

## THE BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

**HYMN:** CW 739 (verses 1,3,5)

**Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## 739 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His  
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your  
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's



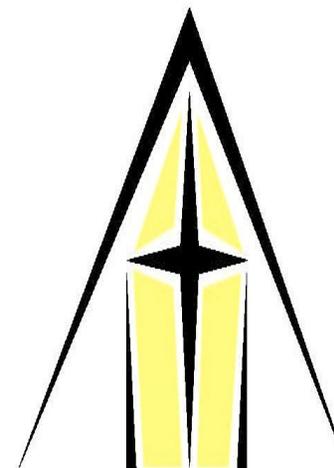
I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My  
bod - y bro - ken there for me; I  
heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your  
Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through  
wound - ed hand has set me free. Held



Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For  
lay be - fore him all my sin, My  
love a - lone can form in me A  
him your hand now stretch - es out, For -  
in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With



griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.  
giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
joy I praise him for his grace.



# St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

Ash Wednesday  
March 1, 2017

*The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.*

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## Return to the Lord

### PSALM 51

*spoken by pastor*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in  
your sight,  
so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when  
you judge.  
Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.  
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.  
Cleans me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will turn back to you.  
Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

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 your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymns: 124

Savior, When in Dust to You

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Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us  
with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will  
strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one an-  
other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** By his agony, bloody sweat, and cruel scourging,  
**C:** **you have crushed the head of our ancient enemy.**

**M:** By his precious cross, death, and burial,  
**C:** **you have turned the gloomy portal of death into the bright gateway to the everlasting Eden.**

**M:** Remembering your Son's death and resurrection, we receive in repentance and joy his body and blood. Strengthen us through this gift for our pilgrimage on earth until, together at last, we shall eat and drink with our Savior anew in the kingdom of God.  
**C:** **Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **Amen.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
In your good pleasure make Zion prosper;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

#### *Silence for meditation*

#### INSTRUCTION FOR THE BEGINNING OF LENT

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us be still. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

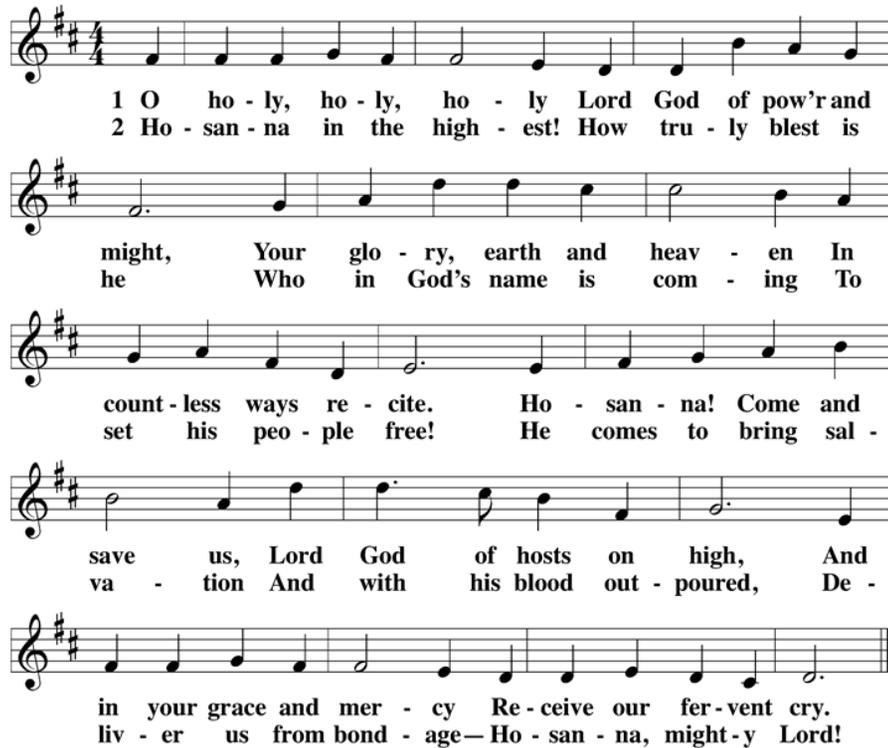
- M:** Most holy and merciful Father,  
**C:** **We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault, by our own grievous fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**M:** We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.  
**C:** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**  
**M:** We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** **Have mercy on us, Lord.**  
**M:** We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.  
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives  
**C:** **We confess to you, O Lord.**  
**M:** Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people  
**C:** **We confess to you, O Lord.**  
**M:** Our anger when our selfish aims are denied and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves  
**C:** **We confess to you, O Lord.**  
**M:** Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work  
**C:** **We confess to you, O Lord.**  
**M:** Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us

