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Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion Setting Seven  
Ash Wednesday  
February 14, 2018 — 7:00pm

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.*

GREAT LITANY

Hymn #238

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 +

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

    sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

    Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

    for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near —

A day of darkness and gloom,

    a day of clouds and thick darkness!

    Like blackness spread upon the mountains

    a great and powerful army comes;

    their like has never been from of old,

    nor will be again after them

    in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD,

    return to me with all your heart,

    with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

    Return to the LORD, your God,

    for he is gracious and merciful,

    slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

    and relents from punishing.

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?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

    sanctify a fast;

    call a solemn assembly;

Gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar

let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.  
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and do not make your heritage a mockery,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should it be said among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

*After the reading, the assembly may respond* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: #51:1-17

*Refrain sung by all, verses sung by the choir.*

Have mer - cy on me, O  
God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

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

Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.

For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

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

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

Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

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

Let me hear | joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken | may rejoice.  
Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.  
Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.  
Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.  
Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.  
Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.  
Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.  
O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.  
For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.  
The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,  
"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*The assembly may respond: **Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Turn back to the Lord

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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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our Father, We Have Wandered

Hymn #606

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.  
Music during the imposition of ashes, as time allows:*

“Out of the Depths”

Hymn #600

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Hymn #599

*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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

+ MEAL +

OFFERING: *Psalm 130*

Paul Manz

TABLE-SETTING HYMN: God Extends an Invitation

Hymn #486

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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:*

Lamb of God	p. 182
“Holy, Holy, Holy”	Hymn #473
<i>Create in Me</i>	Carl F. Mueller
“Change My Heart, O God”	Hymn #801

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: The Glory of These Forty Days	Hymn #320
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DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage;  
Hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
Help the afflicted; honor all people;  
Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*As a sign of our Lenten fast, no postludes will be played during the season of Lent.*

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