



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Ash Wednesday
February 15, 2026**

Guest Pastor, Rev. John A. Flamme

ASH WEDNESDAY
THE FEET OF CHRIST

AS WE GATHER

During this 2026 Lenten Season, our theme will be: **The Body of Christ**. Lent is a season of repentance and renewal, a marvelous opportunity to meditate on our Savior's passion – His suffering and death, so that we might more deeply appreciate His sacrifice that saved us and grow spiritually into a deeper relationship with Christ our Lord.

Feet, hands, mouth, ears, eyes, heart, blood – the body of Christ crucified for our redemption. Christ crucified and resurrected in body and soul is the focal point of our worship and the source of all our spiritual and physical blessings. Without the passion of the Lamb of God, His willingness to sacrifice his own body on the tree of the cross, we would have no share in God's kingdom of grace, the Church, and no spiritual life today and no eternal life in heaven. But thanks to God, Jesus willingly surrendered His body on the cross to purchase our forgiveness and our place in God's everlasting kingdom.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *PAGE 440*

"JESUS I WILL PONDER NOW"

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;

This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

- 5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, 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 His Holy Spirit, might richly bless the Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITANY

P O Lord.

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord.

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ.

C **hear us.**

P God the Father in heaven,

C **have mercy.**

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy.**
 P God the Holy Spirit,
 C **have mercy.**
 P Be gracious to us.
 C **Spare us, good Lord.**
 P Be gracious to us.
 C **Help us, good Lord.**
 P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation: by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by your coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;
 C **Help us, good Lord.**
 P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
 C **Help us, good Lord.**
 P We poor sinners implore You:
 C **to hear us, O Lord.**
 P To prosper the teaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
 C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
 P To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayer to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:
 C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
 P To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:
 C **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
 P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
 C **We implore You to hear us.**
 P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
 C **have mercy.**
 P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
 C **grant us Your peace.**
 P O Christ,
 C **hear us.**

P O Lord,
C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,
C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,
C **have mercy. Amen**

P O God, You desire, not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; 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 RITE OF THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

During the Rite of the Imposition of Ashes (as a sign of repentance and our own mortality), the Pastor and elders will proceed first to those who are usually communed while seated due to their mobility issues. Afterwards, we invite all worshippers, young and old, to come forward, at the direction of the ushers, in a continuous line to receive the ashes from the Pastor. Those who prefer not to receive the imposition of ashes may remain seated. Those who have received the ashes cross on their forehead are asked to return to their seats in silence while meditating on their own mortality and the greatness of their Savior who tasted the ashes of death on the cross so that we could be forgiven and have eternal life in heaven. During the imposition of ashes the Pastor will mark the sign of the cross upon the foreheads of all while saying: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". May God grant us all true repentance and faith.

PASSION NARRATIVE – Jesus' Readiness to Suffer and Die, Part 1

HYMN PAGE 425

"WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS"

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

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PASSION NARRATIVE –Part 2

HYMN PAGE 425

“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS”

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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THE MESSAGE

OFFERING (DROPPED IN PLATE AS YOU ENTER THE SANCTUARY)

OFFERING HYMN..... PAGE 550

“LAMB OF GOD”

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain

- O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

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PRAYERS

P Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **listen to my cry for mercy.**

P In the day of trouble I will call to you,

C **for you will answer me.**

P Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C **and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P Do not cast me away from your presence

C **or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Because your loving kindness is better than life,

C **my lips shall praise you.**

P We pray for the sick, for those enduring grief or pain in the body and spirit. Grant divine healing and health to the hospitalized, to those recovering at home and to our shut-ins, along with the awareness of your divine presence. May your Spirit-given peace and blessings in Word and Sacrament continue to unite, strengthen and empower this body of Christ. May we grow in grace and devotion to you, throughout our Lenten Journey, so that your plan of salvation may be witnessed to the world. We bring all of these prayers before your throne of grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father; everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angles and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C **(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE 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.

WORD OF INSTITUTION

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

C **(sung) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. (Please be seated)**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN..... PAGE 427

"IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY"

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
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HYMN..... *PAGE 637*

“DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD”

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
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HYMN..... *PAGE 618*

“I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE”

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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THE DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith
to life everlasting. Go in peace

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come
in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith
throughout our days of pilgrimage, that, on the day of His coming, we may, together
with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has
no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C



THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor (+) and give you peace.

C (sung) **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN PAGE 878

“ABIDE WITH ME”

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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SILENT PRAYER

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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2026 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Feb. 25, 2026, Midweek 2 The Hands of Christ – John 8:1-11 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 4, 2026, Midweek 3 The Mouth of Christ – Luke 4:14-22a Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 11, 2026, Midweek 4 The Ears of Christ – Mark 7:31-37 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 18, 2026, Midweek 5 The Eyes of Christ – John 9:1-11 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
March, 25, 2026, Midweek 6 The Heart of Christ – John 11:17-44 Lenten Supper	7:00 P.M.
April 2, 2026, Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion) The Blood of Christ – Luke 22:7-20	7:00 p.m.
April 3, 2026, Good Friday Tenebrae The Body of Christ Crucified – John 19:17-30 GUEST PASTOR FOR LENTEN SERVICES: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME	7:00 P.M.
April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday The Risen Body of Christ – Luke 24:1-12 GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOHN A. FLAMME EASTER SERVICE - PASTOR WARREN GRAFF	10:15 A.M.