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Wednesday  
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# St. LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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### Ash Wednesday

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*The congregation gathers in silence. You are invited come forward before the service to trace a cross with ashes on the banner as a sign of repentance and trust in Christ.*

### God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51D



1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I  
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all  
4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace  
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,  
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your  
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your  
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.  
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

- 5 Gracious God, my heart renew,  
make my spirit right and true;  
let me not abandoned be,  
let your Spirit dwell in me;  
your salvation's joy impart,  
steadfast make my willing heart.
- 6 Sinners then shall learn from me  
and to God restored shall be;  
Savior, all my guilt remove,  
and my tongue shall sing your love;  
touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall praise accord.
- 7 No attempted sacrifice  
has acceptance in your eyes;  
broken hearts are in your sight  
more than sacrificial rite;  
contrite spirit, pleading cries,  
you, O God, will not despise.
- 8 Prosper Zion in your grace  
and her broken walls replace;  
then our righteous sacrifice  
shall delight your holy eyes;  
freewill offerings, gladly made,  
on your altar shall be laid.



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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Introduction to Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in fellowship with him, to love all people, 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 forty days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer 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.

Let us confess our sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit ourselves to this struggle.

## Confession

Most holy and merciful Father,  
**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.**

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.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have placed our wants before your will.  
We have gratified the desires of our sinful nature.  
We have merited your punishment now and forever.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.  
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives

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

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other people,  
our anger when our selfish aims are denied, and our envy of those more fortunate than  
ourselves

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

Our love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
our negligence in worship and prayer, and our failure to show the faith that is in us

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

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

**Forgive us, Lord.**

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

**Forgive us, Lord.**

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

**Forgive us, Lord.**

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

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

## Sentences

Accomplish in us, Lord, the work of your salvation  
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and suffering of your Son,  
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

## Absolution

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. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Exhortation

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.

**Amen.**

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.



Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The Sunday school children will sing, "Now the Light has Gone Away" at the 6:30pm service*

## First Reading

Isaiah 59:12–20

<sup>12</sup>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,  
inciting revolt and oppression,  
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.

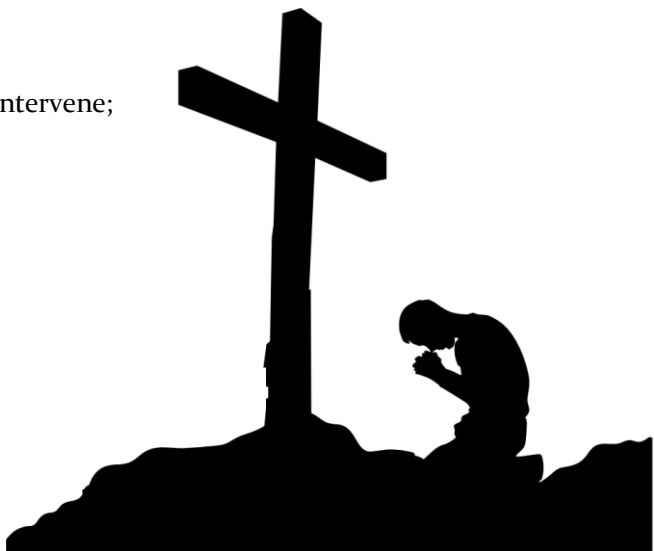
<sup>15</sup>Truth is nowhere to be found,  
and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

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 achieved 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, people 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

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 neither on account of the one who did the wrong nor on account 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*





## Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:13

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and abounding in love.

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

<sup>1</sup>“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

# From Depths of Woe, Lord God, I Cry

CW 650



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  
4 If it de - lays in - to the night or waits un -  
5 Al - though our sin is great in - deed, the grace of



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,  
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



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  
dis - card - ing doubt and sor - row. The Spir - it  
the help of our Cre - a - tor. Our shep - herd



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  
of the Lord is near, pro - vid - ing strength to  
good and true is he, who will at last his



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

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## **Sermon**

*Isaiah 59:12–20*

*There is no one / There is only One*

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus that, through repentance and faith in the gospel, they may remain secure in your love.

Lord God, gracious Father, we thank you for setting your Son's sacrifice between us and sin's reward. By your Spirit work in us through the gospel, give us repentant hearts, make our faith firm in Christ, and enliven us to serve you faithfully.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, almighty Father, renew your Church throughout the world that it may constantly look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Bless us with faithful ministers who always proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection for the salvation of the world.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, loving Father, in your mercy you abundantly supply our needs of body and soul. Create in us the mind of Christ, that in humility and generosity—considering not only our own interests, but also the interests of others—we may be merciful to those in need. Direct our efforts to help poor, lonely, troubled, and ill people.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, comfort all who are mourning the death of people they loved. Lift their eyes to the cross where your Son defeated death and to the empty tomb where he assured us that we will live with him forever. Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, look with favor upon all sick, injured, and recovering people. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] If it be your will deliver them from their infirmities. Let them hear of your unfailing love.

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Lord God, eternal Father, we praise you that you have delivered the Christian souls who have gone before us from this world of dust and ashes to paradise. As their prayers continually

ascend before your throne, join our prayers to theirs as fragrant incense. Hear us for the sake of him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offering** *God's people offer their first and best to the Lord in response to the Lord's blessings to them. The offering is gathered in a basket in the church entrance before or after the service. If you prefer to give electronically, you may scan this graphic to access [www.stlucaswels.org/donate](http://www.stlucaswels.org/donate).*

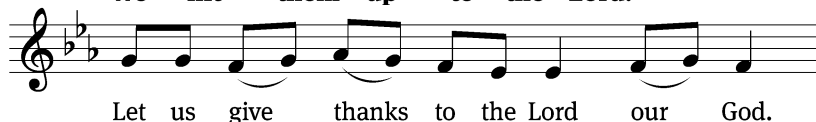
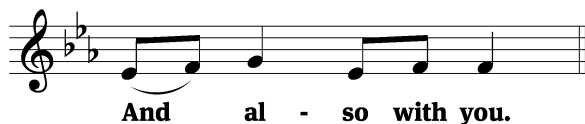


## The Sacrament

Stand

### Preface

CW 165



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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

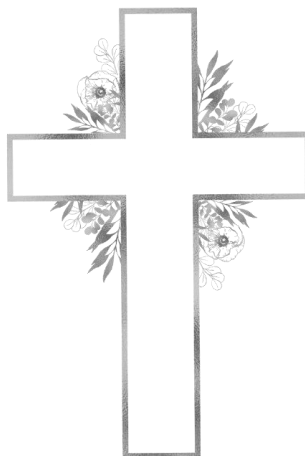
Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse

and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **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.**



## **Words of Institution**

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

### Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -





say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble  
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that  
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

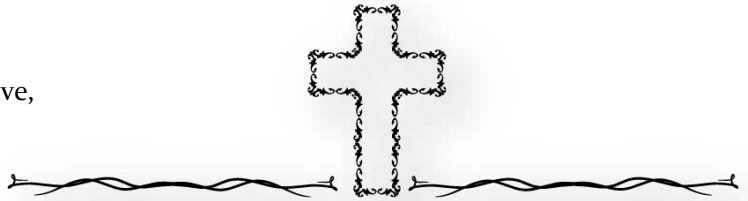


all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 were as scarlet my transgression,  
 it shall be as white as snow  
 by your blood and bitter passion,  
 for these words I do believe:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace,  
 from the law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ has purchased my release  
 and my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
 even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.



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The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

**Amen.**

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. 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.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.**

## O Lord, We Praise You

CW 673 st. 1

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you,  
in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that

they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!

May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our

sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead

in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!

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