

Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025
12:00pm & 6:45pm
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

**HOLY COMMUNION** In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.** 



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# **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

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#### THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES IN THE SERVICE

Ashes are a symbol of contrition (sorrow for sin): "I...repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). They are also vivid reminders of mortality: "For you are dust and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Ashes then are a reminder that we are born sinful and deserve God's wrath. But the good news is spoken by St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." The ashes that are put on our foreheads in the shape of a cross remind us of our dirty sins that were piled on Jesus when He died on the cross for us. The ash cross on our forehead also reminds us of the first time the sign of the cross was made on our foreheads – in Baptism. There, in the water of Holy Baptism, we were washed clean with the blood of Jesus, and the dirt of our sins was washed away forever.

#### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

**PRELUDE** 

From Depths of Woe I Cry to You

arr. Hildebrand

#### **PASTORAL GREETING**

Stand

# **→** THE PREPARATION **→**

#### **INVOCATION**

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY ADDRESS**

- 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.

#### **PRAYER**

$\mathbf{P}$	O Lord,	C	have mercy.
P	O Christ,	C	have mercy.
P	O Lord,	C	have mercy.

- O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion 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 up 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.
- C Amen.

Sit

# **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

(Worshippers may approach the altar to receive ashes upon the forehead. Approach the altar down the center aisle, in two rows, and return down the side aisles. The pastors, vicar and elders shall speak the words, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" Genesis 3:19).

**HYMNS** (Worshipers are encouraged to sing softly and meditatively)

LSB 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm & Healing

LSB 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

ANTHEM

Oh Lord, Hear Me Hopson

Adult Choir

Stand

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4* 

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

- P Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy...and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

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# **♣** SERVICE OF THE WORD **♣**

#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

(During the penitential Season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.)

#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

2 Timothy 4:22

- 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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Joel 2:12–19

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

#### **PSALM**

God, Be Merciful to Me
Psalm 51

- God, be merciful to me,
   On your grace I rest my plea;
   your compassions overflow,
   blot out my transgressions now;
   wash me, make me pure within,
   cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
- My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress; I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face; I confess your judgment just, speechless in your mercy trust.
- 3. I am evil, born in sin;
  you desire all truth within.
  You alone my Savior are,
  teach your wisdom to my heart;
  make me pure, your grace bestow,
  wash me whiter than the snow.
- 4. Broken humbled to the dust by your wrath and judgment just, let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice; from my sins, O hide your face, blot them out in boundless grace.

- 5. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; let me not abandoned be, let your Spirit dwell in me; your salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
- 6. Sinners then shall learn from me and to God restored shall be;
  Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing your love; touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.
- 7. No attempted sacrifice has acceptance in your eyes; broken hearts are in your sight more than sacrificial rite; contrite spirit, pleading cries, you, O God, will not despise.
- 8. Prosper Zion in your grace and her broken walls replace; then our righteous sacrifice shall delight your holy eyes; freewill off'rings, gladly made, on your altar shall be laid.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

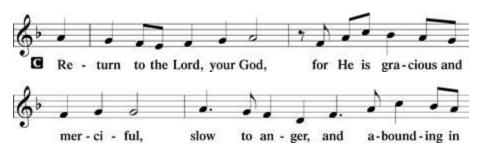
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

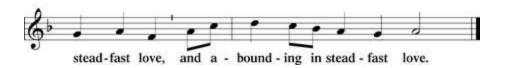
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# **GOSPEL VERSE**

#### Return to the Lord

Joel 2:13





#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[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.

<sup>2</sup>"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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>"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. <sup>6</sup>But 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. . . .

<sup>16</sup>"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that 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.

