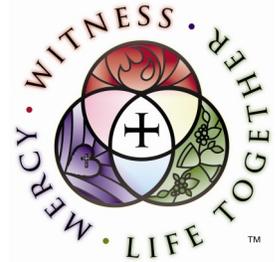




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FROM DUST YOU SHALL ARISE BY PASTOR LARSON

It's a jarring experience to smear ashes on my wife and children as well as the rest of the congregation. "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return!" It's not exactly a feel-good message! But it's something we all need to hear because it's the truth.

Ashes on foreheads serve as a sobering reminder of the consequence of sin, that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), and "sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

Lent is a time of renewed repentance. It's a time to face the facts. We acknowledge our sins are serious, destructive, and always deadly. It's a time to stop all excuses and be held accountable to God. Martin Luther preached to his own congregation, saying, "Don't waste any time denying your sins!"

When we despair of ourselves and

give up on our own standing before God, then a different message can be heard loud and clear. Christ preaches to us this Lent, saying, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mk. 1:15), and "forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in My name to all nations" (Lk. 24:47).

The Law kills but the Gospel brings comfort and great consolation!

Recall that those ashes on Ash Wednesday signify the curse of sin and death but not just that. They were marked upon your forehead in the shape of the holy cross to mark you as one re-

deemed by Christ the crucified. This gift you received in your baptism!

The death of Christ is truly the death of your sin! Through His resurrection you are raised up to live a new life in righteousness and purity forever through the forgiveness of sins. Dust, ashes, and death may be all around, but don't be afraid. The tomb is empty and the victory's already won.



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- Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
- Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
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- Julie Wohlrabe, *iO Director*
- Anna Young, *U Student Coordinator*



On Wednesdays in Lent, from March 9 to April 6, LMC offers a **Lenten Supper at 5:30 p.m.**, followed by a **Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.**

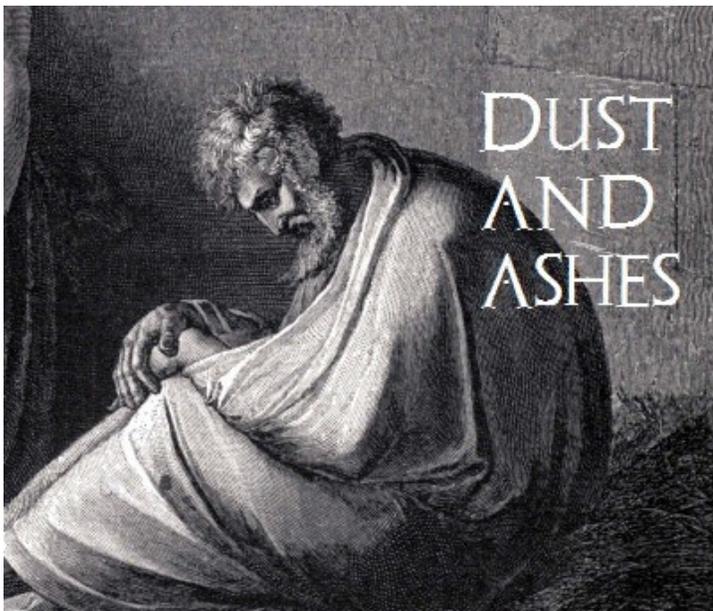
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WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

A Reading from the Book of Concord

Smalcald Article Part III, Article III. Of Repentance



This office [of the Law] the New Testament retains and urges, as St. Paul, Rom. 1:18, does, saying: The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. Again, Rom 3:19: All the world is guilty before God. No man is righteous before Him. And Christ says, John 16:8: The Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin.

This, then, is the thunderbolt of God by which He strikes in a heap [hurls to the ground] both manifest sinners and false saints [hypocrites], and suffers no one to be in the right [declares no one righteous], but drives them all together to terror and despair. This is the hammer, as Jeremiah 23:29 says: Is not My Word like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? This is not *activa contritio* or manufactured

repentance, but *passiva contritio* [torture of conscience], true sorrow of heart, suffering and sensation of death.

This, then, is what it means to begin true repentance; and here man must hear such a sentence as this: You are all of no account, whether you be manifest sinners or saints [in your own opinion]; you all must become different and do otherwise than you now are and are doing [no matter what sort of people you are], whether you are as great, wise, powerful, and holy as you may. Here no one is [righteous, holy], godly, etc.

But to this office the New Testament immediately adds the consolatory promise of grace through the Gospel, which must be believed, as Christ declares, Mark 1:15: Repent and believe the Gospel, i.e., become different and do otherwise, and believe My promise. And John, preceding Him, is called a preacher of repentance, however, for the remission of sins, i.e., John was to accuse all, and convict them of being sinners, that they might know what they were before God, and might acknowledge that they were lost men, and might thus be prepared for the Lord, to receive grace, and to expect and accept from Him the remission of sins. Thus also Christ Himself says, Luke 24:47: Repentance and remission of sins must be preached in My name among all nations.

