table Dismissal

Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared





- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.
 I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said; Help me when doubts assail me.

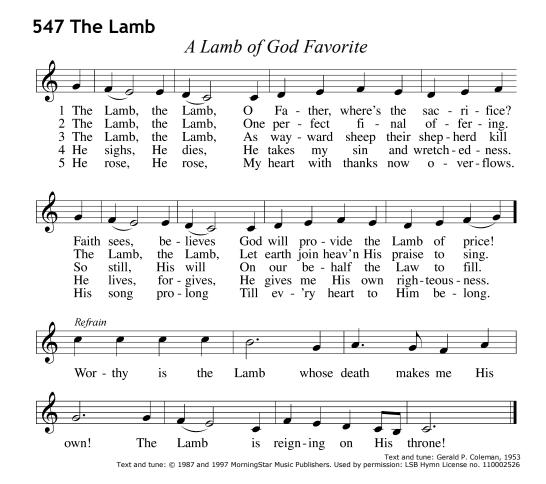
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.

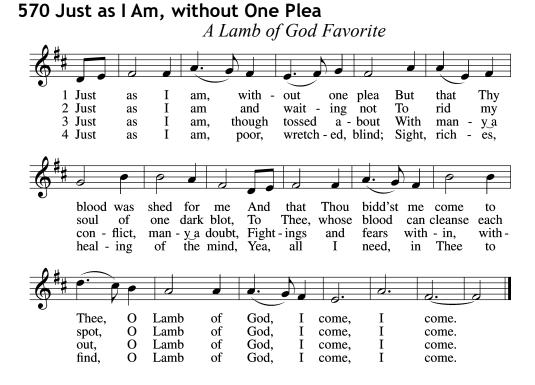
7 Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Your grace And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying.

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5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe,

O Lamb

6 Just as I Has bro-Now to be O Lamb Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-Tune: William B. Bradbury, Text and tune: Public domain of God, I come, I come.

am; Thy love unknown ken ev'ry barrier down; Thine, yea, Thine alone, of God, I come, I come.

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- **C** Amen.

Close of the Service

Please Stand as you are able

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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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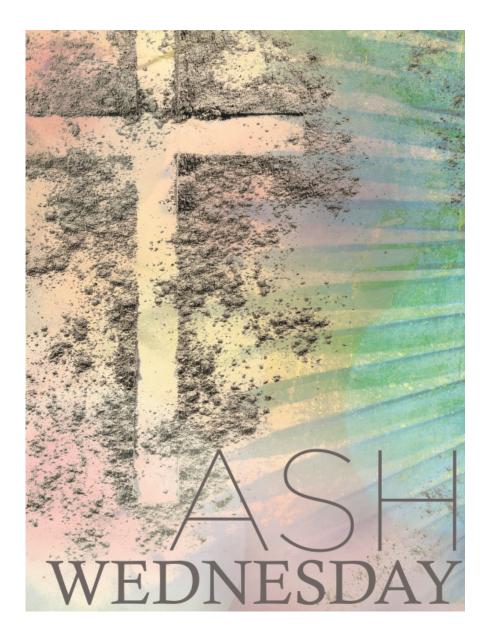
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

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