

# FOR US



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 18, 2026**  
**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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## AS WE GATHER

This Ash Wednesday, we introduce our Lent sermon series, which is based on the ancient hymn “O Love, How Deep” (*LSB* 544). This hymn, written in the fifteenth century, contemplates the love of God in becoming man, taking on our life, dying our death, and rising again, all *for us*. But for us to understand and appreciate this love, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed. While we may try to get credit for our so-called good works, we all still die with nothing to show for them. But God’s love is not like our love. Our love is self-centered and fickle. God’s love is steady, deep, and beyond all understanding (*Ephesians 3:14–19*). This love of God will have no end.

## 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

***Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain***

arr. Blersch

### PASTORAL GREETING

## Stand

# † THE PREPARATION †

## ASH WEDNESDAY ADDRESS

- ¶ 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

**P** O Lord,  
**P** O Christ,  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**C** have mercy.  
**C** have mercy.

**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 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** (*Worshippers 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**

***From Depths of Woe, I Cry to Thee***

arr. Schalk

Adult Choir

*Stand*

## **INVOCATION**

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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

**P** Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy... and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*[John 20:19-23]*

# † 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

Psalm 51:1–13; antiphon: v. 17



**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

**C** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;\***  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.**

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!

**C** **For I know my trans- | gressions,\***  
**and my sin is ever be- | fore me.**

**P** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,\*  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

**C** **Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,\***  
**and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.**

**P** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,\*  
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

**C** **Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;\***  
**wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.**

**P** Let me hear joy and | gladness;\*  
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.

**C** **Hide your face | from my sins,\***  
**and blot out all my in- | iquities.**

**P** Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

**C** **Cast me not away from your | presence,\***  
**and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.**

**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**C** **Then I will teach transgressors | your ways,\***  
**and sinners will re- | turn to you.**

**A** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit,\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

## EPISTLE

## 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

<sup>20</sup>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.

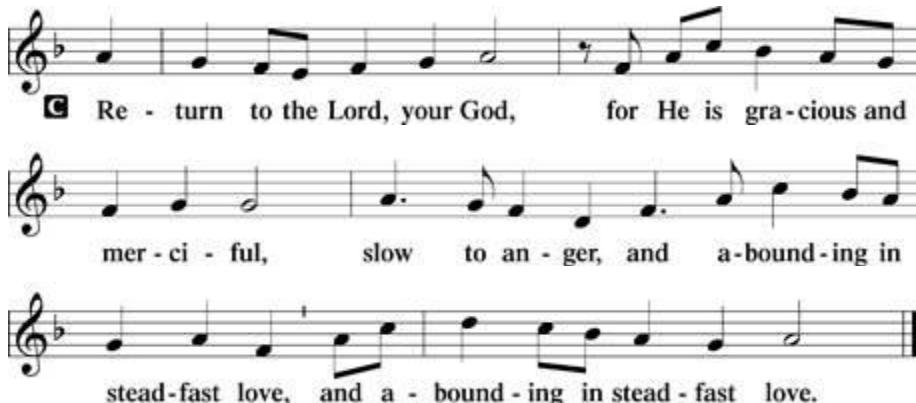
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Lent*

*Joel 2:13*



C 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  
steady - fast love, and a - bound - ing in steady - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21**

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

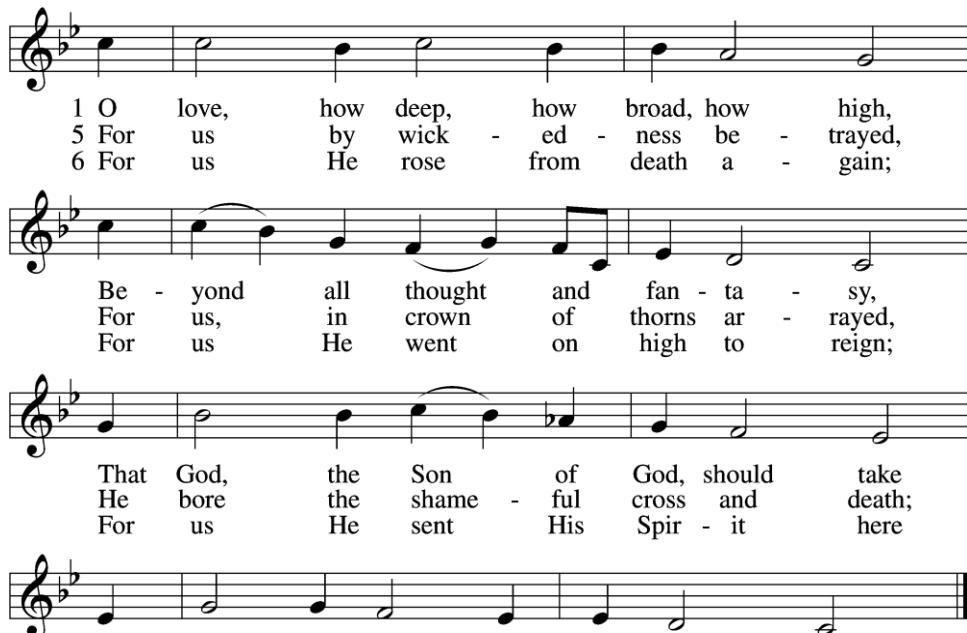
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## SERMON HYMN

