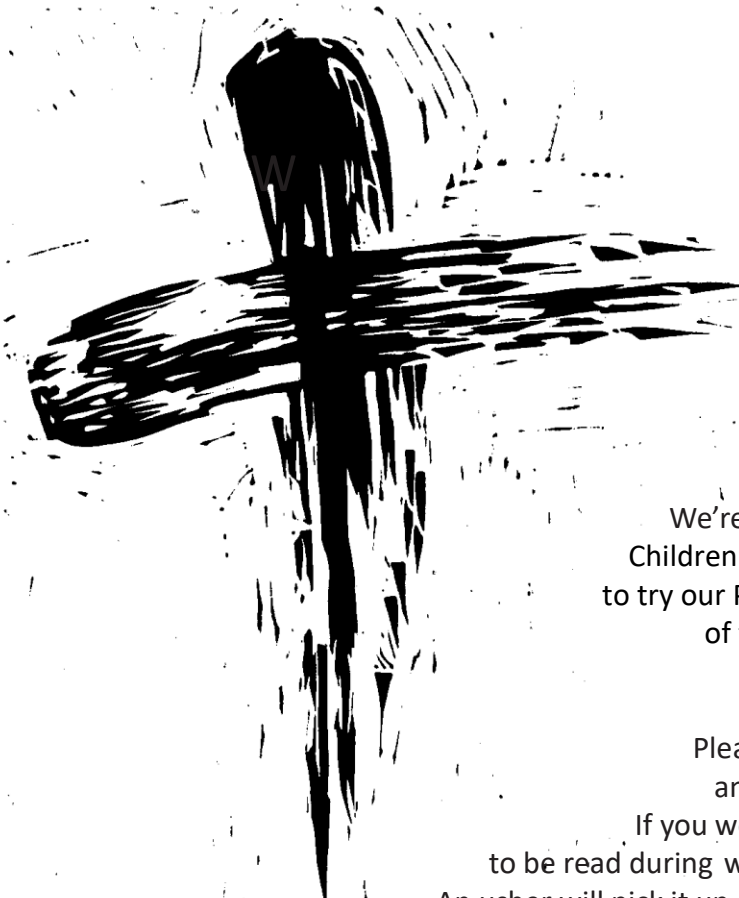


February 26, 2020

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Ash Wednesday

Welcome  
Visitors!



We're glad you are with us today.  
Children age 5 and under are invited  
to try our PrayGround toys at the back  
of the Sanctuary. An usher can  
help you find them.

Please sign in on the YES! Sheet  
and pass it to the center aisle.  
If you would like to request a prayer  
to be read during worship, write it on the back.  
An usher will pick it up during the Hymn of the Day.

*Embracing the diversity of God's creation  
and celebrating our oneness in Christ.*

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# Evangelical Lutheran Worship

## Return to the Lord

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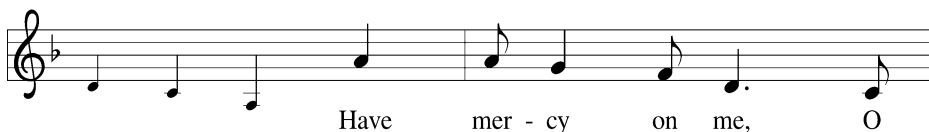
### Gathering

(The congregation gathers in quietness.)

#### ✠ Psalm 51

(Refrain sung by Assisting Minister first, then by all)

##### Refrain



*Tone: The choir sings the responses, the congregation sings the refrains.*



<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 ev- | er before me.

**Refrain**

**<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.

*Refrain*

**<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 pur- | er than snow.

*Refrain*

**<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 spir- | it within me.**

*Refrain*

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

**<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

*Refrain*

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

**<sup>14</sup>Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

*Refrain*

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim 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.


