



# Ash Wednesday Service

**LUKE 22:39-46**

**MARCH 2, 2022  
11:30AM & 6:30PM**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER NC**

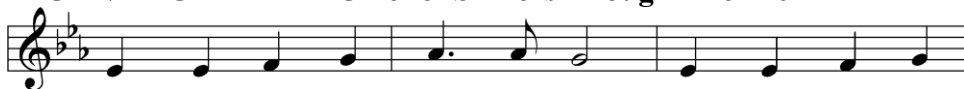
## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Those who wish to receive the mark of ashes upon their forehead may come forward. The ashes are an ancient sign of mortality and death, sorrow and forgiveness, used at the beginning of Lent. Please make your way by way of the center aisle to Pastor Geml who is standing at the Chancel steps, and then find your seat by the side aisle.*

## PRELUDE

*We stand.*

### OPENING HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

P On Ash Wednesday we come face to face with our fallen sinful nature. In Genesis, God created all life, but as Scripture declares, “sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin.” *Romans 5:12*

**C And God declared to Adam, “You will return to the ground for dust you are, and to dust you will return.”** *Genesis 3:19*

P Our foreheads are marked with ashes as a reminder of our mortality and our need for repentance. Yet, this ash is placed on us in the sign of the cross as a symbol of forgiveness and hope. As Job says with confidence, “I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.”

**C “And even after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God! I myself will see him with my own eyes!”** *Job 19:25-27*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P We begin our Lenten repentance by confessing our sins and hearing God’s promise of forgiveness, which we will hear in its fullness at the conclusion of this season on Maundy Thursday.

**C I confess to Almighty God, before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You created us in Your holy image, but through our continuous sin, we have been poor reflections of You. Strengthen us throughout this season to put away sin and selfish ambition, so that we may journey toward the cross and empty tomb with all humility and patience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **VERSE FOR LENT**

## **“Return to the Lord”**

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 22:39-46**

**P** The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

# "Lamb of God"

550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## SERMON

"Father, Forgive Them"  
 "Our Lack of Trust"

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\mathbb{T}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** We praise You, Lord Jesus, for Your journey on this earth, for Your obedience even to death, and for Your victory over death. Help us to receive this Holy Food in faith, for the salvation of our souls and strength for these mortal bodies. Teach us, we pray, to walk in Your ways always. Amen.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** and also with you.

*We sit.*

### DISTRIBUTION

*"Celtic Communion"*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

**"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"**

**915**

**"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"**

**663**

*We stand.*

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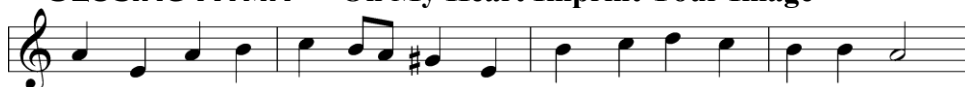
## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Gracious Lord Jesus, we give You thanks and praise for having called us to repentance, having cared for our souls with this blessed sacrament, and having brought us once again to the beginning of this season of Lent.

**C** By the presence of Your Holy Spirit, prosper the fruit of this Holy Supper in our lives, that we may not only speak our repentance, but live it as well. In the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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## POSTLUDE