

# Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020



Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm ~ February 26, 2020

*Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.*

### PRELUDE

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### GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN

*Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved*

ELW 602

### GREETING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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### WORD

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PSALM 51:1-17

*Read Responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- <sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.
- <sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**
- <sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

**READING: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:20b–6:10**

*The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.*

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and

see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT



P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

[Jesus said to the disciples] “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever 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. <sup>16</sup>And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup>Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

THE SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*

**ELW 606**

*Please remain seated during the hymn.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most holy and merciful God,

**C we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P 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.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P We have shut our ears 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.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*If you wish to receive ashes, please come to the altar rail via the center aisle. You may return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*The minister marks the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*

P Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*Silence will kept during this time.*

*After those who desire ashes have received them, the minister continues.*

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 Savior,

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

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**C Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

P Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence*

P Holy and righteous God, teach us, your church, to be honest about our sinfulness. Turn our hearts back to you to receive the fullness of your forgiveness and redemption. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Open your hand to fulfill the needs of all things living. Send your Spirit to places suffering from drought or floods. Fill every habitat with life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Raise up reconcilers who point us to the sources of injustice and teach us how to build relationships. Establish lasting peace among the nations. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Soothe the souls of people who feel like they are beyond mercy. Wash away the barriers that keep us far from you, and restore joy in our lives. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Fill our bodies with your Spirit of justice. Lead us into the challenging work of feeding and freeing all people. Fulfill your purpose in us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick, especially Chuck Sodergren. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Reveal the treasures of heaven through the witness of all your saints. Give us the will to journey faithfully and to bear Christ's salvation to all who yearn for it. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

P Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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#### SENDING

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#### BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### DISMISSAL

P Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

ELCA World Hunger's

# 40 DAYS

*of Giving*



**ELCA World Hunger**  
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God's work. Our hands.



# What is **our** hope? What is **your** hope?

Even in challenging times, we believe in God, and we hope in the work God is doing in the world. Safety and stability for refugees and migrants. The renewal of the earth. Sufficient livelihood for all.

These are just a few of the things of which we dream, fueled by the Holy Spirit. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors in hope for a just world where all are fed. Invest in hope.

## HOW TO GIVE

### ONLINE

[ELCA.org/40Days](https://elca.org/40Days)

### BY MAIL

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger" and write "40 Days of Giving" on the check's memo line.



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# Rebellious Bibles

**From Waldo to Luther:**

**Translating the Bible and How It Changed Our Faith**

During Lent, our Lenten Study will look at the efforts of Reformers during the Middle Ages to translate the Bible into the people's language. As Lutherans, we know the story of Martin Luther's Bible, but Luther was not the first. Luther looked to examples set by Peter Waldo in Italy, Jan Huss in Prague, and William Tyndale in England for inspiration and courage in setting a path for the church where all the people of the world could read the Bible in their native tongue.

The Lenten Study will be on Wednesday evenings starting with Evening Prayer at 5:15 pm in the sanctuary. After Prayer, we will move downstairs for the study. Please bring a snack item (chips, cookies, etc.) to share while we learn. See you there!

## Lenten Midweek Study Dates

March 4  
March 11  
March 18  
March 25  
April 1

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Feb. 26 ..... Ash Wednesday Worship ..... 6:30 PM  
 ..... Women's AA..... 5:30 PM

Thurs., Feb. 27..... Men's AA ..... 7:00 PM

Sunday, Mar. 1 ..... Adult Sunday School..... 9:15 AM  
 ..... Hymn Sing Along ..... 10:15 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Blood Pressure Checks ..... after worship

### Worship Assistants

Greeter ..... Ted Murphy  
 Usher ..... Dean McGinnis  
 Lector..... Shelley Andrews  
 Musicians ..... Laurie Jackson, Loretta Hoerman

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musician	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
March 1, 2020	<b>Linda Longren</b>	<b>Curt Lewis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Betty Quarnstrom</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>No communion</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Loni Reece</b>	<b>Vickie Jacobs</b>	<b>Pr. Andrew Patty</b>
March 8, 2020	<b>Julie Reeves</b>	<b>Diane Bottorff</b>	<b>Mitch Bean</b>	<b>Loni Reece</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>No communion</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Pam Kobbeman</b>	<b>Mary Heald</b>	<b>Pr. Andrew Patty</b>
March 15, 2020	<b>Don &amp; Charlotte O'Brien</b>	<b>Walt Laughlin</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Junior Utech</b>	<b>Parker Jackson</b>	<b>No communion</b>	<b>Andy &amp; LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>Bob Horton</b>	<b>Pr. Andrew Patty</b>
March 22, 2020	<b>Marilyn Heckman</b>	<b>Dean McGinnis</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>Janelle Meredith</b>	<b>Curt Lewis</b>	<b>No communion</b>	<b>Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, &amp; Carol Marker</b>	<b>Walt Laughlin</b>	<b>Pr. Andrew Patty</b>
March 29, 2020	<b>Vickie Jacobs</b>	<b>Bob Horton</b>	<b>Laurie Jackson</b>	<b>LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>LaVell Winsor</b>	<b>No communion</b>	<b>Junior &amp; Liz Utech</b>	<b>Ted Murphy</b>	<b>Pr. Andrew Patty</b>



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- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

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