



# Lent | Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm February 14, 2024

## Ashes

The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality. They are an optional tradition at COS. Do not feel obligated to have them imposed on you. Those desiring them, however, are invited to come to the chancel steps prior to the start of worship. A pastor will smudge a small cross on your forehead while saying, "Dust you are and to dust you will return" (Genesis 3:19).

## New to COS?

If this is your first time at COS, please give us a chance to follow up with you by signing our digital guest book:



## Hearing Assist

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console in the rear of the sanctuary.

## Hymn 393 Savior, When in Dust to You

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Introduction to Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the forty days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

Let us confess our sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit ourselves to this struggle.

## Confession

Most holy and merciful Father,  
**We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault, by our own grievous fault**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**

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.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have placed our wants before your will.

We have gratified the desires of our sinful nature.

We have merited your punishment now and forever.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives

**We confess to you, O Lord.**

Our love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
our negligence in worship and prayer, and our failure to show the faith that is in us

**We confess to you, O Lord.**

Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and  
suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Forgive us, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice  
and contempt for those who differ from us,

**Forgive us, Lord.**

For what we think or say or do that is at variance with your will,

**Forgive us, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. He sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*Joel 2:12–19*

Choir      Mercy

## Second Reading

*Revelation 3:1-3*

## Gospel

*Luke 12:13-21*

Hymn 409    Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

## Sermon

## Offering

*Offerings may be given via the QR code ([cosrock.org/donate](https://cosrock.org/donate)) or the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.*



## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Words of Institution

*The minister speaks the words of institution, concluding with:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Distribution

*Reception of the Sacrament at COS is reserved for those who share our confession of the doctrines of Holy Scripture. We ask those who do not hold membership in this or another WELS congregation to give us the chance to teach those doctrines to you via our New Life in Christ Course prior to communing. Speak with one of our pastors for more or about the enrolling in the next course.*

*Center purple cups of each tray are reserved for those who have requested alcohol free wine for medical reasons.*

## Distribution Hymn 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive

### Post Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Blessing

## Hymn 931 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



## **BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH** Next Lenten Vespers

6:30 pm Wednesdays February 21

5:30 pm Supper: Pastor Hahm's Famous Jambalaya



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