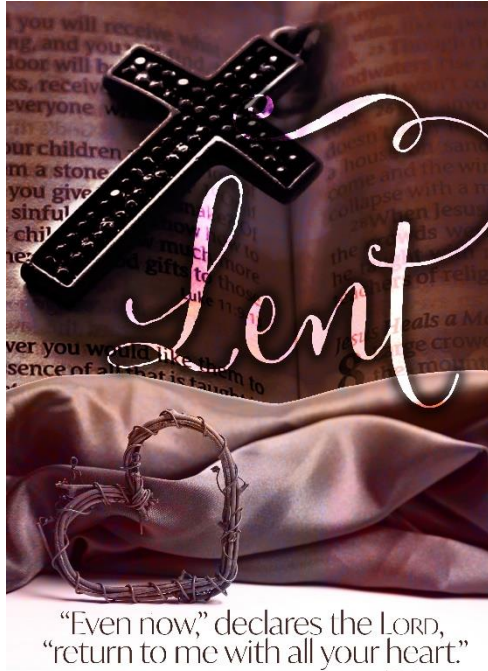


# Ascension Lutheran Church

## Ash Wednesday



“Even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart.”  
Joel 2:12, NIV

# God On Trial

## Hymn

## TLH 516 In the Hour of Trial

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

**SONG OF A REPENTANT HEART (see insert)**

## ABSOLUTION

P: Jesus is the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. According to His authority, and by His command, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## RESPONSORY

P: On the night before He died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples;

**C: Jesus is our Passover Lamb.**

P: The Passover Table was set with special food, such as roasted lamb, bitter herbs, wine, and unleavened bread:

**C: Tonight, we receive the very body and blood of our Lord, in, with, and under the bread and wine.**

P: On Passover night, the Old Testament people were to remember how God delivered them from Egypt:

**C: Tonight, we remember how God has delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

P: In the Upper Room, the Passover was celebrated for the final time:

**C: Jesus instituted a new Supper that would be celebrated for all time.**

P: The blood of the Lamb was originally painted on the doorposts of their homes in Egypt:

**C: The blood of Jesus was painted upon Calvary's cross and cleanses us from all sin.**

P: The blood of the Passover Lamb caused the angel of death to pass over them:

**C: The blood of Jesus was shed so the angel of death would pass over us.**

P: The Passover was a picture of how God would redeem His people:

**C: The body and blood we receive in the Sacrament tonight bring us God's forgiveness and pardon.**

## **The Passion History**

**Hymn of Response:**

**TLH 179 On My Heart**

**Confession of Faith:**

**Luther's Explanation to 2<sup>nd</sup> Article**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**Hymn**

**TLH 159 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**The Sermon**

**Luke 22:47-53**

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" <sup>49</sup> And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

## God on Trial: Restraint

**Hymn TLH 141 Enslaved by Sin and Bound by Chains vs. 1-4**

**The Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**The Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Hymn TLH 558 All Praise to Thee My God This Night**

**Silent Prayer**