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Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion Setting Seven  
Ash Wednesday  
February 14, 2018 —12:00pm

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, HTLC practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Allergen-free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

+ GATHERING +

*The assembly gathers in silence.*

GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ WORD +

PSALMODY: Have mercy on me, Lord

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*This paraphrase of Psalm 51 will be sung by all.*

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

## INVITATION TO LENT

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

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## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All are invited to come forward to receive ashes.*

*After those who desire ashes have received them, the minister continues:*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us ... ..in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

PEACE

+ MEAL +

OFFERING: Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Hymn #599

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

*Music during distribution:*

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #473

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

DISMISSAL