

LUTHERAN CHAPEL



MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

“TOOLS FOR THE GARDEN OF OUR SOUL”

*The Tool Kit: Giving, Praying, Fasting.
GOD, grow us this Lent.*

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***BOLD** indicates congregational responses.
* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.*

GATHER

PSALM 51 (LBW)

(In Unison)

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- ²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.
- ³For I know | my transgressions,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- ⁴Against you only | have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight.
- ⁵And so you are justified | when you speak
and upright | in your judgment.
- ⁶Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- ⁷For behold, you look for truth | deep within me,
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.
- ⁸Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.
- ⁹Make me hear of | joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- ¹⁰Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out all | my iniquities.
- ¹¹Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
- ¹²Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.
- ¹³Give me the joy of your saving | help again
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.
- ¹⁴I shall teach your ways | to the wicked,
and sinners shall re- | turn to you.
- ¹⁵Deliver me from | death, O God,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of | my salvation.

¹⁶Open my | lips, O Lord,

and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have | offered sacrifice,

but you take no delight | in burnt-offerings.

¹⁸The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

¹⁹Be favorable and gra- | cious to Zion,

and rebuild the walls | of Jerusalem.

²⁰Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices, with burnt-offerings | and oblations;

then shall they offer young bullocks up- | on your altar.

***GLORIA PATRI**

(In Unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through 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

FIRST READING

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

Because of the coming day of the LORD, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community declares that God is gracious and asks God to spare the people lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;

sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—

²a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**2 CORINTHIANS 5:20b-6:10**

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONJoel 2:13*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



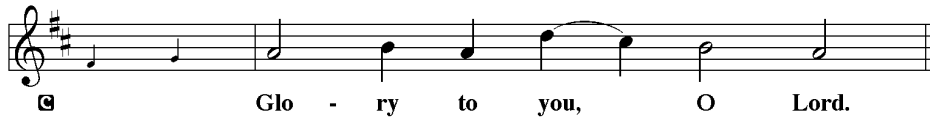
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

***GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel.

Response after the announcement:



In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

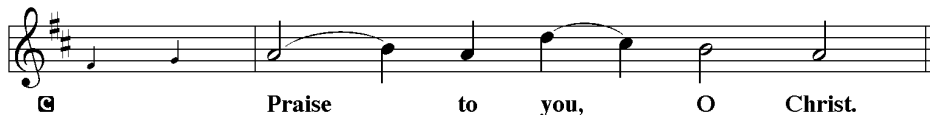
⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

“Tools for the Garden of our Soul”

Tool of Giving
Tool of Praying
Tool of Fasting

The Law is an aspect of God’s Word that shows sin and brokenness: I don’t give. I don’t pray. I don’t fast. My use of these spiritual tools is sad.

The Gospel is an aspect of God’s Word that comforts and saves in Christ: Jesus loves us, gives us the gift of spiritual exercises such as giving, praying, and fasting to grow us in Him.

So What? Claim the gifts!

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



nought be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en’s joys, O heav - en’s Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul’s shel - ter, and thou my high tow’r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav’n - ward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most holy and merciful God,

C: we confess to You and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: We have not loved You with our whole heart, and 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 God.

P: We have shut our ears to Your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people we confess to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our waste and pollution of Your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to You.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Restore us, O God, and let Your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, O God, for Your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

HYMN

"Ashes"

Tom Conry

1. We rise a-gain from ash-es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of-fer You our fail-ures, we of-fer You at-
3. Then rise a-gain from ash-es, let heal-ing come to
4. Thanks be to the Fa-ther, Who made us like Him-

do. We rise a-gain from ash-es, to cre-ate our-selves a-tempts; The gifts not full-y giv-en, the dreams not full-y pain. Though spring has turned to win-ter, and sun-shine turned to self. Thanks be to His Son, Who saved us by His

new. If all our world is ash-es, then must our lives be dreamt, Give our stum-bl-ings di-rect-ion, give our vi-sions wid-er rain. The rain we'll use for grow-ing, and cre-ate the world a-death. Thanks be to the Spir-it, Who cre-ates the world a-

true, An of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to You.
view, An of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to You.
new From an of-fer-ing of ash-es, an of-fer-ing to You.
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P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation,

C: that we may show forth Your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of Your Son, our Savior,

C: bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

“All Things of Dust to Dust Return”

CHANCEL CHOIR

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All things of dust to dust return on earth and in the sky.
The hottest, brightest suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the newborn young that play,
the leaves that fill the forest floor revert to dust and clay.

Lord, mark with dust and ash so I may comprehend
that ev'ry moment here and now links me to that same end.
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
yet by their waning light discern your own undying fire.

Lord, mark upon my brow: a stark and barren cross
reminding me that though divine you know my pain and loss,
and at the touch of dust and ash awake my heart to view
how death itself is but a flash that dies away in you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

P: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Man of Sorrows, who was tempted and suffered to save us.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

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

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL AND SENDING

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

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.

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***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

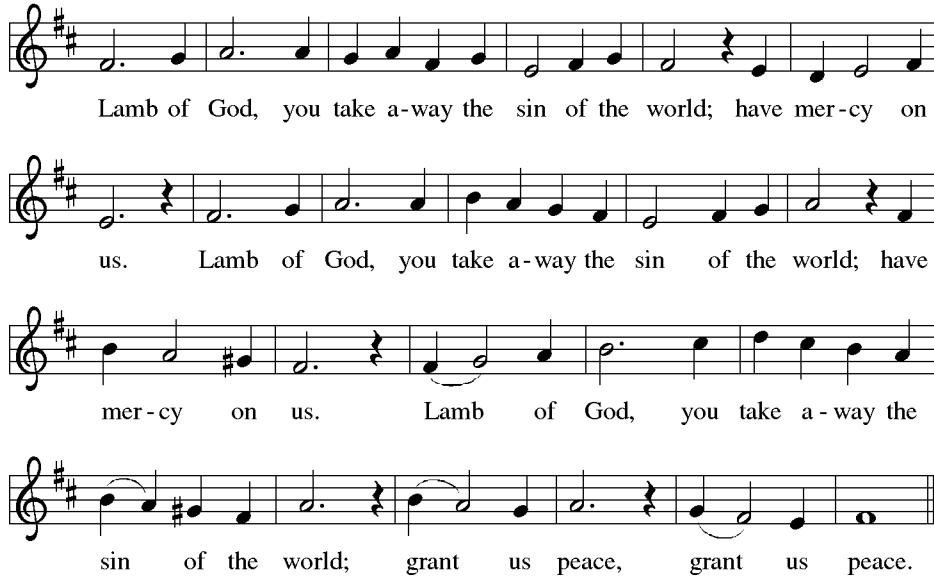
Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

John 1:29



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.

***DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***THE BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

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Music Director Jeanette Myers
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