*Brief organ introduction...*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

Tune: AURELIA



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is  
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To  
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -  
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -  
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

- M:** Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the universe. Before the creation of the world, you chose to redeem us with the precious blood of your Son,  
**C:** **a Lamb without blemish or defect.**  
**M:** We give you humble and heartfelt thanks that by the mystery of Christ's holy incarnation,  
**C:** **you have made him our brother and helper forever.**  
**M:** By his birth, circumcision, and perfect obedience,  
**C:** **you have purified us from all sin.**  
**M:** By his baptism, fasting, and temptation,  
**C:** **you have become our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.**

## SERMON

## 2 Corinthians 7:8-13a

<sup>8</sup> Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while— <sup>9</sup> yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. <sup>10</sup> Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. <sup>11</sup> See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. <sup>12</sup> So even though I wrote to you, it was not on account of the one who did the wrong or of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. <sup>13</sup> By all this we are encouraged.

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

### *THE SACRAMENT*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** 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 all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**C:** **We confess to you, O Lord.**

**M:** Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**C:** **Forgive us, O Lord.**

**M:** For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

**C:** **Forgive us, O Lord.**

**M:** For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,

**C:** **Forgive us, O Lord.**

**M:** Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

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

**M:** By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,

**C:** **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live.

Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

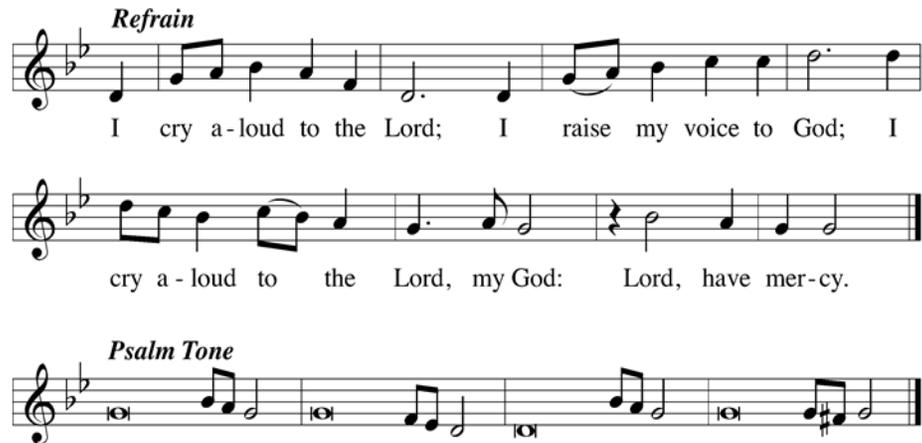
During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

Psalm 142

Pastor sings the verses  
Congregation sings refrains and Gloria

*Refrain*



I cry a-loud to the Lord; I raise my voice to God; I  
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God: Lord, have mer-cy.

*Psalm Tone*



I cry aloud to the LORD;  
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.  
I pour out my complaint before him;  
before him I tell my trouble.

When my spirit grows faint within me,  
it is you who know my way.  
Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me.  
I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

*Refrain*

I cry to you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."  
Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;  
rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

Set me free from my prison,  
that I may praise your name.  
Then the righteous will gather about me  
because of your goodness to me.

**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.**

*Refrain*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 59:12-20

For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: <sup>13</sup> rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. <sup>14</sup> So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. <sup>15</sup> Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. <sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. <sup>17</sup> He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. <sup>18</sup> According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due. <sup>19</sup> From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. <sup>20</sup> "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.

M: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood up and prayed about <sup>12</sup>himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. <sup>13</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>14</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' <sup>15</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN: CW 396

In Adam We Have All Been One