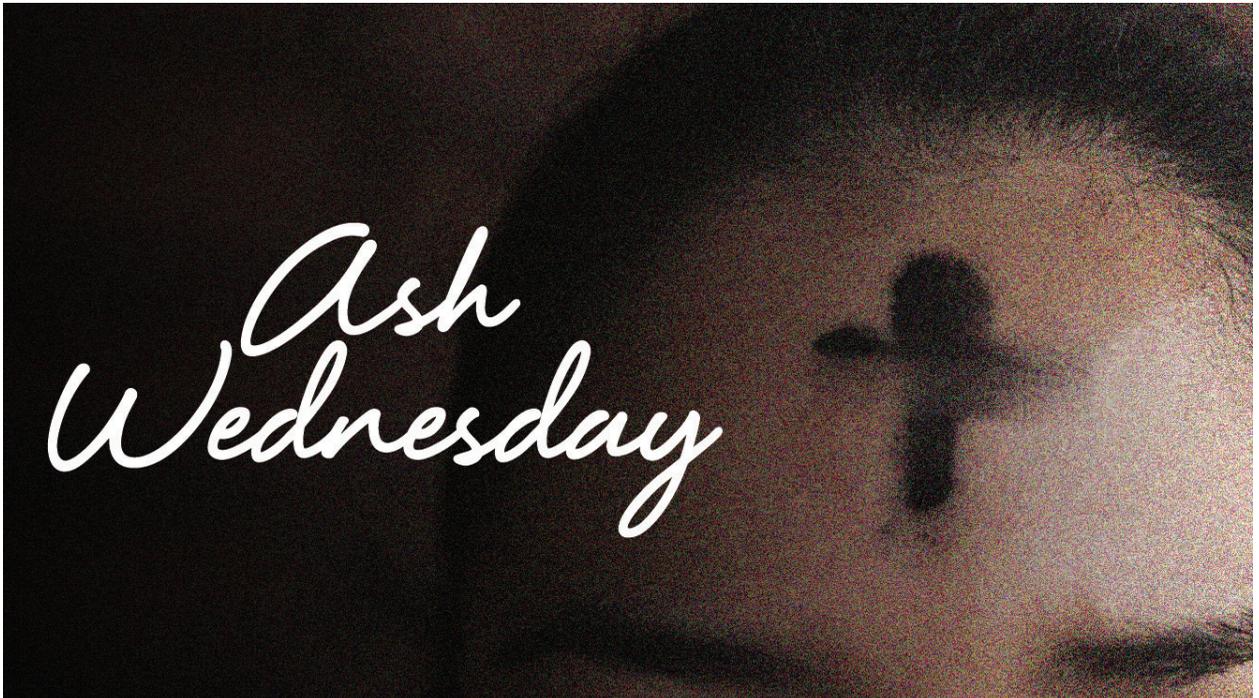




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Communion & Imposition of Ashes
12:00 p.m.

February 18, 2026



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

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-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Order of Worship - Noon

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hymn of Assurance

Howard Helvey

Leigh Marsh, violin

APOSTOLIC GREETING (stand)

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

People: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

LBW 99

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love—the discipline of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most holy and merciful Father:

We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own 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 your Holy Spirit.

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, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

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

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(sit)

Those who desire to receive ashes, please come forward and kneel before the altar. The minister applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Largo

Francesco Maria Veracini
Leigh Marsh, violin

CONCLUSION OF CONFESSION

After those who desire have received ashes, the pastor leads the congregation in the conclusion of the Confession:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation.

That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

— WORD —

LESSON Isaiah 30:12–18 (NRSV)

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: “Because you reject this word and put your trust in oppression and deceit and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall become for you like a break in a high wall, bulging out and about to collapse, whose crash comes suddenly, in an instant; its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments

not a sherd is found for taking fire from the hearth or dipping water out of the cistern.” For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you refused and said, ‘No! We will flee upon horses’ — therefore you shall flee! and, ‘We will ride upon swift steeds’ — therefore your pursuers shall be swift! A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.” Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF
RESPONSE**
(stand)

On My Heart Imprint Your Image
LBW 102

HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 7:13–23
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, “Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
(sit)



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann

HYMN OF THE DAY
(stand)

What Wondrous Love Is This
LBW 385

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen, and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

(kneel/sit)

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

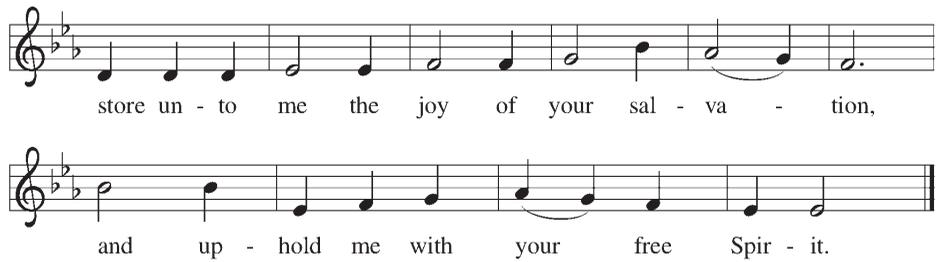
Create In Me

Johnson
Mark Johanson and
Philip Biedenbender, duet;
Leigh Marsh, violin

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart
(stand)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING *The Lord be with you. And also 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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *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.*

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is a meal of celebration, forgiveness and blessing. We welcome all baptized Christians who believe that Jesus' body is broken for you and that His blood is shed for you. If you would like to know more about either Baptism or Communion, any of our pastors would be pleased to speak with you. Welcome to God's table!

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
 LBW 487

BLESSING *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*
 (stand) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

O God of Jacob
LBW 477

COMMISSION *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

After the service, you are invited to join us for a light lunch in the Forum • \$5

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5:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m.

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- † People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
- † People of Russia and Ukraine
- † Conflict in the Middle East
- † Remove fear and bring peace in our community
- † Natalie Brown
- † Lois Witham
- † Fred Reddel
- † Chris Wrenn's father, Dave
- † Tony Hyde and family on the death of his father, Larry
- † Bruce Voelker's brother, George
- † Frank Henry's mother, Jean
- † Kevin Ellefson and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Cheryl
- † Cody Bollinger and Sarah Ayala and their baby
- † Susan Fisher and family on the death of her father, Bruce
- † Lydia Brincefield

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- † Rebecca Sturtz' father, Randy

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