

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024
Trinity Lutheran Church

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn **Pass Me Not** #337

Invocation

L: Father in Heaven, God of mercy and source of our consolation, hear us.

C: We confess to You that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions; by all we have done and all we have left undone.

L: We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

L: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Jesus served us. We have been inconsistent and unfaithful in our service to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

L: We have embraced pride, impatience and pretense in our service to You, and have grieved the Holy Spirit by our self-indulgence.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

L: Our envy of those who have more than we do, and our jealousy of those whose relationships seem more fruitful than our own.

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

L: Our yearning for worldly comforts, our craving for more earthly goods, and our dishonesty in daily work and service.

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

L: Our neglect of worship that is worthy of You, our lack of prayer and our doubt of its effective deliverance.

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

ALL: Change our direction, O God. Turn us from our sin to live for You alone. Please restore us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Hear us, for your mercy is great! Amen.

Liturgical Reading Psalm 103 #710

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hymn **Have Thine Own Way, Lord** #371

First Lesson **Genesis 2:4-7** [4](#) This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,[5](#) before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;[6](#) but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.
[7](#) And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Second Lesson **James 4:6-10** [6](#) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."[7](#) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.[8](#) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.[9](#) Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to loom.[10](#) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Gospel **Matthew 23:25-28, 37-39** [25](#) Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.
[26](#) Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.[27](#) Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed

tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"³⁸ See! Your house is left to you desolate ³⁹ for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

Children's Sermon-Pastor Chris

**Sermon "The Broom of God's Law" Matthew 23:25-28, 37-39
Pastor Chris**

Imposition of Ashes

Closing Hymn Jesus Paid It All #210
Prayers of the Church
Benediction

Lenten Series "The Theology of Trees"

Wed. Lenten Services 7:00 p.m.

Supper served at 6:00 p.m.

**Feb. 21-Romsdal "Trees of the Beginning: The Tree of Life
and the Tree of Good and Evil"**

Feb. 28-Lands "Tree of Calling: The Burning Bush"

Mar. 6-Trinity "Tree of Seeking: The Sycamore Tree"

Mar. 13-Romsdal "Tree of Provision: The Mustard Seed Tree"

Mar. 20-Lands "Tree of Fruitfulness: The Fig Tree"

**Mar. 28-Trinity (Maundy Thursday) "Tree of Fellowship:
The Olive Tree"**

**Mar. 29-Lands (Good Friday) "Tree of Redemption:
Calvary's Cross"**

**Mar. 31-Easter Sunday Lands(7 a.m.) Romsdal (10 a.m.)
"Resurrection: An Overnight Success"**

NOTE: The first night for The Chosen Season 3 is in the Hog House at Bradshaw's on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7PM.

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