



ASH WEDNESDAY

CONCORDIA SEMINARY

Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One

Imposition of Ashes

The assembly gathers in reverent silence to reflect on God's Word and for self-examination prior to Confession and Absolution.

One of the following seven penitential psalms or a suitable hymn may be silently prayed: Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143; also LSB 609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive," or LSB 610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me."

During this time of preparation, worshippers may approach one of the ministers located at the entrance to the nave to receive the imposition of ashes. As the minister traces the sign of the cross on each forehead, he says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," recalling the Lord's words first spoken to Adam and Eve when they had fallen into sin (Gen. 3:19).

Ashes are a sign of mortality and repentance and from ancient times have been used in rites of penitence and reconciliation.

The following hymn is sung during the Imposition of Ashes and just prior to the beginning of the service.

Hymn

LSB 419 "Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

At the conclusion of the Imposition of Ashes, the presiding minister continues with the Litany.

Stand

Litany

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.

Kneel

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,
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.
C **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:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** In all time of our tribulation;
 in all time of our prosperity;
 in the hour of death;
 and in the day of judgment:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, O Lord.**
- P** 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:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** 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:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To turn our hearts to You;
 to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;
 and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P 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,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C 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 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.

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.

P Let us then 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 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.

C Amen.

Stand

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

Sit

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Stand

Verse (“Return to the Lord”)

LSB 157

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Sit

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LSB 607 “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 160 ff.

- Preface
- Sanctus
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Lord’s Prayer
- Words of Our Lord
- Pax Domini
- Agnus Dei

Sit

The congregation is encouraged to begin coming forward to the communion rails during the singing of the Agnus Dei.

The Lord’s Supper will be distributed at the altar rails in a continuous flow. Both pulpit and lectern sides come forward at the same time. Beginning at the center of the rail, please take the next available place at the rail, moving around toward the wall behind the altar and allowing for space between you and others as you are comfortable. Both the chalice and individual cups are available. The chalice is continuously cleansed with alcohol-soaked purificators. After communing, please return to your seat by the side aisles.

Distribution Hymn LSB 637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
LSB 569 “In Adam We Have All Been One”

Stand

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

Benediction

The assembly departs in reverent silence. Following the service, the Imposition of Ashes will be available in the north transept for those who still desire it.



In the Lord's Service

Presiding Minister
Preacher
Lector
Assistants

Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker
Rev. Dr. Joel Fritsche
Rev. Dr. Mart Thompson
Rev. Dr. Paul Sieveking
Seminarian Travis Galle
Seminarian Avery Hjulberg
Seminarian Peyton Holland
Justin Knabach

Organ

Concerning the Divine Service

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He says, gives His very body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive, and forgive as He forgives us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and so are unable to receive the Sacrament, are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

This service of Holy Communion is hosted by Ascension Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri, Rev. Matthew Clark, pastor..

To submit prayer requests for daily chapel, please submit them via SemNet: Semnet>Resources>Chapel>Prayer Request.

Hearing device assistance is available in the chapel by downloading AudioFetch to your smart phone. Once installed, connect to "CSLHearing" on the chapel WiFi. The password to connect is "Seminary1839." You can then use personal headphones or earbuds to listen and adjust the sound as appropriate. If you need any help with this process, please speak with the tech worker at the sound booth located on the right side of the chapel. He will be happy to assist.

Individual Confession and Absolution is available through Chaplain Sieveking. *sievekingp@csle.edu*. "When I urge you to go to confession, I am simply urging you to be a Christian." (Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation, 32).

Prayer Requests

Ellory Glenn, father of Micah Glenn—ongoing recovery.

Suzanne Vandermeulen, sister-in-law of Jon Vieker—ongoing recovery.

Blake Georgie, spouse of Carla Georgie—recovering from surgery.

Harold, grandfather of Michael Wilke—ongoing recovery.

Berdeen Manteufel, wife of Tom Manteufel—ongoing recovery.

Aaron Rutt, son of Douglas Rutt—complications from heart surgery.

Greg Rathke, SMP student—recovering from heart surgery.

Ryan Barnett—recovering from surgery.

John Huss—recovering from surgery.

John Szupica, EIIT student/vicar—hospitalized.

Robert Vieker, father of Jon Vieker—recovering from surgery.

Gillian Bond—ongoing recovery.

Samuel Wondemu—ongoing recovery.

Joy Nyanchama Ananda, daughter of David Ananda Osachi— Bell's Palsy

Chickie Wilke, grandmother of Michael Wilke—ongoing recovery.

Alvin Fritsche, father of Joel Fritche—ongoing recovery.

Ken Fritsche, brother of Joel Fritche—recovering from cancer surgery.

Kim Wyneken, aunt of Jacob Manning—recovering from surgery.

Paul Schrieber, professor emeritus—hospitalized.

Gijsbertus van Hattem, father of Sofia van Hattem—hospitalized