

ARE YOU DYING...

to be
born into
ashes?

Ash
Wednesday

Contemporary Worship
7:00 pm
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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

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.

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Video: A Prayer for Lent

(Stand)

Psalm 51:1-17

read responsively

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

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

L: 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 judgment.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Song: "Have Mercy on Me"

Verse 1

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Chorus

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Verse 2

Lamb of God, I'm asking you to take away my sin.

I confess that I've done wrong, need your help again.

Chorus

Verse 3

The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.

The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.

Chorus

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Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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 receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ Word +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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

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

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

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

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. ²So 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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And 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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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. ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Homily: "Are you Dying...to be born into ashes?"

Pastor Jack Horner

Children's Message

Pastor Liz Frey

(Stand)

Invitation to Lent

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Confession of Sin

In the dark of night God calls to us; beckoning us on, seeking us out, calling us to peace, to quietness, to wholeness.

The world is dark around us, filled with coldness, terror, and restlessness.

It is a darkness of our creation: greed, hatred, envy: brokenness.

Take us and heal us of every evil. Bring us back into the comfort and closeness of your embrace, O God.

Your cleansing love, O God, purifies our darkness restoring it to us: warm, comforting, restful: complete.

In the dark of our night we hear God call, offering love and strength and forgiveness.

With God the darkness brings comfort not fear, love not hatred, righteousness not punishment. Walk in the darkness of your life as in the light, for both the dark and the light belong to God, as do you.

Amen.

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Imposition of Ashes

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. Bless these ashes and those who receive them. May this sign of our mortality and penitence remind us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

Persons wishing to receive the mark of ashes may come forward by the middle aisle, move toward an available pastor, and return by the side aisle.

You are invited to sing simple, contemplative music along with FaithX.

(Stand)

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 Savior,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Following each petition are the words: "Hear us, O God."

Please respond with: "Your mercy is great."

+ Meal +

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine, Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Sit)

Announcements

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the Give+ app on your mobile device • Use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space • Text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts

Worship Witness: *(Please sign booklet and return to center aisle.)*

Special Music: "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.

Chorus (2x)

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

Bridge

You make me new, You are making me new.
You make me new, You are making me new. (Making me new.)
(Repeat)

You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.

(Repeat)

Ending

You make beautiful things,

You make beautiful things out of us.

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(Stand)

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: you invite us to keep the season of Lent so that we remember the humble ministry of your Son. Give us the devotion to live more sparingly and then share what is saved, that our neighbor may rejoice to see your unselfish love in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: Christ is here.

C: The Spirit is with us.

P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.

C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Redeemer God, over forty days you flooded the earth....

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P Sanctifying God, where your children are in the wilderness....

...until the day when every eye shall see you and every tongue shall praise you, and you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. Amen.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communicating children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Lord God, in your mercy, give grace to us who have received this Most Blessed Sacrament that our Lenten penance may give you glory and bring us pardon and salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ Sending +

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table.
Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Song: "Rock of My Salvation"

Verse 1

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
And though they try to steal my joy away
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Verse 2

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me,
For I find strength in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Chorus

Oh my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
Who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame
And cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Instrumental

Verse 2

Chorus (2X)

Tag 2X: Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

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Dismissal

P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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