



# Ash Wednesday

Faith Lutheran Church

February 18 2026

Noon & 7pm

*Enter in silence.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

NOON *Largo I* Vivaldi

7pm *My Lord, What a Morning* Mark Hayes

Lynda Primka, cello

Collin Kasefang

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHILDREN'S TALK

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Assistant

### LITANY OF PENITENCE / CONFESSION *Kneel, as able.*

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.*

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.**

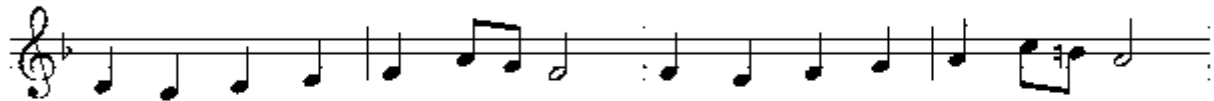
### Savior, When in Dust to You



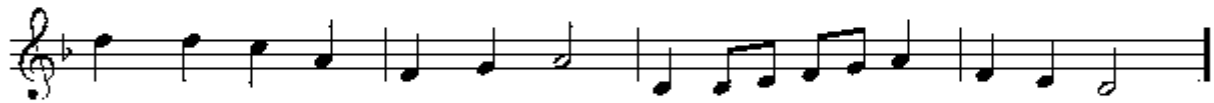
1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hon- age due:  
 2 By your help- less in- fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
 3 By your hour of dire de- spair, by your ag- o - ny of prayer,  
 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



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 - turing 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 he - low,  
 by the dread, mys - te - rious 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

Father Bruce Corrigan, Assisting Minister (noon)  
 Rev. Wyn Bryant, Assisting Minister (7pm)

#### Psalm 51:1-17

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

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

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

**C: Against 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: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: The 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.

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

'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. 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.

'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. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 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.

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

**SERMON FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

*Remember That You Are Dust*

*A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: [www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts](http://www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscripts)*

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *stand*

NOON *Largo III* Vivaldi

7pm *Beautiful Things* Lisa GungorMichael Gungor

Lynda Primka, cello  
Faith Band

*Beautiful Things*

**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*

**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** *(in silence)*

**OFFERING ANTHEM**

7pm *Give Me Jesus* Jeremy Camp

Collin Kasefang

## **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**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING** *stand*

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

**Congregation:** Amen.

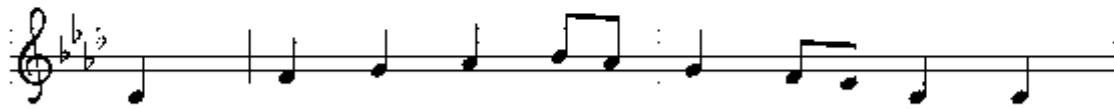
**BENEDICTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY** *stand*

Pastor: Go as those marked as God's beloved. Look at those you meet and remember that each one is also God's beloved. Go knowing your days on earth are numbered. Make the most of each day you are given by showing kindness and fighting for justice. Go to embark on this Lenten journey. Go where God sends you to do God's work.

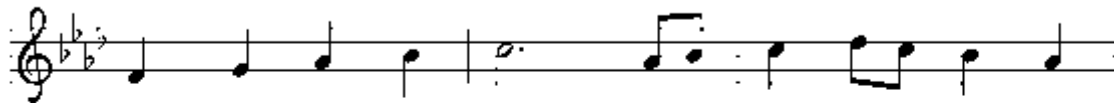
**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *hymnal, 319 7pm*

***O Lord, Throughout These 40 Days***



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won: your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured: lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove: so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past,  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love,  
Eas - ter Dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

**DISMISSAL**

Greg Bohlken: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*depart in silence*

## Worship Assistants

### Noon Service

**Assisting Minister**  
Father Bruce Corrigan

**Altar Guild**  
Debbie Pinchok

**Communion Ministers**  
David Mabry, Virginia McKinney  
Allison & Danny Pressley

**Ushers**  
Craig Runger

### 7pm Service

**Assisting Minister**  
Rev. Wyn Bryant

**Altar Guild**  
Mary Bales

**Communion Ministers**  
Ann Stewart, Darla Berdal  
Sarah Wright, Emily Wright

**Ushers**  
Alan Berdal  
Gary Mount

*The arrangements on the altar remind us of our penitential sacrifice  
and determination during the Lenten season.*

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