

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### ORGAN RECITAL – 11:00AM Burnell Hackman, organ Kendra Ruesler, piano

Adagio in G minor

Tomas Albinoni

O Sacred Head How Wounded HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN Arranged: John A. Behnke Two Settings of the Gift of Love O WALLY, WALLY Hal H. Hopson I. Arranged: John Carter Π Arranged: Hal H. Hopson Grazioso (La Grace) George Philipp Telemann What Wondrous Love Is This? WONDROUS LOVE Arranged: Lani Smith American Folk Melody Lonesome Valley Arranged: Lani Smith Alas and Did My Savior Bleed MARTYDROM Arranged: Lani Smith Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) **Georges Bizet** Arranged: Lani Smith Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER Arranged: Lani Smith

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## ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2024 ~ 11:30 am

<u>WELCOME TO PEACE!</u> If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

**P** = Pastor

\* = Stand

**C** = Congregation

#### **Opening Voluntary**

Opening Hyn	nn LSB 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain
2 3	Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -
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_0#	by the fall; out, with - in; tent, and blind; new - ing flood. Here the guilt - y, God is faith - ful; Here the guilt - y, God is faith - ful; Here the guilt - y, Here the guilt - y, God is faith - ful; Here the guilt - y, Here the guilt - y, Her
<b>•</b>	Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per - From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -
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	pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died. make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light. will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more. deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

#### \*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

 $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### \*Psalm

- **P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
- **C** A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
- **C** According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- **P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- **C** And cleanse me from my sin!
- **P** For I know my transgressions,
- **C** And my sin is ever before me.
- **P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- **C** And renew a right spirit within me.
- **P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- **C** And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- **P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- **C** And uphold me with a willing spirit.

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.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
 C A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

#### \*Confession and Absolution

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Psalm 51:1–3, 10–12; antiphon: v. 17

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P The ashes of our sin remind us of the curse of death and our need for Your redemption.

**C** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us. Mark us with Your cross and take our sins from us. Help us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy delivered His Son over to the death of the cross to bear the burden of our brokenness, becoming sin for us "so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). The ashes of your sin have been taken away and you have been marked and redeemed by Christ, the Crucified. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.





#### **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."

**P** 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.

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#### \*Holy Gospel

John 18:1-11

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. <sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" <sup>5</sup> They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men

go." <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### \*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.



Hymn	•	LSB 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
	1 Je - sus, Thy blood and 2 Bold shall I stand in 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were	righ - teous - ness My beau - ty that great day, Cleansed and re - pre - cious blood, Which at the sin - ners more Than sands up -
	are, my glo - rious	dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
	deemed, no debt to mer - cy seat of	pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through God Pleads for the cap - tives' shore, Thou hast for all a
	these ar - rayed, With joy these I am From sin lib - er - ty, Was al ran - som paid, For all	

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

Sermon

"The Powerless 'I Am"

(John 18:1-11)

Sermon Notes:

**Gathering of the Offering** *Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.* 

#### \*Prayer of the Church

▶ As we begin our journey through this season of repentance and renewal, let us return to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. O God, You call us to turn from sin and to live in the joy and freedom of the forgiveness earned through the merits of Jesus Christ. Give us strength to persevere on our Lenten journey. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** Hear our prayer.

■ O God, You call people everywhere to work in harmony for the good of all humanity. Empower the leaders of the nations to be peacemakers. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** Hear our prayer.

▶ O God, grant compassion to all who minister to the sick and infirm: medical professionals, healing practitioners, and all caregivers. Show Your mercy to those who are ill, [*especially*...] and bring them peace of mind and heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** Hear our prayer.

P O God, You call us to turn from our sin and to live for You alone. Guide us through these forty days of Lent to a fuller appreciation of Your baptismal grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** Hear our prayer.

- P Merciful God, hear our cry when we call to You; renew and uphold us with Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

#### \*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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### \*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.

#### \*Proper Preface

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



#### \*The Words of Our Lord

#### \*Pax Domini

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









G A - men.

#### \*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.





#### \*Silent Prayer

#### **Closing Voluntary**

You may depart or stay for the Imposition of Ashes.



## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

#### THE BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Psalm 69:16–18; Psalm 51:7

- Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.
- C Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with your spirit.
- O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

The people come forward to receive the ashes as the pastor repeats Genesis 3:19 over each penitent.

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

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