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Ash Wednesday

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this evening.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

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### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

<sup>1</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
    for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—

<sup>2</sup>a day of darkness and gloom,  
    a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
    a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
    nor will be again after them  
    in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
    return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the LORD, your God,  
    for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
    and relents from punishing.

<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;  
sanctify a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup>gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;

assemble the aged;

gather the children,

even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,

and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar

let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,

and do not make your heritage a mockery,

a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,

'Where is their God?'"

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

W&P 150 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

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We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the

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Lord; we bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the

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house of the Lord. And we of - fer up to

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you the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; and we

G F#m<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> G/A A<sup>7</sup> D

of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

## **Gospel Reading**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **The Gospel**

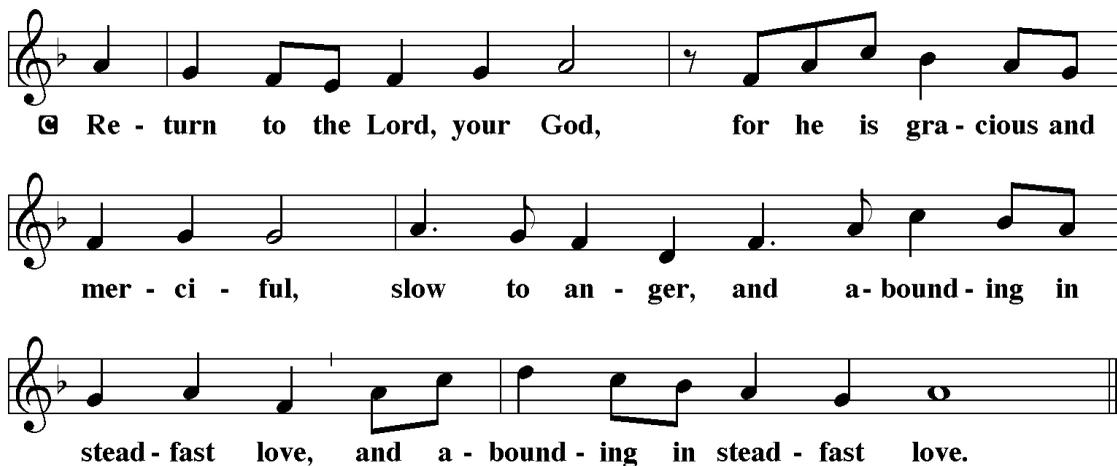
**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever 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. “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Gospel Acclamation



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  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook



# Hymn of the Day

# ELW #442 "All Who Believe and are Baptized"

1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal -  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly

va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a  
Spir - it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus'

new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand a -  
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day by

mong the glo - rious heav'n-ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

## Invitation to Lent

### Confession of Sin

A: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: We confess to you and to one another,  
And before the whole company of heaven,  
That we have sinned by our fault,  
By our own fault,  
By our own most grievous fault,  
In thought, word, and deed,  
By what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

A: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

A: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### **Imposition of Ashes**

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You are invited to come to the altar for the imposition of ashes—a remembrance of your baptism into Christ and a sign of your journey of faith in Lent.

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**C: bring us with all you saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P: Almighty God, have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

P: Let us pray,

**C: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. May these ashes serve as a reminder that from our creation out of dust to our return to dust in death, we are yours. Renew us through the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



## Prayers of Thanksgiving

A: Let us pray,  
Mighty and loving God, you make us your children through your word of promise in the water of baptism. For Jesus, the Word of life, we thank you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You wash us from sin and make us clean and new. For the peace of forgiveness, we praise you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For strength to follow Jesus, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

## Offertory

*“Abide with Me”*

*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude  
as we prepare for communion.*

# Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

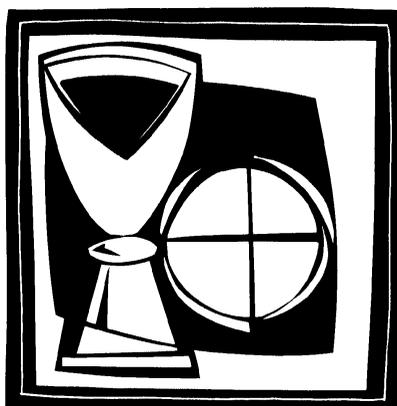
C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

