



Ash Wednesday

OUR SAVIOR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Encouraged Hearts United in Love

WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today. Our Savior is a community that aspires to follow Jesus so that all may know of the love of God in Christ.

FAMILY RESOURCES At the sanctuary entrance there are books and clipboards with paper & crayons. Children are welcome to take these items into worship. Additionally, the family area just outside the sanctuary has full audio and a view of the service. There you will find toys, books, seating, and room to roam.

COVID REMINDERS We are privileged to be in worship with one another; a privilege we hope to maintain. **Masks are strongly recommended in worship**, especially because of singing. This measure is especially important for vulnerable individuals among us.

HOLY COMMUNION Communion is the central gathering meal of the church. In this meal Christ promises to be fully present, offering forgiveness, a renewed faith, and a regenerative life. Everyone is invited to come forward. You are welcome to remain seated if you prefer.

Individual servings of bread & wine (red) or juice (white) await you; gluten-free bread is available. Communion will be distributed at the center aisle in front of the altar. *Please be sensitive to physical distancing.* After consuming the elements, place the cup in the trays provided. To indicate that you would like to receive words of blessing instead of bread & wine, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Offerings may be left in the basket on the table at this time.

WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT If you find yourself in a time of spiritual need or you're searching for more, we would love to walk with you. Simply fill out a Connections Card and we will contact you.

prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

PM: 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.

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

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

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Please come forward to receive the ashes.

PM: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

PM: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

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

PM: 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.

GREETING

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near — ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who 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?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

AM: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:1-17

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

²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.

³For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against 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.

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R

⁹Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence, and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R

¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders, and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation, and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips, and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise:

¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it. You are not pleased | with burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For 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! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoic-

ing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

AM: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

PM: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples] ¹“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.

²“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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“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. ⁶But 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.

¹⁶“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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John L. Vaswig

HYMN OF THE DAY

Restore in Us, O God

ELW #328

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MEAL: GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

Distribution Hymn

Change My Heart, O God ELW #801
Bread of Life from Heaven ELW #474
Eat This Bread ELW #472

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712

DISMISSAL

AM: 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 faint-hearted; 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

King's Weston — Marilyn Biery

Jiyoung Lee

SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Presiding Minister:

Pastor John L. Vaswig

Pastor Jenn Hagedorn, Spirit of Peace UCC (7:00 p.m.)

Assisting Minister:

Bob Johnson (12:00 p.m.)

Organist/Pianist:

Jiyoung Lee

Psalm Cantor:

Dave Carlson

Usher:

Bill Suttmeier (12:00 p.m.)

Sang-Beom Shim (7:00 p.m.)

Altar Guild:

Jane Wuest

Sound/Videography:

Jonathan Smith/David Hersey (7:00 p.m.)

Please Join Us for Midweek Worship Services on Wednesdays during Lent

In addition to Ash Wednesday, OSLC will be conducting five mid-week services on Wednesdays during the Lenten season, with each 7:00 p.m. service preceded by a soup supper at 6:00 p.m.

The theme for the five midweek services will be Pondering the Psalms, the prayer book of the church. We will examine five different Psalms during the five weeks, applying the same Psalms to our daily lives. Lent is considered a season of renewal but also a season in which we examine our own lives of faith and consider deeply what it means to be a person of faith.

**We hope to see you here for soup supper and worship
on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.**

