

February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday

To our friends, welcome again. To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. For parents with little children, there is a "sitting room" with view/sound of the service on the north side. Bathrooms are on your right as you leave worship.

“Father, Forgive Our... Fearful Lack of Trust!”

Opening Hymn #98: *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"*

Invocation

P: We begin our journey of faith to the cross where Christ our Passover Lamb was sacrificed.

C: *We come to find peace and salvation in his holy blood.*

P: We come in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken) Amen.*

Responsive Prayer

P: O Jesus, Lamb of God, you alone can take away the sin of the world. As we again observe the time of your intense suffering, help us to recognize that you did all this for us.

C: *We come to your cross in faith and reverence.*

P: O Jesus, Lamb of God, send your Holy Spirit to convict us our of guilt which made your suffering necessary,

C: *We come to your cross seeking forgiveness.*


P: O Jesus, our perfect substitute who never strayed, you know how often we have wandered away. When the devil entices us away from you, lead us back safely to your fold.

C: *We come to you for guidance and help.*

P: O Jesus, our lamb who was slain, you are the source of our strength. In times of trial, protect us from the mistake of self-confidence,

C: *We come to you for the strength to follow you.*

Hymn #121: *"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"* verse 1

 ***Jesus, grant that balm and healing In your holy wounds I find,
Every hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.***

The Confession

P: The High Priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" And Jesus said, "I am." (Mark 14:61,62)


C: *"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6)

All: (Psalm 51 selected verses)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.


P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. We have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:9, 2:1,2)

Hymn #121 - verse 2

 ***Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,
Let me think about your Passion, And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.***

The Passion History of our Lord: Part One (see yellow insert)

Hymn #121 - verse 4

 ***Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By your wounds, Lord, is made whole:
When I'm weak, your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For your all-atoning passion Has obtained my soul's salvation.***

The Sermon: Mark 14:48-52

⁴⁸ "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

Sermon Hymn: ***“Christ, by Countless Foes Surrounded”*** (see insert)

Sermon Theme (based on Mark 14:48-52)

“Father Forgive our Fearful Lack of Trust!”

Hymn #105: ***“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*** - verse 5

♪ ***What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.***

Offering

The Order of Holy Communion

P: Let us pray. (All join for the Lord’s Prayer): ***Our Father, who art in heaven...***

The Consecration of the Elements (Sung to the tune of Hymn #125)

♪ ***The night that Je-sus was betrayed
He took the bread and then he prayed,
He broke and gave them of the bread And unto his di-sciples said:***

P: “Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

♪ ***He offered thanks and lifted up To give to all the blessed cup.
Yes of the cup where whine was poured,
Our blessed Savior spoke once more.***

P: “Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

♪ ***O Lamb of God, you take away The sin of all and now you say.
By this meal our sins you release, have mercy on us, grant us peace.***

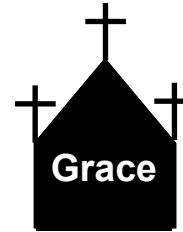
Distribution Hymn #114: ***“Christ, the Life of All the Living”***

Closing Prayer - concludes with a spoken ***“Amen.”***

Benediction - concludes with a spoken ***“Amen.”***

Closing Hymn #108: ***“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”***

Thank you to our pianists: 4:15 Darci Matzke, 6:30 Amibeth Olderman.



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FATHER, FORGIVE THEM!



**Theme: “Father Forgive Our...
Fearful Lack of Trust!”**



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Christ, by Countless Foes Surrounded

(The Disciples in the Garden)

Jeffrey Schallert, adapt.



1 Christ, by count - less foes sur - round - ed,
2 "Boast - ing of their strength un - test - ed,
3 Lord, when dan - gers ga - ther 'round us,



From the depths of woe un - sound - ed,
By their fears my sheep were best - ed.
Let the temp - ter not con - found us!



Lift - ed up his voice to heav - en:
Fa - ther, in your mer - cy par - don
Keep us, Lord, from base de - ni - al.



"Fath - er, may they be for - giv - en!"
Flight and ter - ror in the gar - den."
Give us cour - age in our tri - al!

Next week Wednesday, Feb 21st Theme:

"Father Forgive Our... Defiance of Your Authority"



**All are invited to join us for a meal between services.
Thank you to Rod Ash and
Bob & Sue Fink for hosting this meal.**

Next week's meal is a "Chili Dump" hosted by our Lutheran Elementary School (LES) families.

If you can help prepare, serve and/or cleanup for this meal, please contact Jeremy Wagner at 374-4900.

The free will offering collected that night will go into our LES Fund to help offset the cost of tuition that Grace pays.