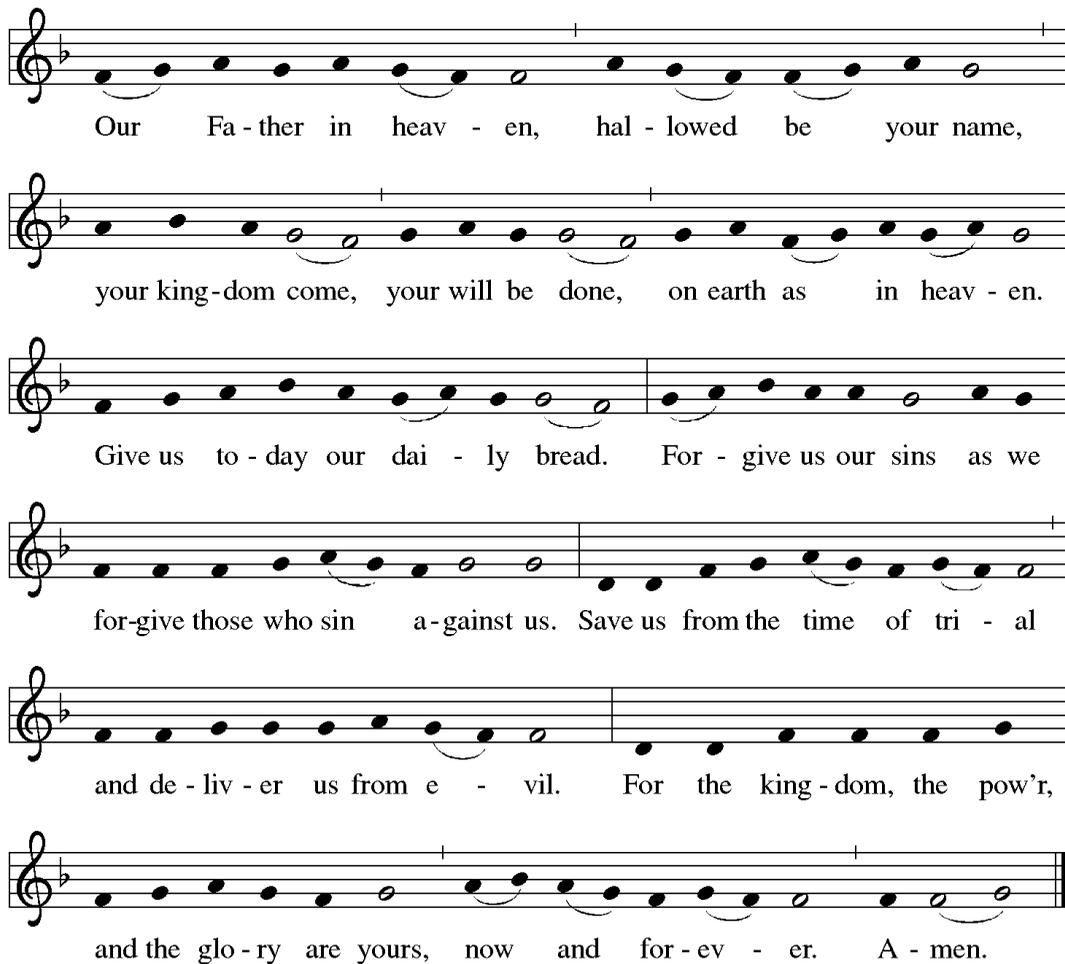
C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## Communion Invitation

*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.*



### **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

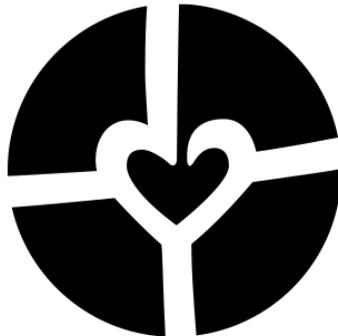
### **Dismissal**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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Imposition of Ashes

*Seeley Sanctuary 7:30-9:00am*

*Whipple (Admin building) 11:30am-1:00pm*

Worship Service 7:00pm

Sunday Lenten Services

March 6th—April 3rd at 10:00am



All services available in-person, via livestream, or by recorded viewing on  
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Lenten Adult Study

*Proclaim, Grow, Live Out: A Lenten Exploration of Faith*

Sundays at 11:00am March 6th—April 3rd

*Offered in-person and via Zoom; book purchase required*

RSVP to Jen Phillips at [jphillips@concordiafaith.org](mailto:jphillips@concordiafaith.org)



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