

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

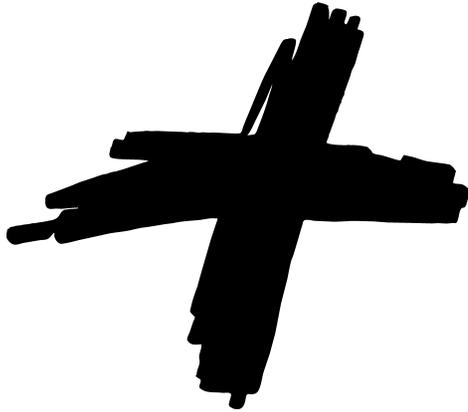
A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation
An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

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Ash Wednesday Worship

February 26, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The Season of Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Stand as you are able; Congregation responses are
Page numbers (P.) found in front of red book in pew; hymn nu*

GATHERING

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG #602** Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY ... Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Word of God, word of life. **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.

²**Wash 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.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your |**

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

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

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

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**

that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

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

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

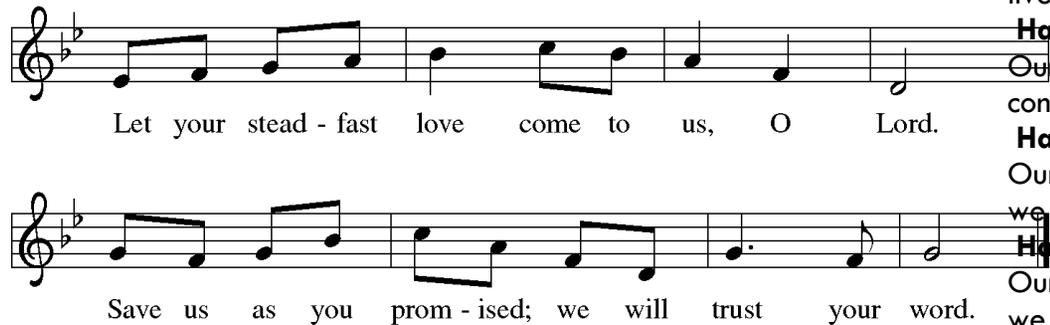
Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore 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.
⁴**Rescue 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.
¹⁶**For 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
 Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

***GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
 The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
 The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** #321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

INVITATION TO LENT

CONFESSION OF SIN:

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,
 and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others
 as we have not forgiven ourselves.

Have mercy on us, O God.
 We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We
 have not followed 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 defiled our lives, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.
 Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of others,
 we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.
 Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the
 fruits of the Gospel, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.
 Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to
 the poor, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.
 Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
 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 the poor and the oppressed, 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.

PRAYER ... Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As you are ready, come down the center aisle.

Hymns: #601 Savior, When in Dust to You; #328 Restore in Us, O God

After all return to their seats:

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 INTERCESSION ...** God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

MEAL

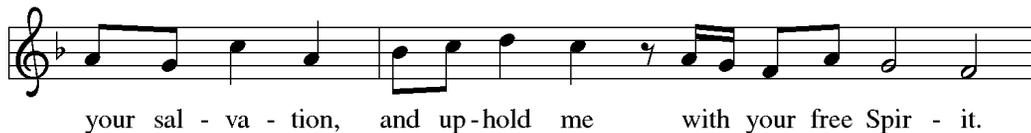
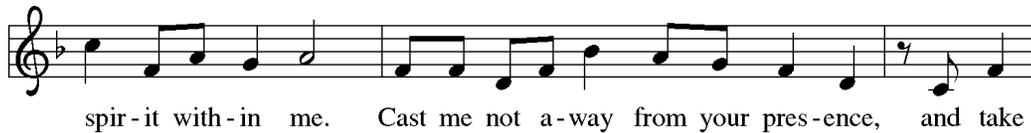
OFFERTORY: "Prelude" - Peggy Glanville-Hicks

Lenten Midweek, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Offerings will be given to Lutheran World Relief

support tree planting projects in developing countries as we focus on our theme of the tree of life

