



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.

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.

ABOUT THE LITURGICAL ARTS INSTALLATION: *40 + 1 Drops*
40 days of rain. 40 days in the wilderness. 40 years of wandering.
1 drop that changed everything.

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024
12:00 & 7:00 p.m.



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE *O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan*—J. S. Bach Jiyoung Lee (12 p.m.)
O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways—setting by Alec Wyton
Carol Churchill (7 p.m.)

WELCOME Pr. Olaf Baumann

OPENING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* ELW #793

INVITATION TO LENT

CONFESSION OF SIN

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
(*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*)

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

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

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

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

PM: 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.

(People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.)

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

(After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit.)

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

PM: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through 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.

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

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace. ”

AM: The word of the Lord.

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.

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.

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

AM: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Return to the LORD, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

THE GOSPEL

John 13:34-35

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

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

SERMON

Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

HYMN OF THE DAY

Restore in Us, O God

ELW #328

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PM: Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake in the Lord's Supper, that we may live in Jesus Christ and he in us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PM: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age. . . . With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PM: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

PM: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

PM: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM: Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Offerings may be left in the basket at this time.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Change My Heart, O God ELW #801

Bread of Life from Heaven ELW #474

Eat This Bread ELW #472

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Olivet—Davis Blackwell

Jiyoung Lee (12 p.m.)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service [BEACH SPRING]—setting by Wilbur Held
Carol Churchill (7 p.m.)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pr. Olaf Baumann

Preacher: Pr. Kristin-Luana Baumann

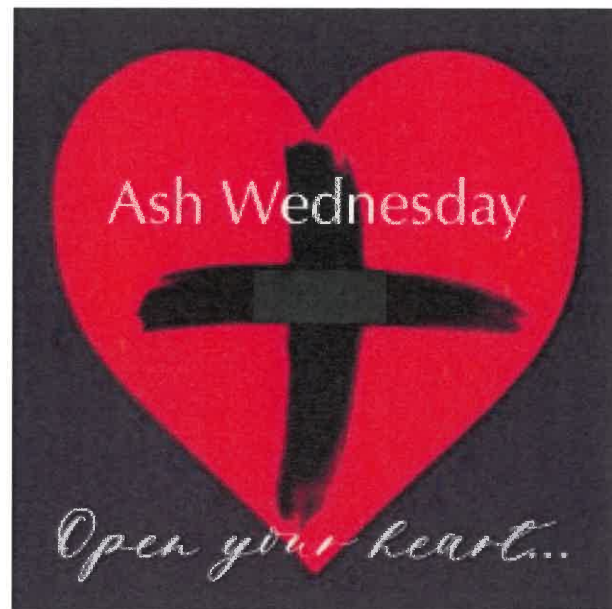
Assisting Minister: Anne Ellett (12 p.m.); Lori Downey (7 p.m.)

Organist/Pianist: Jiyoung Lee (12 p.m.); Carol Churchill (7 p.m.)

Psalm Cantor: Dave Carlson

Usher: Ken Konigsmark (12 p.m.); Don Robertson (7 p.m.)

Altar Guild: Jane Wuest



Ash Wednesday

Open your heart...

Please Join Us for Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent

In addition to Ash Wednesday, OSLC will be conducting five mid-week Holden Evening Prayer 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 Prayers for Peace, as an acknowledgement of our troubled world today.

We hope to see you here for soup supper and worship on February 21 & 28, and March 6, 13, & 20.