*Refrain*

 Greeting

*Presiding Minister:*


The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God,  
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**


 Prayer of the Day  
Let us pray ... **Amen.**

*Today's Readings*


## Word

 First Reading  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Today's Readings*


 Gospel Acclamation

**3** *Assembly*




Re - turn to the Lord your God, re - turn to the Lord your

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God who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,

10




slow\_ to an - ger and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

 Gospel

*Today's Readings*

The Holy Gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

 Hymn of the Day      Jesus Priceless Treasure  
*Ushers collect the Yes Sheets*

ELW 775

 Sermon  
*Time for Silent Reflection*

Pastor Kathy Nolte

 Confession of Sin

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Most holy and merciful God,  
**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.**

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

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

Our past unfaithfulness,  
the pride, envy, hypocrisy,  
and apathy that have infected our  
lives, we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
and our exploitation of other people,  
we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**


Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to share the faith that is  
in us,  
we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and  
suffering, and our indifference to  
injustice and cruelty,  
we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable  
thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and our prejudice and contempt toward  
those who differ from us,  
we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your  
creation, and our lack of concern for  
those who come after us,  
we confess to you.  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger  
depart from us.  
**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

 Imposition of Ashes

*Those who wish to receive ashes will come forward  
in the same manner as for Communion*

 Absolution

*(After all have received ashes)*

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

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

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

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


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.

**Amen.**

 Prayers of the People

 Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

 Offering

Savior, When in Dust to You (arr. C. Heine)

*An offering is taken and the table is set.*

Gene Collerd, clarinet

Good Shepherd Choir

# Y Offertory

## Let the Vineyards Be Full

**3** *Assembly*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

8  
bless-ing. Ga-ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

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bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams of all, u - nite them with the prayers we

17  
of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pre - sence Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the

21  
feast to come. Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

# Y Offering Prayer

God our provider,  
you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## ✚ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ✚ Eucharistic Prayer

We give you thanks, Holy God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son...

... through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

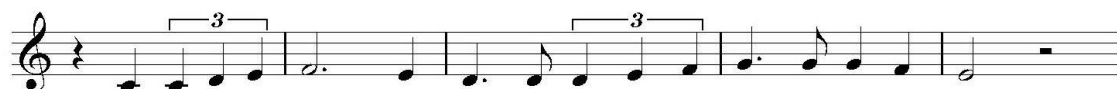
## ✚ Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal low-ed be your name. Your king-dom



come, your will be done on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dail-y bread.



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.




Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the



pow-er and the glo-ry are yours now and for-ev-er, and ev-er. A-men.



 Invitation to Communion

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

 Communion

*Please come forward as the ushers direct. You will be given a gluten-free wafer. You may eat the wafer and drink; or intinct (dip) in the large cup and eat. The silver cup has wine; the oversize pottery cup has grape juice.*

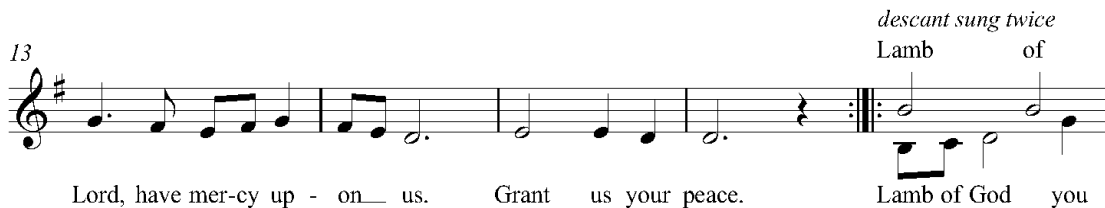
 Communion Song Lamb of God

8 *sung twice*



Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world.

13 *descant sung twice*



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Grant us your peace. Lamb of God you

18 God you take a - way our sin Have mer - cy





take a - way the sin of the world. Lord, have mer-cy up -


22 on us and grant us your peace. grant us your peace.




on us. Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

 Communion Song                      I Want Jesus to Walk with Me                      ELW 325  
*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

 Post-Communion Blessing  
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

 Post-Communion Blessing  
*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray ...  
O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us  
and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection.  
Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,  
ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency,  
and ready to share with those in need;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

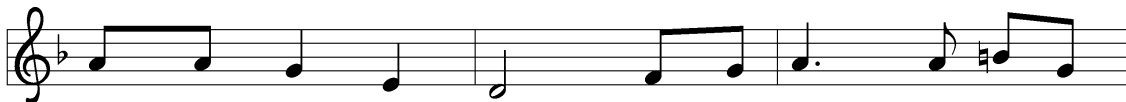
 Blessing  
May the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ,  
the One who never turned away from the hard choice.  
May your bearing be that of Jesus Christ,  
the One who gave up all to be a servant.  
May our lives declare the glory of God,  
Creator, Redeemer + and Giver of Life. **Amen.**

 Sending Hymn

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

 Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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