



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**February 17, 2021**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Online Worship**

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## Order Of Service

### Gathering

*Pastoral Greeting*  
*Announcements*  
*Prelude Music*  
*Opening Hymn*

### Confession

*Confession*  
*Psalm 51:1-12*  
*Forgiveness*  
*Peace*

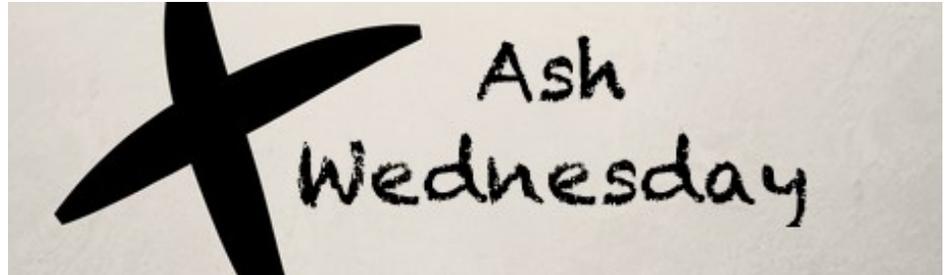
### The Word

*Prayer of the Day*  
*Lessons*  
*Sermon*  
*Hymn*  
*Creed*  
*Litany of Sorrows and Sins*  
*Lord's Prayer*  
*Hymn*

### Closing

*Benediction*  
*Dismissal*  
*Postlude*

*Musician: Janice Algren*



Joel 1:13-2:2, 2:12-14 *a call for repentance is answered with a prayer of hope in God*

Psalm 51

Romans 3:19-26 *God's law brings knowledge of sin; God's gospel brings new life*

John 12:20-26 *to serve Jesus, we die to ourselves and live to God.*

### Prayer of the Day

Creator and redeemer, we come before you ever mindful of our own mortality. We are dust. To dust, we shall return. But in Christ, you have a new and everlasting life for us. Draw us into this life, that we may fully experience your reign. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Please keep in your prayers:

Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Bev Coulter, Nancy Dowell, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Brad and Jodie Haist, Cassie Jern & Family, Delores Johnson, Graham Johnson, Bob Kerschke, Ila Roseberry, Norman Worthington, Darrell Thirtyacre, Donna Larson, Beckie Bean, Joy Johnson, Pat Root, Diane Bradley, Matthew Council, Rose Youngquist, Kathie Cruce, Rob Kerschke, Brendan Kerschke

*Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.*

## **Joel 1:13-2:2, 2:12-14**

<sup>13</sup> Put on sackcloth and lament, you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar. Come, pass the night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God! Grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. <sup>14</sup> Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes. <sup>16</sup> Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? <sup>17</sup> The seed shrivels under the clods, the storehouses are desolate; the granaries are ruined because the grain has failed. <sup>18</sup> How the animals groan! The herds of cattle wander about because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep are dazed. <sup>19</sup> To you, O Lord, I cry. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flames have burned all the trees of the field. <sup>20</sup> Even the wild animals cry to you because the watercourses are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

**2** Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—<sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. <sup>14</sup> 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?

## **Psalms 51**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> 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 judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. <sup>18</sup> Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

## **Romans 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

## **John 12:20-26**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.