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

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

#### **SERMON HYMN**

# The Word That Spoke in Darkness

The Hand of the Lord Series Hymn



- 1 The Word that spoke in dark ness And prom ised com ing
- 2 The Sav-ior came to con quer And meet His mis-sion's
- 3 The Christ pro-claimed His vic t'ry With ev 'ry act of
- 4 The Prince of Peace con tin ued With each new task com-



light Kept guid-ing through the a - ges Un - til the time was Sa - tan's ter - ror, Cre - a - tion to aim: Up - end - ing out-cast shown com - pas - sion And God's own ho - ly The grace: glo - ry Up - on At cross and tomb and His roy - al plete



right To take on flesh and fol - low The Fa-ther's good comclaim By walk-ing the So faith may on wa - ters we by fa - vor On face As Je - sus looked with all from ev - 'ry De - liv - er - ance ac - com - plished Ex - act - ly as He seat.



mand And dwell a - mong His peo - ple, The king - dom now at hand. stand With trust in Him whose res - cue Is of - fered by His hand. land Who need - ed life and heal - ing From His al - might-y hand. planned; Our King will raise in wel-come His pierced and ris - en hand.

# The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives Matthew 6 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

**NICENE CREED** (located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
  - For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend His pilgrim people from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For our national church body and for this local congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the fostering of unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and have a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father and for all who are involved in ministries of outreach and care, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably; and for the people being governed, that they may contribute to the well-being of society, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who serve in all worthy occupations, professions, arts, and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and grant them a sense of value and satisfaction through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve, comfort, and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all the faithful in this household of faith and beyond, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who are sick, [especially . . .], that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, and for all in service vocations of healing and providing safety and care in our communities, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who mourn, [especially...], that in their time of sorrow they would not lose hope but will rely on God's promise that He will never leave them or forsake them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

OFFERTORY LSB 192



# **★ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★**

#### **PREFACE**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:22

[Colossians 3:1]

- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  $\mathbf{C}$

[Psalm 136]

#### PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3: Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew* 6:9-13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

#### **PAX DOMINI**~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

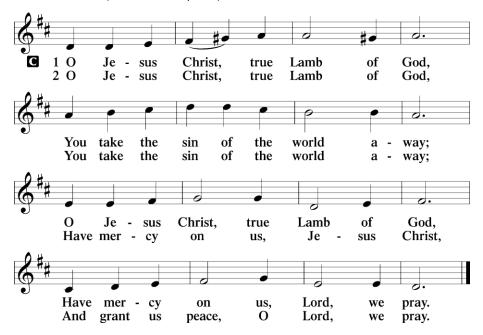
John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen!

# **AGNUS DEI**~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



#### INVITATION

**P** Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

#### DISTRIBUTION

# VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

#### **Personal Examination Before Communing**

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life? (For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal. Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

#### **Instructions for Communing**

We use <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

**Non-alcoholic white wine** in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

LSB 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
LSB 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need
LSB 843 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Stand

# DISMISSAL

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Nunc Dimittis**~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon) **C** 1 0 Lord, now let Your ser vant De 2 All glo - ry Fa All the ther, to part in heav'n - ly For the peace, have seen the Son, All the glo - ry to glo - ry to Ŏf glo ry it, Your re deem - ing grace: Spir For ev er Three in One: light the tiles Un lead Gen to For as in the be gin ning, Is Your ho - ly hill, The Your to glo - ry now, shall God's tri ev - er be. une name re

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# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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# **BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless you...and 
   ⊕ give you peace.

Your

Through

C Amen.

Psalm 103:1

Luke 2:29-32

Numbers 6:24-26

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

#### **POSTLUDE**

# Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

arr. Behnke

#### **SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:**

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Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist	Vicar Josiah Sandcork
_	Lauran Delancy
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#### LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPER

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Served from 5:30pm – 6:20pm

#### **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (12:00pm) Services at 12:00pm and 6:45pm (Hymn sing at 6:30pm)

# LESSONS AND CAROLS April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm (No hymn sing)

# HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY – April 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Service with Holy Communion 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Service with Holy Communion

# SEDER MEAL - April 15th at 6:30pm

Advanced reservation is required. Please email the <a href="mailto:office@bslcks.org">office@bslcks.org</a> to reserve your spot.

#### **HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY – April 17th**

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

# GOOD FRIDAY – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

# **EASTER EGG HUNT – April 19th**

9:30am-11:00am

# EASTER VIGIL – April 19<sup>th</sup>

Service at 6:00pm

# EASTER SUNDAY - April 20th

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 7:30am – 10:30am – Easter Breakfast 8:00am Easter Holy Service with Holy Communion 9:30am Easter Holy Service with Holy Communion 11:00am Easter Holy Service with Holy Communion

