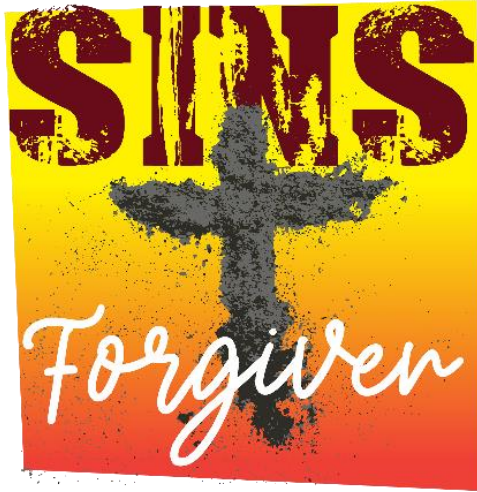


ASH WEDNESDAY

The Ashes of Wednesday and the Disciplines of Lent

February 14, 2024

7pm



If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *LSB*, p. 151

Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE BELLS
PREPARATION

Pastor: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of 40 days known for its disciplines, such as fasting, praying, and devotional reading. As we receive the ashes upon our foreheads in a very visible way, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that our Lenten disciplines are for the sake of showing our piety to others. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. The focus of Lent is not on *our* sacrifices for God but on *His* ultimate sacrifice for us in Jesus Christ. Lent calls us to fully turn to Christ, repenting of our sin and receiving anew His saving mercies in the treasures of His Word. While the ashes of this special day remind us that we are dying, Christ's body and blood are offered to us as proof that, in Christ, we are brought to life again. Life is ours, full and free, because of the sacrifice of Christ, who breathes new life into the dust of our death.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand)

HYMN

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” *LSB* 435 vs 1-3

**Come to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness
Come defiled without within
From infection and uncleanness
From the leprosy of sin
Wash your robes and make them white
Ye shall walk with God in light**

**Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore,
They that drink shall thirst no more.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM *Psalms 51:1–3, 10–12; antiphon: v. 17*

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will
not despise.**

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence,

People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit. Glory be

to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will

be forever. Amen.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The pastor provides a word of explanation and instruction for the imposition of ashes according to the congregation's custom. The pastor may apply ashes to the forehead of each worshiper while speaking to them the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

HYMN DURING THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

“When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” *LSB 425*

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood**

**See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a tribute far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and
absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-
examination.*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: The ashes of our sin remind us of the curse of death and our need for Your redemption.

People: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us. Mark us with Your cross and take our sins from us. Help us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy delivered His Son over to the death of the cross to bear the burden of our brokenness, becoming sin for us “so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). The ashes of your sin have been taken away and you have been marked and redeemed by Christ, the Crucified. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who come to You in repentance and faith.

People: Enable us to trust in the eternal treasures of Your sure mercies, given to us in Christ Jesus,

Pastor: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Joel 2:12–19 ESV*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the

people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 12:2*

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

People: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Pastor: who for the joy that was set before Him

endured the cross, despising the shame,

**People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne
of God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus Lamb of Calvary"

Sung by Chior

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10* ESV

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

VERSE *Joel 2:13b, alt.*

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God,

People: for He is gracious and merciful,

Pastor: slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

People: and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21* ESV

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when 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 when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they

have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB 611 vs 1 & 2*

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me-wondrous thought-
Found me when I sought Him not**

++ SERMON ++

(Please stand)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who

with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“ Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436 vs 1 & 2

Go to dark Gethsemane

All who feel the tempter’s pow’r

Your Redeemer’s conflict see

Watch with Him one bitter hour

Turn not from His griefs away

Learn from Jesus Christ to pray

Follow to the judgment hall

View the Lord of life arraigned

Oh the wormwood and the gall

Oh the pangs His soul sustained

Shun not suff’ring shame or loss

Learn from Him to bear the cross

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the name of the Lord our God to be held sacred in our congregation and throughout the world, that His Word be taught in its truth and

purity and we, as the children of God, live holy lives according to it, as those who have been marked and redeemed by Christ, the crucified, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: For the blessing of all who have been named and claimed by Christ and who seek to carry out His Great Commission, that when we face a world that struggles under the curse of sin and in the ashes of death, we may rejoice in the assurance of our Savior's never-failing grace, love, and deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: For the well-being of all the world, especially the community, the schools, the workplaces, and the families in our midst, that our creator and provider would supply all that we need and enable us to dwell in peace and security, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: For the restoration of all who are broken in heart, body, mind, spirit, and relationships, that times of difficulty would lead all who struggle to seek refuge in the support of others and, ultimately, to receive the eternal treasures of the sure mercies of our God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: For the healing of those who are struggling with medical issues and battling various types of illnesses,, that Jesus, our healer of both body and soul, would hear our prayers

and grant mercy to them all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: For the answering of these and all other prayers that we boldly bring before the throne of grace, that we take confidence in God as our Father, who has marked us with the cross of His Son and redeemed us by His blood so that the ashes of our sin may be replaced by the beauty of His righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy upon us. Answer our prayers in the way that best brings glory to Your holy name. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our priceless treasure, whose blood cleanses us of our sin and enables us to celebrate His feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all

the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*sing*) *LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to perfectly obey Your commands and fully redeem us from sin's curse by becoming a curse for us. In repentance and faith, we trust in Your sure mercies, shown to us at the cross of Your Son.

People: As we gather in Your name, O Lord, form and shape this dust of ours again, breathing new life into us by Your Word and Spirit.

Pastor: Grant us faithfully to receive our Savior's body and blood as He invites us to do in this sacred Meal.

People: Hear our prayers; deliver and preserve us.

Pastor: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Sung) *LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“The Lamb” *LSB 547 vs 1 & 2*

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne.**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing.**

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

(Please stand)

THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent
Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank
You that You have given us pardon and peace in

this Supper. Grant us the faith to always trust that because of Your Son's death and resurrection,

People: the treasures of heaven have been delivered to us by faith in Your promises;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Psalm 51:10–12*

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People: and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from Your presence,

People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *LSB 427 vs 1-3*

**In the cross of Christ I glory
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime**

**When the woes of life o'er-take me
Hopes deceive and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake me
Lo it glows with peace and joy**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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