But whenever the Law alone, without the Gospel being added, exercises this, its office there is [nothing else than] death and hell, and man must despair, like Saul and Judas; as St. Paul, Rom. 7:10, says: Through sin the Law killeth. On the other hand, the Gospel brings consolation and remission not only in one way, but through the word and Sacraments, and the like, as we shall hear afterward in order that [thus] there is with the Lord plenteous redemption, as Ps. 130:7 says, against the dreadful captivity of sin.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC *HOPE, PATIENCE, PRAYER*

JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER:
THE FIFTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER: PART 2



And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

It is therefore the intent of this petition that God would not regard our sins and hold up to us what we daily deserve, but would deal graciously with us, and forgive, as He has promised, and thus grant us a joyful and confident conscience to stand before Him in prayer. For where the heart is not in right relation towards God, nor can take such confidence, it will nevermore venture to pray. But such a confident and joyful heart can spring from nothing else than the [certain] knowledge of the forgiveness of sin.

But there is here attached a necessary, yet consolatory addition: As we forgive. He has promised that we shall be sure that everything is forgiven and pardoned, yet in the manner that we also forgive our neighbor. For just as we daily sin much against God and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbor who does us injury, violence, and wrong, shows malice toward us, etc. If

therefore you do not forgive, then do not think that God forgives you; but if you forgive, you have this consolation and assurance, that you are forgiven in heaven, not on account of your forgiving—for God forgives freely and without condition, out of pure grace, because He has so promised, as the Gospel teaches—but in order that He may set this up for our confirmation and assurance for a sign alongside of the promise which accords with this prayer, Luke 6, 37: Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. Therefore Christ also repeats it soon after the Lord's Prayer, and says, Matt. 6, 14: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, etc.

This sign is therefore attached to this petition, that, when we pray, we remember the promise and reflect thus: Dear Father, for this reason I come and pray Thee to forgive me, not that I can make satisfaction, or can merit anything by my works, but because Thou hast promised and attached the seal thereto that I should be as sure as though I had absolution pronounced by Thyself. For as much as Baptism and the Lord's Supper appointed as external signs, effect, so much also this sign can effect to confirm our consciences and cause them to rejoice. And it is especially given for this purpose, that we might use and practice it every hour, as a thing that we have with us at all times.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

<u>God's Child</u>	<u>Rebirth Date</u>
John Burfeind	March 1
Miriam Paterson	March 3
Talitha Wieting	March 4
Laine Scott	March 5
Ezra Paterson	March 6
Corliss Gnas	March 10
Jana Ledic	March 11
Holly Dyer	March 12
Sara Kreuter	March 12
Zsofia Cox	March 17
Amanda Christensen	March 18
Feng Li	March 18
Lucia Larson	March 20
Sarah Solomon	March 24
Eric Pool	March 26
Melanie Goulee	March 29
Janelle Galvin	March 30
Leah W	March 30
George Z	March 30



EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes for your donation of Easter lilies to adorn the chancel will be available in the narthex from March 20 to April 11. Prices have increased: single-stem pots cost \$15, double-stem pots cost \$30.

You may place your envelopes in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Please deliver your envelopes by Monday, April 11. Flowers will be ordered on Tuesday, April 12.



A LENTEN HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years,
By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of the_insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;
Hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair,
By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh;
Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN MARCH

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Mar. 6	First S. in Lent (Invocabit)	LSB 656	Gen. 3:1-21	Psalm 91	2 Cor .6:1-10	Matt. 4:1-11
Mar. 13	Second S. in Lent (Reminiscere)	LSB 615	Gen. 32:22-32	Psalm 25	1 Thess. 4:1-7	Matt. 15:21-28
Mar. 20	Third S. in Lent (Oculi)	LSB 659	Ex. 8:16-24 or Jer. 26:1-15	Psalm 86	Eph. 5:1-9	Luke 11:14-28
Mar. 27	Fourth S. in Lent (Laetare)	LSB 743	Ex. 16:2-21 or Is. 49:8-13	Psalm 122	Gal. 4:21-31 or Acts 2:41-47	John 6:1-15

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Break 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	28 7:00 PM Divine Service	1 6:30 PM Elders	2 8:30 AM Matins 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service	3	4	5 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
6 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Break 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism 12:00 PM Board Games & Pizza	7 5:30 PM Marriage Catechesis 7:00 PM Divine Service	8 6:00 PM Trustees	9 8:30 AM Matins 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service	10	11	12 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
13 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Break 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	14 7:00 PM Divine Service	15	16 8:30 AM Matins 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service	17	18	19 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
20 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Break 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	21 7:00 PM Divine Service	22	23 8:30 AM Matins 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Service	24	25 6:30 PM Spring English Country Dance	26 1:00 PM New Member Catechesis
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Future Fellowship Events in 2022

Mark your calendars.

Sunday, March 6 – Board Games & Pizza (after Bible study)

Friday, March 25 – Spring English Country Dance (6:30pm)

Saturday, May 7 – May Day Trail Run / Cookout (starts 9am)

All events are intended for congregational members, university students, and internationals to participate!