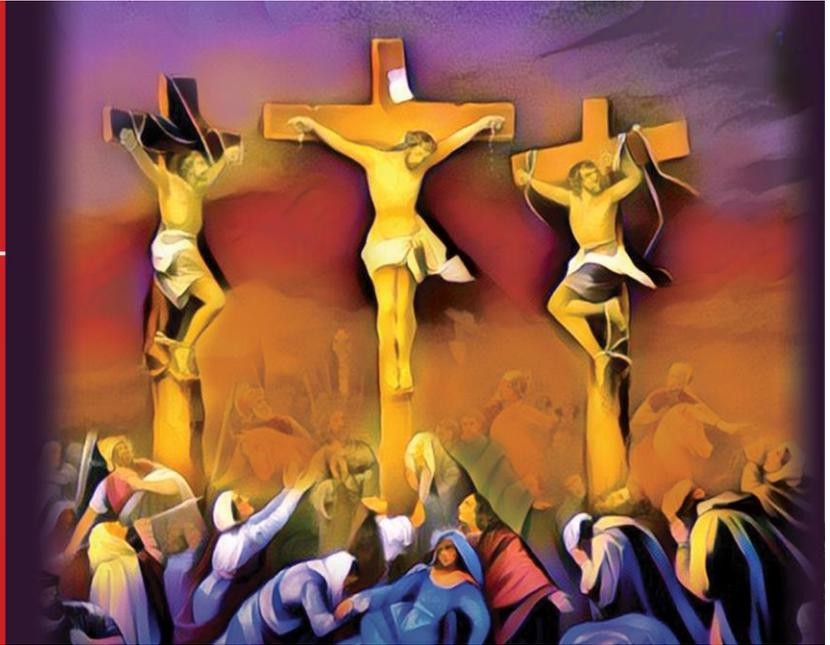


WELCOME!



March 2

Ash Wednesday



ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 2, 2022

**congregation stands*

WELCOME

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WITNESSES TO CHRIST—JOHN THE BAPTIST

As we begin our Lenten journey, we focus our attention on various witnesses to Christ in John's Gospel. We begin with John the Baptist, a man on a mission. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:6–7). John the Baptist's mission is "to bear witness about the light." In fact, fourteen times in John's Gospel, the word *witness* is connected with John the Baptist. "He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (John 1:8–9). John points us to Jesus, who takes away our sin, our guilt, and our shame at the cross.

OPENING HYMN

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

LSB 837 vs. 1-3

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.

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*INVOCATION

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

- P Today we begin our Lenten journey, recognizing the witnesses who point us to Christ,
- C **testifying to His words and actions for us.**
- P John the Baptist directs us to Jesus, proclaiming:
- C **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P John's words remind us that we need forgiveness. We cannot escape our sin, guilt, or shame on our own. Though we may try to hide our sin, our heavenly Father knows all things. He invites us to turn to Him so that our sin, guilt, and shame might be taken away. Together we confess:
- C **Lord, we come before You filled with regrets of things we should not have done, words we wish we could take back, and thoughts we cannot bear to remember. Our sins have infected our relationships with others and our relationship with You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and le*ad us, so the joy of Your salvation might be restored to us.**
- P John's words remind us that forgiveness comes to us from Jesus. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the Lamb of God, 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. Behold, we are forgiven by Christ!**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

- P We are indeed forgiven in Christ. Still, in this world, we suffer the wages of sin, which is death. We endure pain, disease, and grief. Today we receive the mark of the cross upon us in the form of ashes. These ashes remind us that we are merely dust and ashes, that when we die, our bodies will return to dust and ashes. But the sign of the cross reminds us that dust and ashes are not the end for us. When Jesus returns, He will raise us from the dead, and we will live forever with Him in the new creation.
- C **Amen. We will be free from sin, death, and Satan when Jesus returns.**

KYRIE

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Embolden us to follow Him on the journey to the cross, learning as we go from those witnesses who point us to Jesus, our forgiveness and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

PSALM 51:1–13

- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- C **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**
- P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C **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.**
- P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C **Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**
- P Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joel 2:12–19

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE FOR LENT

- C **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29–34

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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

SERMON WITNESS TO CHRIST: JOHN THE BAPTIST

SERMON HYMN

THE LAMB

LSB 547 vs. 1–4

***NICENE CREED**—*See projection slide or inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After every petition:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

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*PREFACE

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

*PROPER PREFACE

*SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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—*See projection slide or inside back cover of the pew hymnal*

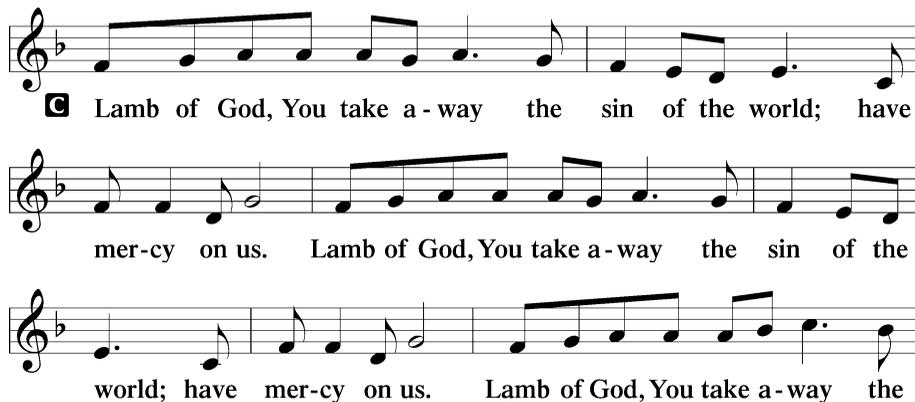
*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*PAX DOMINI

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

*AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



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.

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HYMN **A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH** **LSB 438**

HYMN **O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD** **LSB 424**

THE DISMISSAL

***NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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 THANKSGIVING**

***BENEDICTION**

- 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.**

HYMN TO DEPART

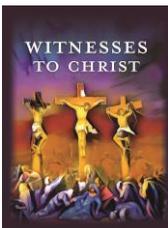
I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS

LSB 606

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Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Roxanne Foley	Roxanne Foley
Elder	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Jon Peterson
Reader	6:30pm	Tim Morris	Peter Olsen
Usher Team	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Jon Peterson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Caleb Morris	Peter Olsen
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