



Trinity + Soulard

An open & caring, radically Christ-centered,
deeply sacramental & sometimes eclectic
ministry in the heart of Soulard.

Ash Wednesday

Divine Service, Setting 2

March 5, 2025

6:30 pm



welcome to trinity

*No matter who you are or what you're going through;
No matter where you've been or what brought you here.
We want you to feel welcome in this House of Worship.
So relax, make yourself at home. Follow along as best you can.
And don't be afraid to ask questions.
We're really glad you're here!*

HEARING ASSISTANCE - Live Captioning is located on the TV found in-front on the south wing of the Sanctuary. Also available are personal assisted listening devices, please see an usher for a headphone.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRAYER spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

DEAR PARENTS WITH LITTLE KIDS, We know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family – with all its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - aren't just tolerated, you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. We're glad you're here!

THERE IS AN UNSTAFFED NURSERY located on the 1st floor of the Parish House found through the door located in the front of the Sanctuary. Audio from today's worship is piped in through our speaker system so you can still participate. Ask ushers for assistance.

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

+ Service of Preparation +

Please Stand

Hymn ~ Today, Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Call to Worship & Invocation

Pastor: You are merciful to all people, O Lord,

People: **and despise nothing that You have made.**

Pastor: You overlook the sins of Your people, and bring us to repentance,

People: **And you spare us, for You are the Lord our God.**

Pastor: All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness.

People: **And none are turned away.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

*(A time of silence for introspection and personal confession,
during which we invite you to reflect on the many ways we have fallen short in our
dedication to the spiritual life...)*

Pastor: Lord, have mercy, for we have sinned against you.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

*(A time of silence for introspection and personal confession,
during which we invite you to reflect on the many ways we have fallen short in our
relationships with one another...)*

Pastor: Christ, have mercy, for we have sinned against one another.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

*(A time of silence for introspection and personal confession,
during which we invite you to reflect on the many ways we have fallen short in our
responsibilities to God's good creation, and to our community...)*

Pastor: Lord, have mercy, for we have sinned by what we have failed to do.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

*(A time of silence for introspection and personal confession,
during which we invite you to reflect on the many sins and shortcomings that afflict
each of us individually, and most deeply...)*

Please be Seated

Imposition of Ashes

Ashes have been a symbol of contrition since biblical times:

“I repent in dust and ashes” (Job 42:6b).

They are also vivid reminders of mortality:

“For dust you are and to dust you shall return (Genesis 3:19).

Therefore the imposition of ashes is a fitting beginning for the season of Lent.

*Ashes powerfully imagine our contrition and mortality,
but they also speak the Gospel – applied to the forehead in the shape of the cross,
where sin and death were conquered and we are cleansed of our sin.*

*Those who wish to receive ashes imposed on the forehead are invited to come forward
down the center aisle to the altar.*

The Hymn is Sung During the Imposition of Ashes

Hymn ~ Forgive Us, Lord, For Shallow Thankfulness

LSB 788

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,

For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways
That knows no bar - ri - er of “yours” and “mine,”

While of Your rich - er gifts we’re un - a - ware:
That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er’s needs:
As - sured that on - ly what’s with - held is lost.

- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal.
- 6 Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
May thankfulness be days in service spent,
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

Please Stand

Absolution

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in the
Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

+ Service of the Word +

Please be Seated

Old Testament

Joel 2:12-17

¹ “Even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, weeping and mourning.”

¹³ Rend your heart
and not your garments.

Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

¹⁴ Who knows? He may turn and relent

and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings
for the Lord your God.

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion,
declare a holy fast,
call a sacred assembly.

¹⁶ Gather the people,
consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders,
gather the children,
those nursing at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room
and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷ Let the priests, who minister before the Lord,
weep between the portico and the altar.

Let them say, “Spare your people, Lord.

Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 51

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your un- | failing love;
according to your great compassion blot out | my transgressions.

² **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³ **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is al- | ways before me.**

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict and justified | when you judge.

⁵ **Surely I was sin- | ful at birth,
sinful from the time my mo- | ther conceived me.**

⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even | in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that | secret place.

⁷ **Cleanse me with hyssop, and I | will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whi- | ter than snow.**

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have | crushed rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my | iniquity.

¹⁰ **Create in me a pure heart, O God and renew a steadfast spi- | rit within *me*.**

¹¹ **Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy | Spirit from *me*.**

¹² Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, | to sustain *me*.

¹³ **Then I will teach transgress- | sors your ways,
so that sinners will turn | back to you.**

¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are | God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your | righteousness.

¹⁵ **O Lord, o - | pen my lips,
and my mouth will de- | clare your praise.**

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or | I would bring *it*;
you do not take pleasure in burnt | offerings.

¹⁷ **My sacrifice, O God, is a | broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart you, God, will | not despise.**

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your un- | failing love;
according to your great compassion blot out | my transgressions.

^D **Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the | Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, | A-men.**

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:16-21

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter;

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶ “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. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ 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.
¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ From Depths of Woe, I Cry to Thee (vv. 1-3)

LSB 607

1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - veil To blot out
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in

trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His

ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it

If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort

ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.