**O Love, How Deep**

LSB 544:1, 5-6



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,  
6 For us He rose from death a - gain;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,  
For us He went on high to reign;

That God, the Son of God, should take death;  
He bore the shame sent - ful His cross and Spir - it here

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
For us He gave strength - en, and to breath.  
To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.

*Stand*

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

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.**

**P** 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.**

**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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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.**

**P** 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

*Psalm 51:10-12; LSB 192-3*



C 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## † THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

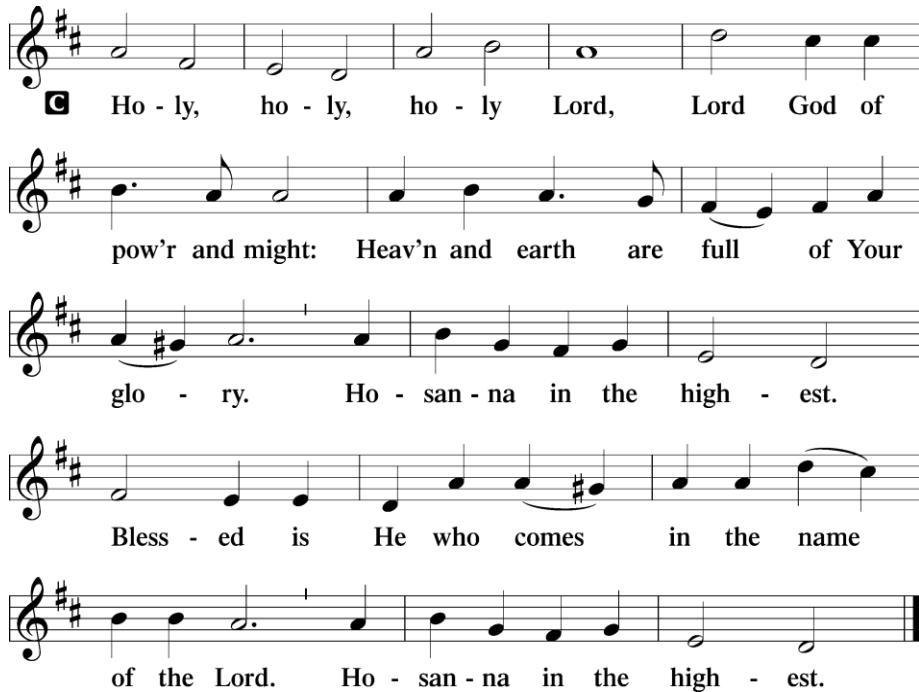
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *[Psalm 136]*

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** 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, 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-11

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



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION

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

*Sit*

## 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 continuous kneeling tables 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** is 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 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**LSB 615 *When in the Hour of Deepest Need***

**LSB 619 *Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior***

*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**Nunc Dimittis** ~ (Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you...and  give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

LSB 418

**12:00PM WORSHIP SERVICE** - *If you do not need your worship bulletin, please return it to the basket on the usher stand for use at the 6:45pm service. Thank you!*

## **POSTLUDE**

***Oh, Love, How Deep***  
arr. Hildebrand

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

Preaching .....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant.....	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist.....	Vicar Jonah Wilson
Organist.....	Lauran Delancy
Acolytes.....	Adam Stoll & TBD
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## LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPER

February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

Served from 5:30pm – 6:20pm

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Services at 12:00pm and 6:45pm (Hymn sing at 6:30pm)

### LESSONS AND CAROLS

March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm (No hymn sing)

### HOLY WEEK

#### PALM SUNDAY – March 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Service with Holy Communion

9:30am Education Hour

10:45am Service with Holy Communion

#### SEDER MEAL – March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

Advanced reservation is required.

Please email the [office@bslcks.org](mailto:office@bslcks.org) to reserve your spot.

#### HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY – April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Services at 4:45pm and 6:45pm

#### EASTER EGG HUNT – April 4<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-11:00am

#### EASTER VIGIL – April 4<sup>th</sup>

Service at 6:00pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY – April 5<sup>th</sup>

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

