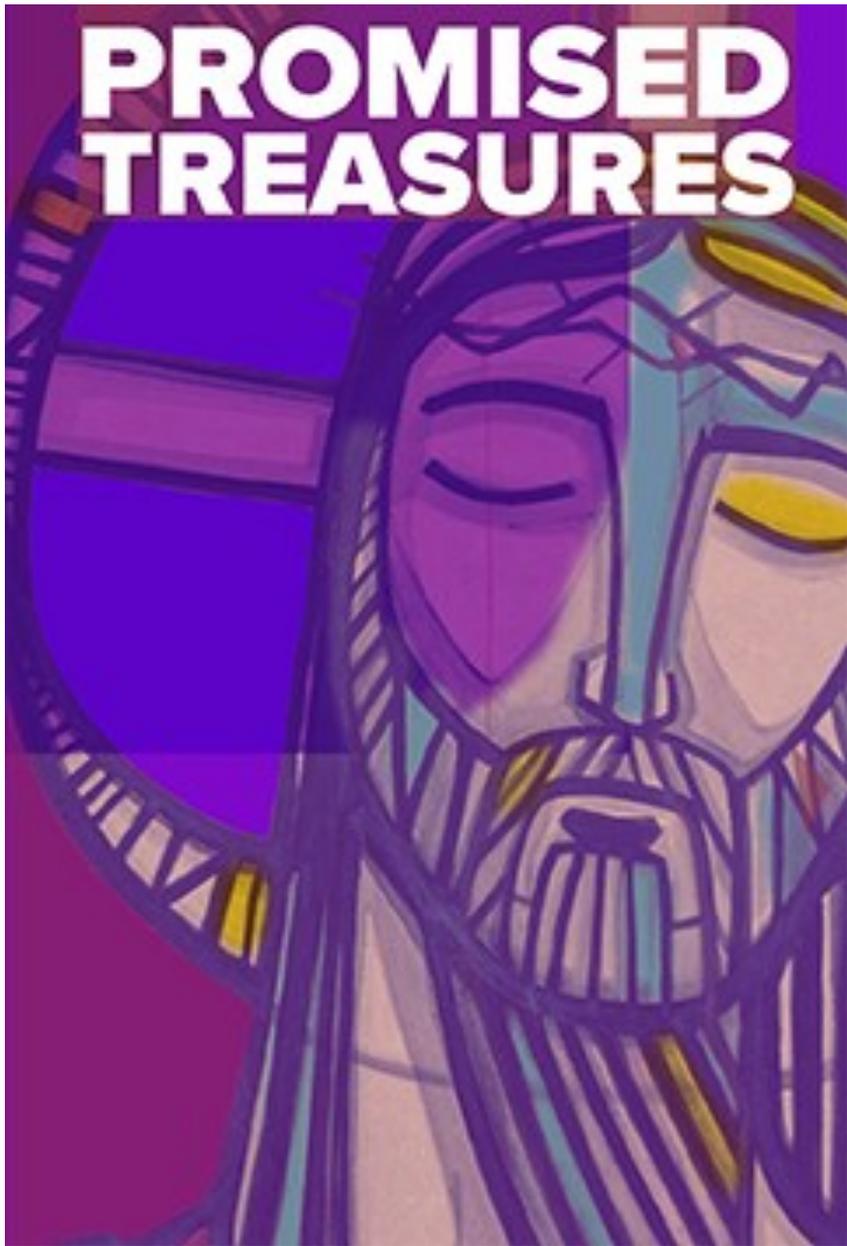


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



FEBRUARY 18, 2026
ASH WEDNESDAY

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

February 18th, 2026 - Ash Wednesday

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Dan Barthels

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 51:1-4,10-12

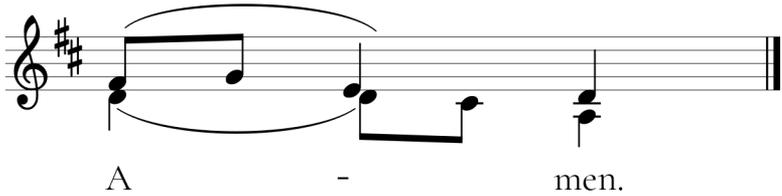
Have mercy upon me, O God, According to
Your lovingkindness; According to the mul-
titude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my
transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from
my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. ³
For I acknowledge my transgressions, And
my sin *is* always before me. ⁴ Against You,
You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in
Your sight-- That You may be found just
when You speak, *And* blameless when You
judge. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by* Your generous Spirit.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#140:1-4 Jesus I Will Ponder Now