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Message

Hymn ~ *From Depths of Woe, I Cry to Thee* (vv. 4-5)

LSB 607

4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the
5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -

morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er
bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy

doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.
nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.

O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it
Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His

and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.
Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

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Please Stand

Nicene Creed

**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 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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

Offering

Ways to Give

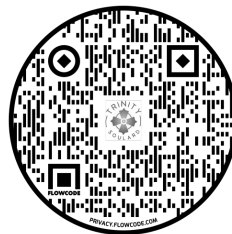
Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at <https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving>.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect...

"trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"



+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament with this understanding are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please ask the pastor at the time of reception if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

Please Stand

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right... ..evermore praising You and singing:



Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

**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

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God*



Music notation for the Agnus Dei, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Hymn ~ *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

LSB 956



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Post-Communion Hymn ~ *Create in Me*

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Tune: Johann Georg Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.
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Prayer

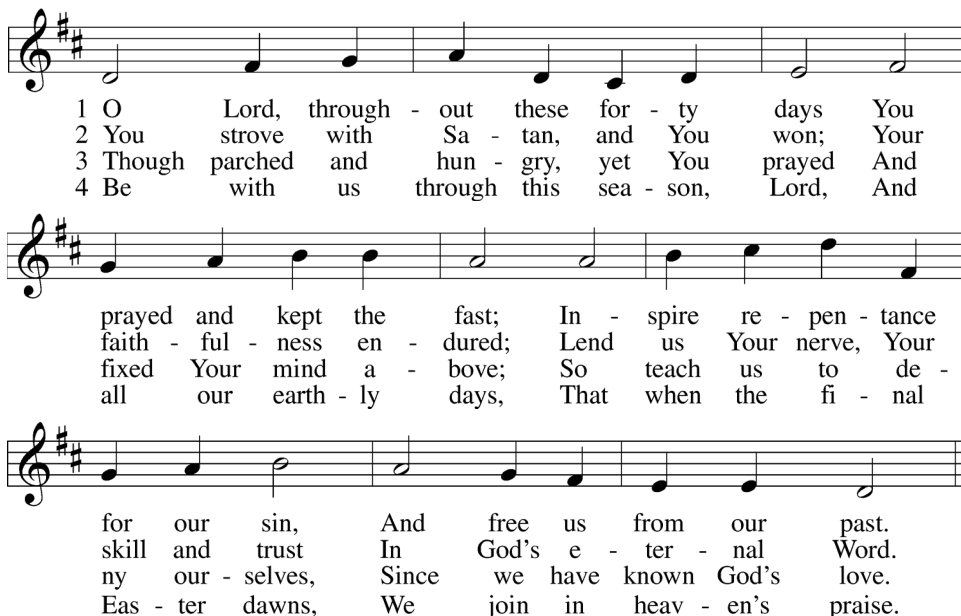
Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn ~ *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

LSB 418



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–98; para. Gilbert E. Doan, 1930–2024
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Postlude

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Wednesday 6:30pm

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Before the Darkness: The “Other” Days of Holy Week

A Sermon Series for Midweek Lenten Reflections

For our Ash Wednesday and midweek reflections this upcoming Lenten season, we'll explore the early days of Holy Week from Palm Sunday afternoon into Wednesday. This journey will correlate with our regular Sunday morning Bible Study, and build on the rising tension between Christ and the power dynamics of institutionally-minded religious systems.

Ash Wednesday: March 5

Theme: **Insight**
Palm Sunday Afternoon
Time: 6:30 pm
Reading: Mark 11:11,
cf. Mark 12:41-44 & 13:1

Midweek 3: March 26

Theme: **Power Dynamics of Worship**
Tuesday
Times: 5:30
Reading: Mark 12:38-40, 41-44

Midweek 1: March 12

Theme: **Prayer of a Fig Tree**
Monday Morning
Time: 5:30
Reading: Mark 11:12-14
Cf. Mark 11:20-26 &
Mark 13:28-31

Midweek 4: April 2

Theme: **In the Night**
Tuesday Afternoon
Times: 5:30
Reading: Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

Midweek 2: March 19

Theme: **Turning Tables**
Still Monday Morning
Times: 5:30
Reading: Mark 11:15-18

Midweek 5: April 9

Theme: **Silence: The Day Before**
Wednesday
Time: 5:30
Readings: Psalm 62

We'll stick to our regular Holy Week schedule for Maundy Thursday (6:30 pm), Good Friday (Tenebrae, 6:30), and Easter Vigil (5:00).
Looking forward to walking through the Passion with you, and always –

Peace,



Josh Hatcher

OUR MINISTRY TEAM



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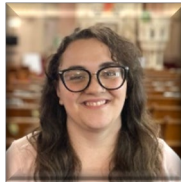
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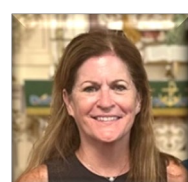
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