Please write "Lent" on your check's memo line to support this ministry.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



*OFFERING PRAYER

***GREAT THANKSGIVING- HOLY P.** 199-200 we join in prayer
Holy God...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future. **We bless you**

We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now. **We thank you**

we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen
again.**

***LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 201 Our Father in Heaven... (we'll use this

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you to the communion

to be served Communion in the pew, please inform one of the ushers

with dairy free and gluten free ingredients. Receive the bread with care

into either the chalice of wine or the glass goblet containing grape

wafers are available upon request. If you prefer a blessing, place your

your chest. You are also welcome to remain in the pew for reflection

COMMUNION SONGS: P. 201 Lamb of God, #608 Softly and

Calling, #592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

TABLE BLESSING and PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

***SENDING HYMN:** #599 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

*PRAYER BELL

***ASH WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL:** Go forth into the world to serve

be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted

love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Th**

POSTLUDE: "Inter vestibulum et altare" - Cristobal de Morales

The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in

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WORSHIP LEADERS AND USHERS - USHERS: Bob Felde, John Jeffrey

Wolfs; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Chris Hick; **READER:** Harland Nelson; **U**

Linda Wolfs; **CANTOR:** Jonathon Struve; **ALTAR GUILD:** Carrie Solb

Ingrid Callaghan; **PREACHER & PRESIDER:** Amy Larson. **ORGANIST,**

Joyce.

OUR FIVE WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES AND SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

begin March 4 and continue March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 at 5:30 pm with supper at 6:00 pm. Our theme this year is **The Tree of Life**. Scripture and the poetry of Wendell Berry will help us to reflect on the cross as the tree of life for the healing of the nations. **OUR LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS** will offer soup, crackers, milk, and water. (Crackers and milk will be provided.) Volunteers are needed to provide soup and to setup and clean up. Soups will be served buffet style this year. Signups today will be on the Gathering Room table.

LENT OFFERINGS will be given to Lutheran World Relief to support tree planting projects in developing countries as we focus on our theme of the tree of the life. These offerings will be collected at the Wednesday Evening Lenten Services, Holy Week Services and on Easter Sunday. Please write "Lent" on your check's memo line to support this ministry.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT: Each year during Lent, the children of Good Shepherd invite the congregation to raise funds for a special mission project. Our **Youth Lenten Project** this year will be raising funds for the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. **Lenten Sundays:** March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 Youth will be sharing about the project during worship.

Saturday, **March 7th** from 1:30-3:30 pm – Youth will be prepping for serving Fellowship the following day. Sunday, **March 8th** Fellowship & Adult Forum - Congregation members George Lowe and Martha Monson Lowe will be sharing their experiences at the Augusta Victoria Hospital and our Good Shepherd kids will be coordinating Fellowship and cleanup. This is wonderful opportunity for our kids to give back to the congregation!

PRAYER LIST: Sandy Bruce, the Blair family, Linda Lambert, Tabita Green, Jutta Anderson, Mickey Slind, Mary Fritz, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaic Houses, and our seminarians and deaconess students. **Relatives and Friends:** LaVonne Nelson (mother of Linda Martin and Laurie Biedermann) Katherine Hollander (Liz Fritz's sister), a friend of Brooke, Jared Rude (relative of Al Anderson and friend to many), Andrew Finanger (son of Mark and Lois Finanger), Freyja Peterson, David Raney (Father of Dan Raney), Brent Buresh (son of Tom and Connie Buresh), Tanner Kelm (cousin of Nathan and Abby Larson), Adam Thompson (brother of Kathryn Thompson), Donna Struve (mother of Jonathon Struve), Cinda Levik (mother of K J Rebarcak), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary.

perceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in* affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We a Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with P Representation and Opportunities.

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. Guests sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews. Guests, you' the information cards about Good Shepherd.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Cl is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of th

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MO! The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian be congregation is glad to share in this work. A nursery is also avail for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as we **welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child** **Cosper is available for breast or bottle feeding in the music of sanctuary.**

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