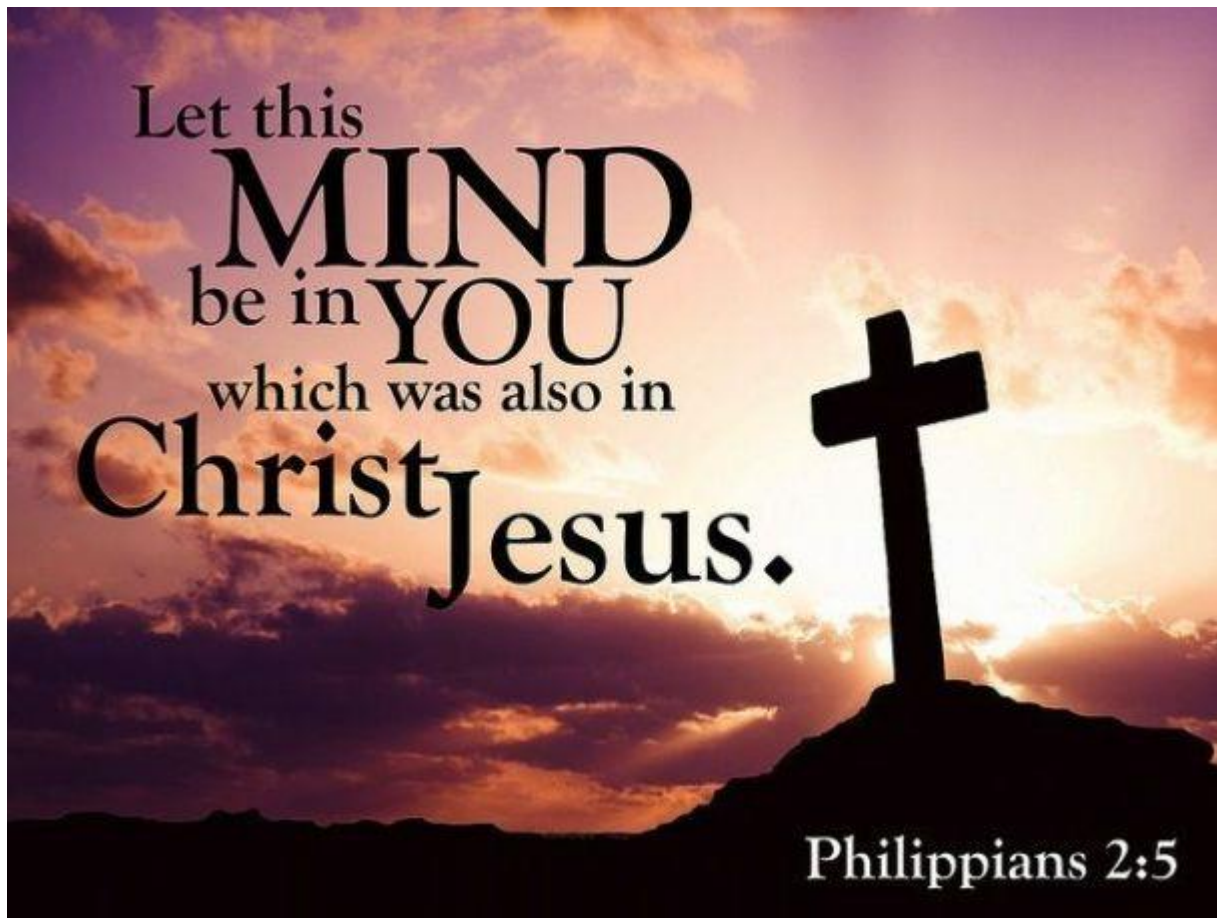


LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 26, 2020 ✕ 11:00 AND 7:00
ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. God's people of God are invited to reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.

Throughout the season of Lent we will focus on earliest confession of the Church as recorded in Philippians 2:5-11 that "Jesus Christ is Lord."



*Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*

PRELUDE

HYMN

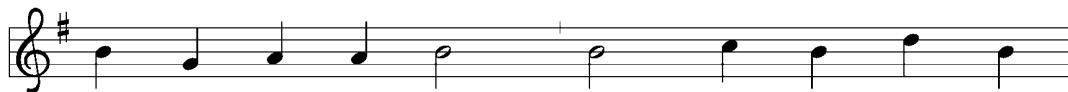
THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

ELW#320

Please stand as you are able.



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: **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**

Please be seated

✠ WORD ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-12

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but

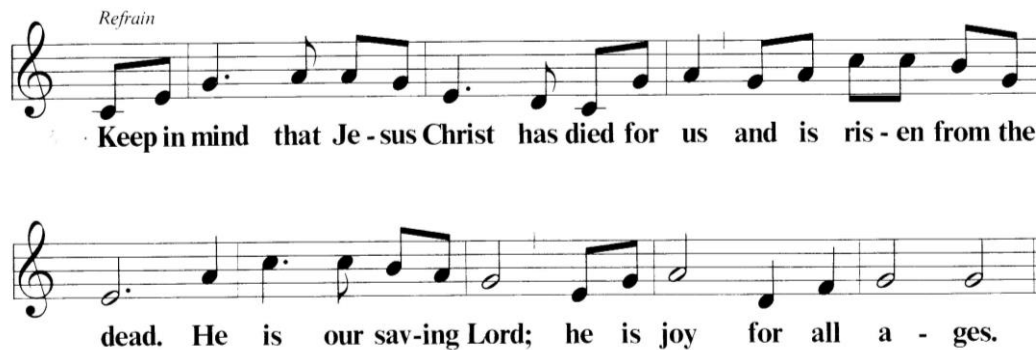
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-30

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated

SERMON

PSALM 51 SUNG RESPONSIVELY

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love*; in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness*, and cleanse me ¹from my sin.

³For I know ¹my offenses*, and my sin is ev- ¹er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹in your sight*; so you are justified when you speak and right ¹in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born ¹steeped in wickedness*, a sinner from my ¹mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth ¹deep within me*, and would have me know wisdom ¹deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹shall be clean*; wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹er than snow.

⁸Let me hear ¹joy and gladness*, that the body you have broken ¹may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face | from my sins*, and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God*, and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence*, and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation* and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders*, and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

¹⁴**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation*, and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips*, and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

¹⁶**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it*. You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit*; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

Glory to the Father | and to the Son* and to the - | Holy Spirit.

As it was in the begin | ning is now, * and will be forev | er. Amen

INVITATION TO LENT

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent - self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love - strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

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

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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**

All who desire may come forward to receive the ashes. The minister marks the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying: "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 Lord,

C: **bring us with all your 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.

C: **Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated

✠ OFFERING ✠

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Brighter Than Snow

(Evening Service)

Psalm 51/ Ruth Elaine Schram

Wash me and I'll be brighter than snow.

Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness.

Create a clean heart in me, O Lord, renew my spirit.

OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.



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

Text: Psalm 51:10–12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

✠ MEAL ✠

*We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set,
and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed
by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(During Lent we will be using the traditional words of the Lord's Prayer.)*

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Communion is by common cup or intinction: For the common cup, receive a piece of the bread, and drink from the white chalice. For intinction dip the bread into the brown cup with the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) as you prefer, then eat. At Lake of the Isles, we practice open communion. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.

LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Please stand as you are able.

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: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in 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.

C: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

PRINT THINE IMAGE PURE AND HOLY

Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness

Lord of Grace;
can ef - face. Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -

tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg. 1877-*

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. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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