

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

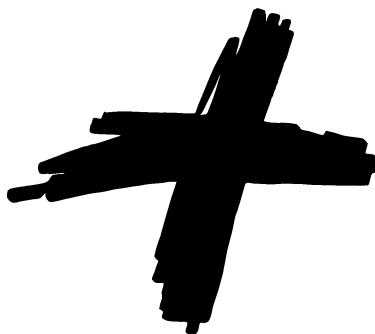
Psalm 100:3

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Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2nd, 2022

7:00 p.m.

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism.

While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ELW (red book in pew) Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ACS (purple book in pew) All Creation Sings

Page numbers (P.) in front of red book and hymn numbers (#) in back of books;

Congregational responses are in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by *

GATHERING

WE GATHER IN SILENCE

PRAYER BELL

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG** ELW #321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



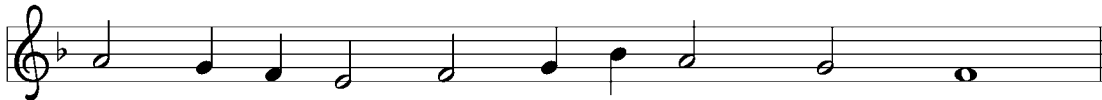
walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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

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

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

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 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.

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.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create 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.

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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



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

*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: #ACS 920 All Things of Dust to Dust Return



1 All things of dust to dust re - turn on earth and in the sky.
2 Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may com-pre-hend
3 Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a stark and bar-ren cross



The hot - test, bright - est suns that burn in time grow dim and die.
that ev - 'ry mo - ment here and now links me to that same end
re - mind - ing me that though di - vine you know my pain and loss,



The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new-born young that play,
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
and at the touch of dust and ash a - wake my heart to view



the leaves that fill the for - est floor re - vert to dust and clay.
yet by their wan - ing light dis-cern your own un - dy - ing fire.
how death it - self is but a flash that dies a - way in you.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

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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. 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... Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES *As you are ready, come to the altar rail.*

Hymns: ELW #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered; ACS #919 Remember That You Are Dust

Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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Remember That You Are Dust



Re - mem - ber that you are dust, and to



dust you shall re - turn.

* May be sung in canon

Text: Ash Wednesday liturgy

Music: CROSS OF ASHES, Mark Mummert, b. 1965

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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 showers mercy upon you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.
Amen. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ...** Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

MEAL

OFFERTORY: "Pastorale" – J.S. Bach

This year, Lent giving is going towards Lutheran Services of Iowa in aid for Afghanistan guests resettling in Iowa. You're invited to place your Lenten offering in the globe in front of the altar or in the offering plate.

***OFFERING SONG:** Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW #186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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***OFFERING PRAYER... Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING- HOLY P. 152-153** we join in prayer after the Holy:
Holy God...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

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

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

***LORD'S PRAYER:** P. 154 Our Father in Heaven... (we'll use this version during Lent)

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Ushers will direct you out of your pew, up the aisle near parking lot and to the altar rail where you can hold out your hands to receive the bread than is gluten free and dairy free. You will be offered a tray of red wine and yellow grape juice cups. Empty cups should be placed in the basket as you leave the altar. If you prefer a blessing, indicate that by placing your hands over your heart. You can also request a prepackaged individual serving of communion and partake of it at your pew.

COMMUNION SONGS: P. 154 Lamb of God, ELW #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling, ELW #592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION...Amen.

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN: #ELW 328 Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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*BLESSING

***ASH WEDNESDAY DISMISSAL:** 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 fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

***PRAYER BELL**

POSTLUDE: "Inter Vestibulum et altare" - José Maurício Nunes Garcia

The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out.

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LENT EVENING PRAYER Wednesdays, 6:15pm, March 9-April 6 with Holden Evening Prayer Theme: "Lord, Teach us to Pray." We'll explore our questions about prayer in conversation with Martin Luther's wisdom about the Lord's Prayer. ***What are your questions about prayer? Please write them on the cards in the pews, fold cards, and put them in the offering plate or submit questions in the google form found in the newsletter and weekly news.***

LENT SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT: This year Good Shepherd Lent giving is going towards **Lutheran Services of Iowa** in aid for **Afghanistan guests resettling in Iowa**. The funds raised Ash Wednesday through Lent will support access to resources, education, and overall community connection for resettled folks. Place these donations in the globe in the Sanctuary during the offering, and please write "Sunday School Project" on your check. Our goal for giving is \$5,000 - **Thank you for your support of this mission and our Youth!**



Look forward to Good Shepherd youth working in pairs to share a short scripture, prayer, or story that connects the congregation to this cause each Sunday during Lent! **CHILDREN & YOUTH SIGN-UP** to share online or by the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER LIST:

Good Shepherd Family: Kathi Wild, Jerrine Jacobsen, Glenn Nelson & Jane Borelli, Jim Kruse, Barbara Berg, Mickey Slind, Verne Koenig, Melanie Folkerts, Lowell Erdman, Ed Hover, Janet Gall, Jutta Anderson, Linda Lambert, all residents and staff at Aase Haugen, Eastern Star, Wellington Place, Mosaic Homes, and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, and those preparing for public ministry: Menzi Nkambule, Joseph Tiegen, Angie Sadler and Kathryn Thompson

Relatives and Friends: Tom Buresh (brother of Tom Buresh), Kristie & Hana Nelseon (family of Knute Nelson), Karen & Randy Erion (friends of Charilyn & Ed Hover), Mic Martin (father of Karin Martin-Hiner), Linda Morgan (sister of Jane Borelli), Nathaniel Judisch (son of Dave and Gail), the families of Dalton Hemesath and Karter Einck, Emmitt Stemper, Brendan Hunter, David Kreitzer, Nathan Scheuerelein (grandson of Bonnie Flora), Lynzee Makowski (friend of Laurie

Biedermann), John Monson (Martha Monson-Lowe's father), Jane Hood (Martha Monson-Lowe's cousin), Martha Johnson daughter of Mickey Slind, Holly Blair-Cascio (Mike Blair's sister), Erik Wangsness (nephew of Sharon Drew), Janna Ramsey (niece of Angie Sadler), Todd Hove (son of Gloria Hove), John Berg (son of the late Don Berg and Barbara Berg), Virginia Hanson (former secretary of Good Shepherd), Aaron Buzza (son of Jim and Kathy), Barb G. (friend of Sharon Drew), Bob Walli, Marilyn Walli, Norm Walli, (cousins of Marv Slind), Joanne Kramer (mother of Kerry Johnson), Katherine Hollander (Liz Fritz's sister), David Raney (father of Dan Raney), Donna Struve (mother of Jonathon Struve), Marian Brynsaas (sister of LaVerne Ramsey), Mary Beth & Bayo Oyebade and the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria, and our Companion Synod in Hungary.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH. God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

Please sign the red hospitality books for the sake of welcome and as a record of worship attendance. *Guests, if you leave your email in the hospitality books, Pr. Amy will contact you if there is news of a positive case of COVID in worship.*

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. Guests and members please sign and pass the red Hospitality Books in the pews.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery is also available as a quiet space for parents and children. Activity bags are available there as well. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works for you and your child. An Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary) for more privacy if desired.

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