



OUR SAVIOUR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.

We are a community of faith,
formed in the grace and joy
of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in
God's sure and unfolding
promise to mend His creation
through the life, death and
resurrection of His Son, and
in the power of the Holy
Spirit.

We are a church under the
cross of Christ, shaped by the
ancient rhythms of Christian
worship, fellowship, and
service to others.

Come share the joy!

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Our Members, Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our mid-week Lenten Worship Service at OSLC

To our guests: please know that you bless us by your presence. We encourage you to worship with us throughout this Lenten Season and invite you to our Sunday Morning Worship Service as well. May God bless you as we journey toward Easter!

*Our Lenten Journey continues each Wednesday evening
with a simple meal starting at 5:30 and our Worship Service at 6:30.*

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and sets the tone of the season. It is a pointed call to repentance, a return to the death and resurrection of Holy Baptism by way of confession and faith for the forgiveness of sins. Thus the imposition of ashes, from which the day receives its name, recalls both the mortality of sinful humanity and the redemption of Christ, into which His followers have been baptized. This context of contrition and repentance, fully and firmly centered in the cross and resurrection of Christ Jesus, is the framework within which the Lenten fast is undertaken.



Please stand

Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ “O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS” (LBW #99)

O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sins,
And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust,
In God’s eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry yet you
prayed,
And fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves
That we many know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ^P Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)
- ^C **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be, world without end. Amen.**
- ^P Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus said: "If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)
- ^C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.** (Psalm 23:4)
- ^P Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus — the pioneer and perfecter of our faith — who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- ^C **Lord, we believe; help us in our unbelief.** (Mark 9:24)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

- ^P Let us draw near to God with an honest heart, confessing our sins to God the Father, and appealing to him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- ^P Almighty God,
- ^C **We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
- ^P We have received your many blessings with a lack of gratitude; and have failed to be good stewards of your Creation.
- ^C **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- ^P We have followed our own selfish will and ways, and have failed to be your trusting and obedient servants.
- ^C **Have mercy on us, Lord.**
- ^P We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven, and have failed to be your witnesses in the world.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We confess to you, Lord, all our unfaithfulness — our fear, our anger, our pride, and our trust in our own righteousness.

C Accept our repentance, Lord.

P We confess to you, Lord, our lack of concern for the needs of others, and our sense of entitlement to all we possess.

C Accept our repentance, Lord.

P We confess to you, Lord, our negligence in worship, and our rejection of your Word in our lives.

C Accept our repentance, Lord.

P Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

C Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P As children of a fallen humanity, each of us shares in the consequences of human sin. In the words that the Lord first spoke to Adam, he now reminds us all: “By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19) Therefore, face-to-face, in the presence of God, we offer our confession in the spirit of our ancestor Job, who prayed:

C I had heard you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:5-6)

P As a sign of repentance, all may come forward to receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their brow.

As worshipers come forward, the minister marks the sign of the cross in ashes on the forehead of each individual, saying: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

*During the imposition of ashes, the congregation may softly sing,
“Jesus, Remember Me” (WOV 740).*

Please stand

THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

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 Lord,

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

^P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. By his Holy Spirit, may He grant you true repentance, that you may live with Him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

^C **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ~ JOEL 2:12-19

^R “*See Insert*” ^R This is the Word of the Lord! ^C **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY ~ PSALM 51:1-19

^R “*See Insert*”

SECOND READING ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10

^R “*See Insert*” ^R This is the Word of the Lord! ^C **Thanks be to God!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

^P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th Chapter. ^C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

^P The Gospel of the Lord. ^C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

THE LENTEN GOSPEL

Please stand

HYMN ~ “SAVIOR WHEN IN DUST TO YOU” (LBW #91)

Savior, when in dust to you
Low we bow in homage due;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
Oh, by all your pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from your throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

By your helpless infant years,
By your life of want and tears,
By your days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of the insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, oh, turn a fav'ring eye;
Hear our penitential cry!

By your hour of dire despair,
By your 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!

By your deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
Oh, from Earth to Heav'n restored,
Mighty, re-ascended Lord,
Bending from your throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

THE 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As we mark this season with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the church and the restoration of the world to the life of God.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy, **C** Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Gracious God, hear us as we pray, and sustain us with your hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

Please be seated

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,"
as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

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

C: And also with you.

*We come to the table at the gracious invitation of the Lord,
receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.
Adults and children not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ (P. 88 LBW)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending song:

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Whenever we gather for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the wonderful story of God's mighty acts, and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remember that 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.*

^P 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.*

^P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

^C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

^P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

^C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

^P Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

^C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

^P We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now, we receive this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through these gifts.

^P Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose dear Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

^C **Amen**

^P Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

^C **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 ~ P. 92 LBW

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice. Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

HYMN ~ "BE THOU MY VISION" ~ WOV #776

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me
Save that thou art:
Thou my best thought
By day and by night,
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
And thou my true word;
I ever with thee
And thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter,
Thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not,
Nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance,
Now and always;
Thou, and thou only,
First in my heart,
Great God of heaven,
My treasure thou art.

Light of my soul,
After victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

HYMN ~ "GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER" ~ LBW #343

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
Where the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND SENDING HYMN

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn ~ "GLORY BE TO JESUS" Vss 1-4 (LBW #95)

Glory be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood
From his sacred veins.

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem.

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

THE PREDICTION OF THE PASSION

The Prediction of the Passion (based on Mark 10:33-34) recalls the determination of Christ in his journey to Jerusalem and the cross. A bell is tolled at the end of each phrase, as the minister speaks the words of Jesus.

P Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem...

C And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, who will condemn him to death...

P And they will hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him and scourge him, and finally, they will crucify him...

C But on the third day, he will rise.

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God

Our Worship Servants This Evening:

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| Acolyte: | Annabelle & Penelope Davis |
| Ushers: | Susan and Jeff Buntz |
| Reader: | Heather Watkins |
| Communion Assistants: | Linda Webster, Sally Dengerud, Colten Watkins |

PRAYER LIST

Our Members

Peter Eng, Chris Burris, John Minster, Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, AJ & Tammy Noecker, Jeanine Franklin, Ruth Chauvaux, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Jim & Janet Anthony, Tom & Mary Criswell, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Larry & Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson, Ellie Sadek, Margo Williams

Family & Friends

Nick Lopez, Milo Day, Ann Spears, Clayton Pinkerton, Helen Wallace, Marissa Rose, Shawn Gilbertson, Marshall Hart, Rebecca Smith, Blake Madewell, Joanna Garrett, Richard Grinnell

If you have any updates or changes to the prayer list, please contact
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