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

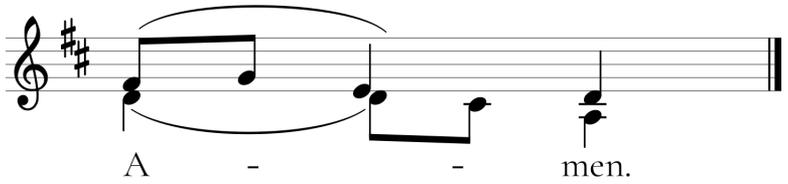


CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You



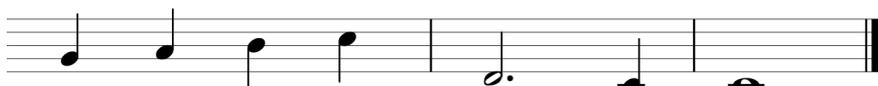
give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

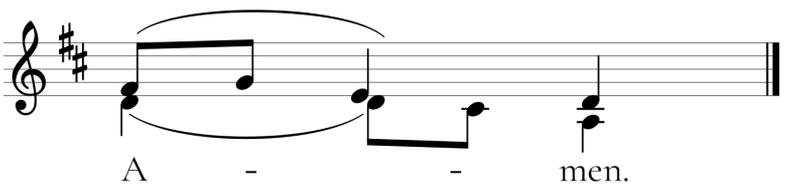


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



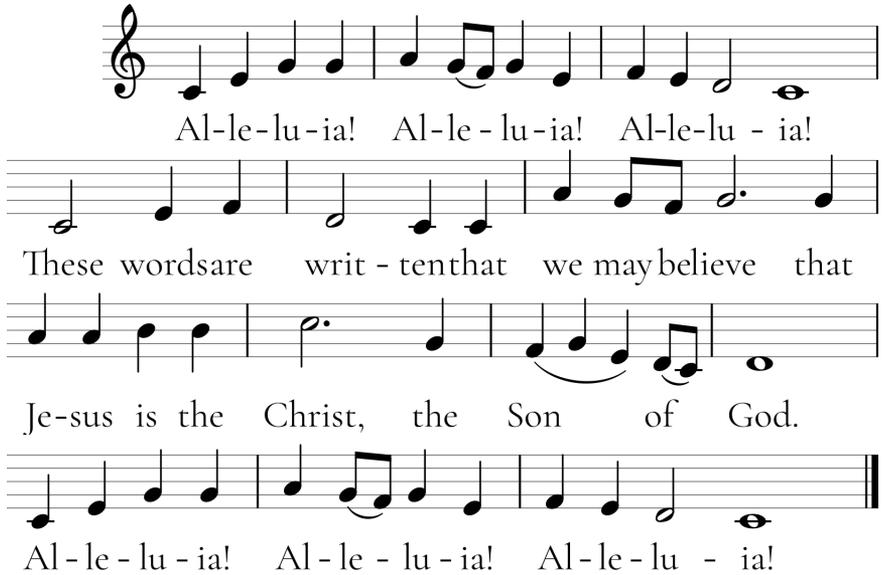
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Gracious heavenly Father, through trial, suffering, and hardship, You bring all Your people to repentance so that despairing of themselves, they may cast every care and need upon You. Help us acknowledge all our sin in thought, word, and deed in order that this Lenten season we may die with Christ so that we may also rise again with Him in whom we are baptized and redeemed from all sin and death. Lead us by Your Holy Spirit that we may clearly know Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name, we pray.



1ST PASSION READING

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The image shows a musical score for a single voice part. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

#166 Savior, When In Dust To Thee

SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Job 2:8 ⁸ And he took for himself a potsherd with which to scrape himself while he sat in the midst of the ashes.

SITTING IN DUST AND ASHES

I. Baptismal Ashes Are Clothing of an Old Sinful Self

II. Baptism Resurrects Us Anew and Clothes Us in Christ

Jesus



musical notation in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

Create 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. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#304:1-4 An Awe-ful Mystery Is Here

Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the

glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san-na in the
 high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru - ly
 blest is Hewhocomes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

O Lamb of God, O Christ our
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

p Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,
 O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your
 praises tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.
 Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood
 Be for my soul the high - est good.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#555 The Day is Past and Over



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