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*Worship Service:*  
Sundays at 9:00 am

**WELCOME TO ALL** guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY

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### OPENING ADDRESS

**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 for the Word 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.

### THE LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

**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 prayer 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  
our need of 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 to graciously 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

### OPENING HYMN

*Savior, When in Dust to Thee* ..... LSB 419

### SERVICE OF CORPORATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

### CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS – CONCLUDES WITH:

**P** May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

**C** Amen.

**P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **O** almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(p. 205)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Joel 2:12–19*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
consecrate a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;  
gather the people.

Consecrate the congregation;  
assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.

Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,  
‘Where is their God?’”

Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

The LORD answered and said to his people,  
“Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING** *2 Peter 1:2-11*

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the  
knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to  
life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to  
his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his  
precious and very great promises, so that through them you may  
become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the  
corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very  
reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and  
virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-  
control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and  
godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.  
For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you  
from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that  
he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former  
sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your  
calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will  
never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an  
entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus  
Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.



[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED *(p. 206)*

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from  
heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**SERMON HYMN**

*From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee ..... LSB 607*

**SERMON** by Pastor Daniel Provost *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*  
*“Treasures in Heaven”*

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# Remember in your prayers.....

- † Jan Vos & wife, Machel, son-in-law of Carol Twedt, pancreatic cancer
- † Alan Stampe, Brother of Maria Casad, heart issues
- † Robert Lawson fiancé of Provost friend, Carolyn Polman, kidney issues
- † Gerald Newill, brother to Carole Zimmermann, moved to hospital in Oakland, NE for continuing care and healing
- † The family of James Moses, who passed away on January 28
- † The family of John Tolson, a former member, who passed away on Feb 2
- † Virgil Hartz, reported to be doing well following his recent fall
- † Stephanie Wellik, medical concerns
- † Kerry Van Gundy, son-in-law of Virgil Hartz, worsening cancer
- † Leslie Wagner, Deanna Ihde's cousin, pancreatic cancer
- † Dee Petersen, thanksgiving on a clean 'no cancer' report
- † Katie Burmeister, granddaughter to Marilyn Mertz, dealing with cancer
- † Lori Faas, sister-in-law to Tim and Donita Huegel, breast cancer
- † Jane Chaplin (Texas), Loretta Tool's sister, medical concerns
- † Jeromy Van Baale, son of Carol Twedt, for heart and lung issues
- † Pastor Jerry Doellinger, recovering from his kidney transplant
- † The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa
- † For those who continue to be afflicted by the strife in Ukraine
- † For the people of Turkey and Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake.
- † For the people in East Lansing, MI, as they deal with the aftermath of the recent shootings

## **Our Missionaries**

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