



ASH WEDNESDAY - 2026

"His Humbled Head....For Us!"

PRELUDE

(Please enter and be seated in silence)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

✠ **The Litany** ✠

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Today, the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. During this Lenten season, our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, confession, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

(Please stand....silence for reflection)

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IMPOSITION OF ASHES (For those who desire to do so)

P: Almighty God, You created us out of the dust of the ground. May these ashes remind us that dust we are and to dust we shall return. May they also remind us of the cross of Christ by which we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Come forward as you so desire to receive a cross of ashes on your forehead as a sign of your repentance.

[As the ashes are placed upon each person's forehead in the sign of the cross, they hear the words, "From dust you came, to dust you shall return."]

HYMN "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" **LSB 418**
(Please rise on last stanza)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, because You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily repenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE **Ephesians 6:12-16**

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL *(please rise)* **Matthew 27:27-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-seventh verse

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Be seated)

SERMON HYMN

“When I Behold Jesus Christ” LSB 542

SERMON... *His Humbled Head....For Us!*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please rise)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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- LSB 433
- LSB 544

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"My Song Is Love Unknown" **LSB 430**

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE