



**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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Worship Service: Sundays at **9:00 a.m.**

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!

Those serving for Ash Wednesday

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SERVICE NOTES:

Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn corporate confession when the congregation laments the sins of God's people and commits herself corporately to assist each member in preparing for a godly celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ in worship and life.

Both the name "Ash Wednesday" and the ancient tradition suggests the placing of ashes on this day as a reminder of our human frailty and mortality and as a sign of our repentance, sorrow and need for grace.

The imposition of ashes will take place at the beginning of the service. Please come up to the chancel steps to receive ashes, if you desire.

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**You may remain seated during the entire service*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

OPENING VERSICLES

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P O Lord, open my lips,

C And my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 51:1–3, 10–12; antiphon: v. 17

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C And cleanse me from my sin!

P For I know my transgressions,

C And my sin is ever before me.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C And renew a right spirit within me.

P Cast me not away from your presence,

C And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C And uphold me with a willing spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

READINGS

A reading from Exodus 2:23-25

During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[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 Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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LORD’S PRAYER

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

VERSICLES

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- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** Let my cry come to You.
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- C** For You answer me.
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,
- C** And blot out all my iniquities.
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C** And renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,
- C** And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- C** And uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C** My lips will praise You.
- P** For You have been my help,
- C** And in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C** Unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C** And I will glorify Your name forever.
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C** Listen to my plea for grace.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.

P Let us pray.

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

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CLOSING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....LSB 702

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