

# A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY. GROWING. CARING. SERVING.

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TRADITIONAL SERVICE FEBRUARY 14, 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY

Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

# Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag. For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

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ASSISTING: Pastor Connie Tiede, Pastor Sue Wallager

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a time of quiet and repentance. We mark our foreheads with ashes as we are reminded not only that when we die we return to the earth, but also that the ash is in the form of a cross reminding us that in our baptisms we are marked by Christ for the promise of new life. Lent is a time to return to God, to be reminded of Christ's journey to the Cross and that we can rejoice that God creates in us a clean heart and renews a right spirit within us. Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

#### WE GATHER IN SILENCE

# **GATHERING**

PSALM 51:1-5, 9-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.



#### **GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# And also with you.

### 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.

# WORD

LESSON: 2 Corinthians:1-3



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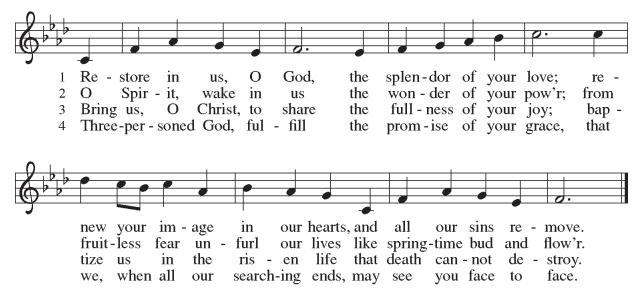
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

# Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Coming Clean" by Pastor Brent Campbell



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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Let us confess our sin to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Silence for reflection

God of compassion,

We confess that we have not lived up to the example of Jesus, and that we serve and love ourselves instead of you and our neighbors. Deliver us from all that dims the light of your Holy Spirit within us, and from all that prevents us from delighting in you. Forgive our sins, merciful God, that our hearts may burn with love for you and for all people, and that our lives may bear witness to your never-failing love.

The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God, in Jesus Christ.

#### Amen

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Lord of the cross...

Hear our prayer.

#### SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

#### MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE <u>www.zionanoka.org</u> click on "GIVE TODAY"

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# **MEAL**

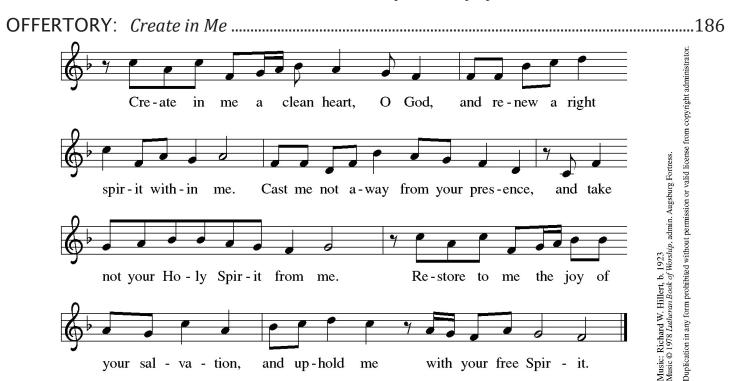
#### **OFFERING**

# SPECIAL MUSIC (6:30 AM):

"Verleih Uns Frieden" ....... Mendelssohn

Zion Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

Grant unto us thy peace O Lord, Grant us thy peace enduring, For there is none with the strength Who could so firmly defend us, For thou art our hope and safety.



#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

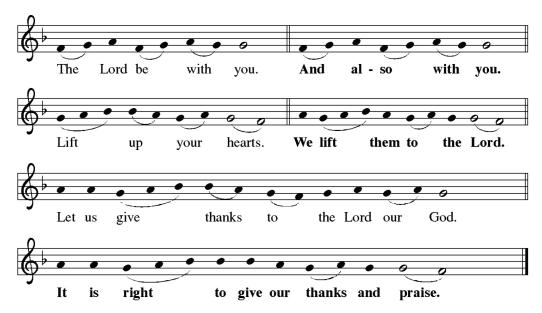
Jesus, you are the bread of life. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger to share what we have first been given by you. We pray this in your name. **Amen.** 

#### THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

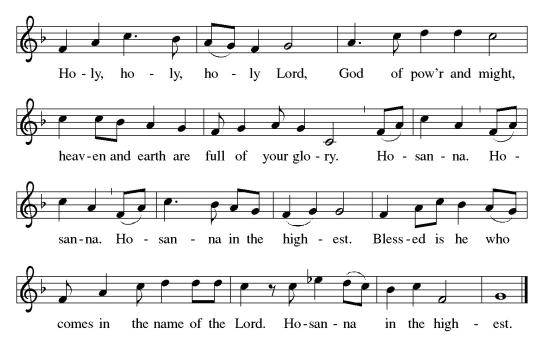
# The Imposition of Ashes

All are invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes. The imposition of ashes is a visible sign of our repentant hearts. This is an opportunity for silent reflection as God's people are reminded over and over about whose we are and what God has accomplished for us. The Great Thanksgiving is when we lift our hearts in thanksgiving to a good and generous God.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



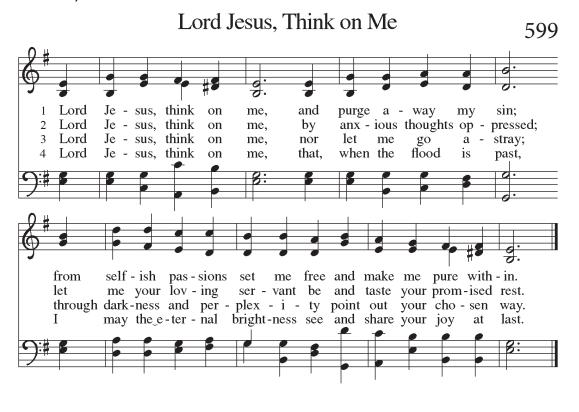
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



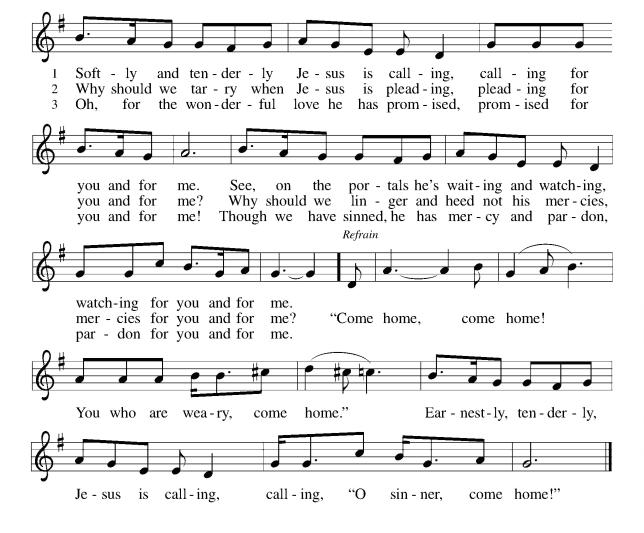
### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.



# Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt. Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, The Psalmes of Dauid, 1579, alt.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

#### Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

#### **Mobility Concerns**

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

#### Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

#### LIVE STREAM

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#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.** 

#### **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION:**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace. **Amen.** 



# **DISMISSAL**:

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889