



Ash Wednesday worship—"Mutual Consideration"

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**AS WE GATHER**

How close is your relationship with Jesus? According to Paul, "All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death," and "if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His" (Romans 6:3, 5). Your Baptism has brought you so close to Jesus that you share death, life, and all things with Him. Therefore, when David said of Jesus in Psalm 41:1, "Blessed is the one who considers the poor," he was also speaking of you. Your blessed Lord Jesus considers you—a poor, miserable sinner—and He will surely deliver you in the day of trouble so that you, too, will be "called blessed in the land" (Psalm 41:2).

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES****HYMN****SAVIOR, WHEN IN DUST TO THEE****LSB 419****\*INVOCATION**

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

**\*OPENING SENTENCES***Psalm 145:1–2, 8–9*

- P I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.  
C **Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**

- P The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

- P The LORD is good to all,  
C **and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.*

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins in thought, word, and deed with which I have offended You. By nature, I am sinful and unclean. Time and again I have not honored Your name or walked in Your ways. Although I justly deserve Your punishment in time and for eternity, I am truly sorry for my transgressions and sincerely repent of them. In Your great mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, forgive me all my sins, and by the directing of the Holy Spirit, lead me to walk in paths of blessedness.**

- P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

### **\*SALUTATION**

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

### **\*COLLECT OF THE DAY**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*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.”

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. <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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

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

C **Glorify 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.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS**

**LSB 418**

**SERMON**

**MUTUAL CONSIDERATION**

*Psalm 41:1–2*

**\*NICENE CREED**

C **I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After our petitions:

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

## **OFFERING**

### **\*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.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **\*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **\*PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

**\*PEACE OF GOD**

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

**DISTRIBUTION** Distribution is at the rail, with both common cup and individual cup; de-alcoholized wine in center of tray. Gluten free wafers available by signifying to pastor/elder. Please use the pew cards to register your attendance at Holy Communion.

<b>HYMN</b>	<b>I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE</b>	<b>LSB 618</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US</b>	<b>LSB 915</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b>YOUR TABLE I APPROACH</b>	<b>LSB 628</b>

**\*POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**\*CLOSING COLLECT**

**\*BENEDICTION**

<b>HYMN TO DEPART</b>	<b>GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE</b>	<b>LSB 436</b>
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**Serving our Lord**

		February 14, 2024	February 21, 2024
Supper	5:15-6:15pm	WoW Bible study	TLO School Teachers
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger	Sharon Drews and Nim Traeger
Elder	6:30pm	Jim Kohn	Bill Breitinger
Reader	6:30pm	Jim Kohn	Andy Olson
Usher	6:30pm	Jon Peterson	Andy Olson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Open
Live	6:30pm	Don Lee	Jim Nicklas



## Welcome Guests

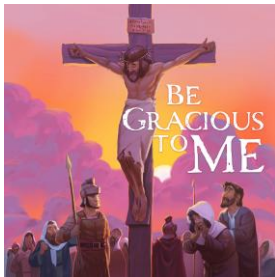
We are glad you are here today! Here are a few things we thought you would like to know to help you feel at home with us today. If you are visiting please introduce yourself to our pastor, a greeter or an usher. We love to make new friends!

**For those with small children**, a nursery is available, located in the narthex, if you need a place to care for your child. Children's bulletins are in the narthex, or ask an usher.

**Restrooms** are located to the east end of the narthex near the main entrance.

**Large print copies of the worship folder** are available. Please ask an usher.

**Tonight we celebrate Holy Communion.** Please speak with our pastor or an elder before communing if this is your first time receiving the Lord's Supper at TLO. The light-colored wine in the center of the individual communion tray is de-alcoholized wine, where the alcohol is reduced to .05%.



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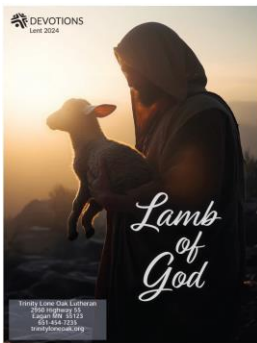
### Be Gracious to Me sermon series for Lent

**Wednesdays through March 20**

**Supper: 5:15pm-6:15pm**

**Worship: 6:30pm**

Discover how Christ's sufferings are your sufferings, and more importantly, how David's words in Psalm 41 have become your reality through Christ. In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers you. The Lord protects you and keeps you alive. You are called blessed in the land.



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### Devotions for Lent –

**pick up a copy in the narthex**

**or call the church office to have yours mailed.**

In *Lamb of God*, we have God's Son come to earth as the eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is made known to us as both God and Man, full of grace and truth. He has come into the world to seek us out—you and me—to rescue us from the power of evil, and to make us His beloved children forever