

**MATTHEW 6:3, NIV**

**But when  
you give  
to the needy,  
do not let  
your left hand  
know what  
your right hand  
is doing ....**





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Don't be a hypocrite**

**February 18, 2025**

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is meant to be a solemn day of repentance. We examine ourselves, our way of life, our thoughts, words, and actions. We humbly confess our sins to God and seek his forgiveness through Christ. We desire with his help to change whatever is sinful in our life. And as we do all these things, we are reminded by God: Don't be a hypocrite.

Tonight's 6:30 p.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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1 From depths of woe, Lord God, I cry; O hear my  
 2 What we have done on our best day is flawed from  
 3 Thus an - y mer - it of my own is void and



hum - ble plead - ing! Lis - ten in mer - cy to my sigh,  
 its be - gin - ning; on - ly your grace can clear a - way  
 un - a - vail - ing; I trust in God and God a - lone,



my prayer for res - cue heed - ing! Were you, O  
 the guilt of all our sin - ning. Be - fore you  
 he is my hope un - fail - ing. Since he is



Lord, to fix your gaze on our re - bel - lious,  
 pride must dis - ap - pear; each soul must live in  
 good, I soon will see the com - fort he has



sin - ful ways, then who could stand be - fore you?  
 rev - 'rent fear, up - on your grace re - ly - ing.  
 prom - ised me; I wait for its ar - ri - val.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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.**

**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.  
 Have mercy on us, Lord.  
 Hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Silence for private confession of personal sin.*

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

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

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of the wicked 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.

We implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit.

May we abide in the true faith and at the last be received by God through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Hymn 650, stanzas 4-5      From Depths of Woe, Lord God, I Cry*

4 If it de - lays in - to the night or waits un -  
 5 Al - though our sin is great in - deed, the grace of  
 til to - mor - row, my heart will lean on God's great might,  
 God is great - er; no loss we suf - fer can ex - ceed  
 dis - card - ing doubt and sor - row. The Spir - it  
 the help of our Cre - a - tor. Our shep - herd  
 of the Lord is near, pro - vid - ing strength to  
 good and true is he, who will at last his



per - se - vere;            de - pend on God to help you!  
peo - ple free            from all their sin and sor - row.

P: Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

### First Lesson — Isaiah 59:12-20

For our transgressions have multiplied before you,  
and our sins testify against us.

For our transgressions are with us,  
and we know our iniquities:

transgression and deception against the LORD,  
turning away from following our God,  
speaking oppression and revolt,  
conceiving and uttering lying words from the heart.

Justice is turned back,  
and righteousness stands far off.

For truth has stumbled in the public square,  
and honesty cannot enter.

Truth is missing,  
and whoever turns from evil is plundered.

The LORD saw that there was no justice,  
and he was offended.

He saw that there was no man —  
he was amazed that there was no one interceding;  
so his own arm brought salvation,  
and his own righteousness supported him.

He put on righteousness as body armor,  
and a helmet of salvation on his head;  
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,  
and he wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.  
So he will repay according to their deeds:  
fury to his enemies,  
retribution to his foes,  
and he will repay the coasts and islands.  
They will fear the name of the LORD in the west  
and his glory in the east;  
for he will come like a rushing stream  
driven by the wind of the LORD.  
“The Redeemer will come to Zion,  
and to those in Jacob who turn from transgression.”  
This is the LORD’s declaration.

### **Second Lesson—2 Corinthians 7:8-13**

For even if I grieved you with my letter, I don’t regret it. And if I regretted it — since I saw that the letter grieved you, yet only for a while — I now rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance. For you were grieved as God willed, so that you didn’t experience any loss from us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, but worldly grief produces death. For consider how much diligence this very thing — this grieving as God wills — has produced in you: what a desire to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what deep longing, what zeal, what justice! In every way you showed yourselves to be pure in this matter. So even though I wrote to you, it was not because of the one who did wrong, or because of the one who was wronged, but in order that your devotion to us might be made plain to you in the sight of God. For this reason we have been comforted.

*Please stand.*

### **Gospel—Matthew 6:1-6,16-21**

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven. So whenever

you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Whenever you fast, don't be gloomy like the hypocrites. For they disfigure their faces so that their fasting is obvious to people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting isn't obvious to others but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn 942 Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate 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, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Sermon—Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

*Don't be a hypocrite*

*The offering will not be gathered during worship this evening.*

*Please place your offerings in the offering plate at the exit of the sanctuary.*

*You may use the QR code to the right for online giving.*

*The service continues with the hymn.*



Hymn 947 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy stanzas 1,3

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor. He is glad to talk with you.*

## **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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

P: Go in peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn 782 Luther's Evening Prayer



1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,  
2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.



that gra - cious - ly you kept me while dai - ly tasks were done.  
All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.



I pray that you for - give me for all my sins and wrongs,  
Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one



and in your love con - tin - ue to keep me all night long.  
and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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