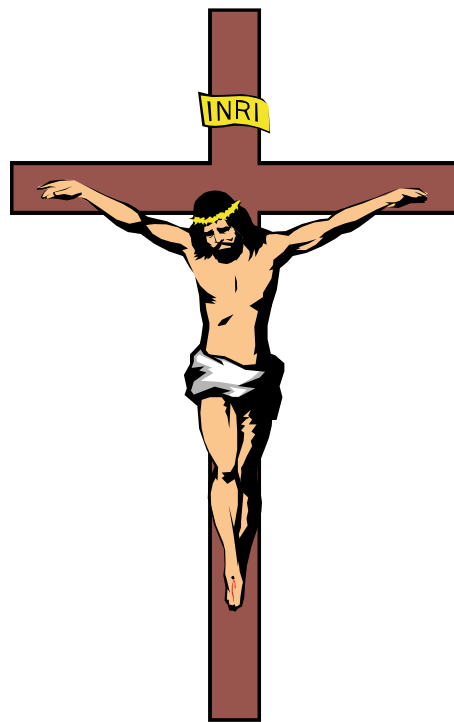


Words of Life from the Cross
Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2010



Concordia Lutheran Church
Beulah, North Dakota

Hymn # 613

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 this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Silence for Reflection

Please rise

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 the 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 preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayers 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 prayers; 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: 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.

The Imposition of Ashes

Those who wish to receive ashes should approach the altar. The ashes are imposed on the forehead with these words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." During the imposition of ashes, the congregation is invited to sing hymn # 609, "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive".

Scripture Readings

Joel 2:12-19
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Hymn of the Day # 447 (st. 1-3)

Sermon The Pardoning Word

Offering

Collect of the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

C: Amen.

Hymn to Depart # 418