



Ash Wednesday

Faith Lutheran Church

February 14, 2024

Noon & 7pm

Enter in silence.

INTROIT 7pm

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Arr. Vernon Charter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY OF PENITENCE / CONFESSION *sit or kneel*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with God, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of God's creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our God, who does not desire us to come under judgment, but to turn to God and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love (the disciplines of Lent) help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking God for strength to persevere in our Lenten discipline.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. You may kneel.

Pastor: Most holy and merciful God:

Congregation: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own 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, Lord.

P: We have been deaf 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, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

- P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
C: we confess to you, Lord.
- P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
C: we confess to you, Lord
- P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
C: we confess to you, Lord.
- P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
C: accept our repentance, Lord.
- P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
C: accept our repentance, Lord.
- P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
C: accept our repentance, Lord.
- P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen
- 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 Lord,
C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
- Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that we may turn from wickedness and live. Therefore we implore God to grant us true repentance and the Holy Spirit, that those things may please God which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to God's eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES IN SILENCE

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward in silence.

*The Pastor applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:
 "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY *stand*

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: 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 obtain from you full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

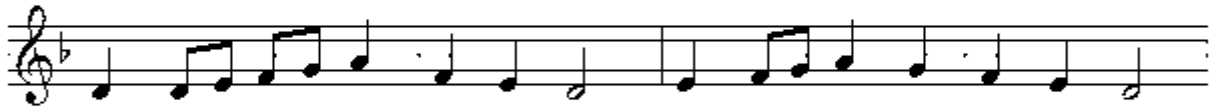
Children's Talk

Greg Bohlken

SAVIOR, WHEN IN DUST TO YOU



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due:
 2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,
 3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,
 4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes:
 by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,
 by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-tur-ing scorn,
 by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,
 by the dread, mys-te-ri-ous hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,
 by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,
 oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
 turn, oh, turn a fa-v'ring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
 lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
 bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Wyn Bryant, Assisting Minister

Psalm 51:1-17

Assistant: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
blot out my transgressions.

**Congregation: ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

A: ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C: ⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass
judgement.**

A: ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**C: ⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom
in my secret heart.**

A: ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.

C: ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

A: ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

C: ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

A: ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

C: ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

A: ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

C: ¹⁴**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

A: ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

C: ¹⁶**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.**

A: ¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

C: **Amen.**

GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pew Bible pg. #883, 884 *stand*

Jesus said, "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.

²So 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.

⁵And 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.

¹⁶And 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.

¹⁹Do 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."

SERMON FOR ASH WEDNESDAY
The Humanity of Lent

Pastor Bob Stelter

HYMN OF THE DAY 7pm *stand*

Beautiful Things Michael Gungor

Verse 1

All this pain.
I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change
At all.

Verse 2

All this earth.
Could all that is lost ever be found.
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all.

Chorus

You make beautiful things.
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things.
You make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 3

All around.
Hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found
In You.

Chorus x2

Bridge

You make me new. You are making me new.
You make me new. You are making me new.
(REPEAT)

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM 7pm
The Prayer

Sandra Bohlken & Collin Kasefang, duet

NICENE CREED

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified un-
der Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge
one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION / WORDS OF INSTITUTION *stand*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

COMMUNION IN SILENCE

BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus fill us with strength to love God,
love others, serve.

Congregation: Amen.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down, Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

depart in silence

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Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Tellico Village

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry ▪ Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

Dr. Bob Stelter — *Pastor*
Greg Bohlken — *Ministry Associate*
Lynn Rognsvoog — *Organist*
Collin Kasefang — *Choir Director*

Sandra Bohlken — *Contemporary Worship Leader*
Trace Taylor — *Sound Technician*
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Mildred Fenske — *Prayer Chain Coordinator*

Noon Service

Assisting Minister
Rev. Wyn Bryant

Altar Guild
Marj West

Communion Ministers
Amy Monteagudo
Laura Beardsley
Carol Nanney
Allison Pressley

Usher
Randy Stewart
George Herbold

7pm Service

Assisting Minister
Rev. Wyn Bryant

Altar Guild
Melissa Horning

Communion Ministers
Nancy Dean
Lisa Stelter
Sandra Bohlken
Greg Bohlken

Ushers
Brad Nelson
Gary Mount

LENTEN STUDY & DINNER

MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING, 6:30-7:30PM

Starts Wednesday, February 21, *The Cup*

Books are available in the narthex.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION, 5-6PM

Wednesdays, February 21 & 28

One parent must attend with their child.