

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

7:00 pm

Throughout the service, where you find an asterisk () you are invited to stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Preparation

EXHORTATION *

P Brothers and Sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer and works of love—the disciplines of Lent—help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you therefore,

to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in our Lenten discipline.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

CONFESSION *

P Most holy and merciful Father:

C We confess to you and to one another, to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P 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.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We have been deaf 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.

C Have mercy on us, Lord.

P We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

C we confess to you, Lord.

P Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C accept our repentance, Lord.

P For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

C accept our repentance, Lord.

P For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C accept our repentance, Lord.

P Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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 Lord

C bring us with all your saints to the joy of the resurrection.

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

The Word

FIRST READING (<i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i>)	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
PSALM 51:1-17 (<i>Chanted responsively by whole verse.</i>)	
<i>Psalm Tone #5</i>	RED p. 337
SECOND READING	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
<i>(Response: Thanks be to God.)</i>	
LENTEN VERSE *	RED p. 151
<i>Return to the Lord</i>	
GOSPEL *	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
<i>(Responses: Glory to you, O Lord. / Praise to you, O Christ.)</i>	
SERMON	
HYMN * <i>Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church</i>	RED #321
NICENE CREED *	RED p. 104
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *	

Meal

OFFERTORY VERSE *	RED #186
<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	
DOXOLOGY *	
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>	
OFFERTORY PRAYER *	
GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *	RED pp. 152-153
WORDS OF INSTITUTION*	
LORD'S PRAYER*	RED p. 154
LAMB OF GOD*	RED p. 154
COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL	
COMMUNION BLESSING *	
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *	
<i>Now, Lord</i>	RED #201
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *	

Sending

BLESSING * (<i>Response: Amen, Amen, Amen</i>)	
HYMN * <i>Our Father, We Have Wandered</i>	RED #606

DISMISSAL * *(Response: Thanks be to God.)*

POSTLUDE

Assisting

READER

Deb Flage

USHERS

Alice & Jim Lubrecht

Lenten Weekly Service Opportunities

During Lent we, along with Epiphany Lutheran Church, will be holding a **noon time** mid-week Lenten service. We will be rotating places of worship between Epiphany located at 1100 Colonial Rd., Harrisburg and here at Our Saviour. Our first service will be March 9th at OSL and we will meet again on March 16th at Epiphany, March 23rd at OSL, March 30th at Epiphany and April 6th at OSL.

During Lent we, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be holding an **evening** mid-week Lenten service. We will meet each Wednesday evening at Good Shepherd located at 3700 Rutherford St., Harrisburg. The Holden Evening Prayer service will be at 7 pm in the nave. Our first service will be March 9th and we will meet again on March 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th. Everyone is invited to join us. More information about these services can be found in our Sunday bulletins and our March newsletter.

Mission Statement

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share his love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.