



ash wednesday

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church
Grafton, Wisconsin

February 22 & 23, 2023

Our Service Theme:

THREE WORDS FOR LENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

A Note About the Imposition of Ashes

The ancient practice of imposing ashes on the foreheads of Christians (or on the back of their hands) gives Ash Wednesday its name. It is a public expression of repentance and of our human frailty that stands in need of Christ. The ashes remind us forcefully of our need for redeeming grace as they recall the words from the rite for Christian burial, where the pastor says: "...earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust..."-- words that will someday be spoken over us all.

THE INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN –“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” Stanzas 1-3



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
Ah! I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this in - deed the cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.

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THE CONFESSION OF SINS:

M: Most holy and merciful Father,

**C: We confess to You and to one another that we have sinned by
our own fault, by our own grievous fault, in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

M: We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

M: 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 the Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

M: All our past unfaithfulness, the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in
our lives

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

M: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, our manipulation of other
people

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

M: Our anger when our selfish aims are denied and our envy of those
more fortunate than ourselves

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

M: Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

M: Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us

C: We confess to You, O Lord.

M: Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

M: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward others, and for our prejudice and contempt for those who differ from us,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

M: For what we think or say or do that is at variance with Your will,

C: Forgive us, O Lord.

M: Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for Your mercy is great.

Those who desire to receive the sign of ashes come forward.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

The minister applies ashes to the forehead (or the back of the hand) of each in the form of a small cross, saying:

M: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After all who desire have received ashes, the minister says:

M: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation

C: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

M: By the cross and suffering of Your Son, O Lord,

C: Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

THE ABSOLUTION:

M: On the basis of Jesus' work for us and at His command I forgive you
all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON – Isaiah 59:12-20

¹² *For our offenses are many in your sight, O LORD, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities:*

¹³ *rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived.*

¹⁴ *So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance;
truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.*

¹⁵ *Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.*

¹⁶ *He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.*

¹⁷ *He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.*

¹⁸ *According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due.*

¹⁹ *From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD,
and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along.*

²⁰ *"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.*

PSALM 51a Be Merciful, O Lord

Refrain



Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me. *Refrain*

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

**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. *Refrain***

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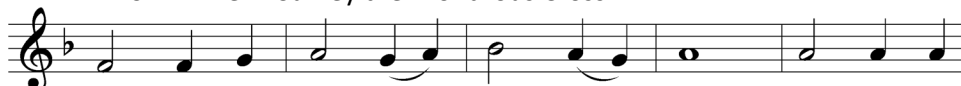
THE EPISTLE—2 Corinthians 5:17—6:2

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:* ¹⁹ *that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.* ²⁰ *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.* ²¹ *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we become the righteousness of God.* **6** *As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.* ² *For he says,*

*"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."*

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

HYMN # 407 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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THE SERMON TEXT—John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

SERMON THEME: LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

- 1. Words that reveal our sin**
- 2. Words that reveal Jesus' love**
- 3. Words that describe our lives**

THE OFFERING

While the offerings are being collected, members are reminded to fill in the Friendship Register and pass the entire pad to the next person. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshiping with us.

THE ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my [+] body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my [+] blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

"Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" found on page 156 in CW.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly confess Your name day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG--*"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"* Stanzas 4-6



4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;

5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con-science grieve me,

6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; help me bear my cross - es,



let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.

let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con-science give me.

learn - ing hum - ble - ness from you, peace mid pain and loss - es.



How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure

Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.

May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

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Lent 2023



Sermons Preached By Jesus' Enemies

MidWeek Worship

Thursdays at 3:30 & 7:00 pm

Feb 22/23:	Ash Wednesday 3:30 pm & Thursday 7:00 pm		
March 2:	Lent 2	John 11:45-48	The Sanhedrin
March 9:	Lent 3	John 11:49-53	Caiaphas
March 16:	Lent 4	Luke 22:60-71	The Sanhedrin
March 23:	Lent 5	John 19:12-16	The Chief Priests
March 30:	Lent 6	Matthew 27:38-44	The Chief Priests

Holy Week & Easter

April 2:	Palm Sunday:	8:00 & 10:30 am
April 6:	Maundy Thur:	3:30 & 7 pm
April 7:	Good Friday:	1:00 pm
April 7:	Good Friday:	7:00 pm
April 9:	Easter Sunday:	7:00 am
April 9:	Easter Sunday:	9:30 am



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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (2/19)	8:00	am	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15	am	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service w/communion
	11:45	am	Call Meeting
Tuesday	10:30	am	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30	am	Children's Chapel
	3:30	pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/comm
Thursday	7:00	pm	Ash Wednesday Worship w/comm
Sunday (2/26)	8:00	am	Worship Service
	9:15	am	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15	am	Sunday School
	10:30	am	Worship Service

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Genesis 22:1-18
Second Lesson	Romans 8:31-39
Gospel	Mark 8:3 1-38
Psalm	Psalm 3

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
 This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
 Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

ASH WEDNESDAY
 Service Theme

PREACHER

Charles Papenfuss

MUSICIAN

Robert Klug

HYMNS

As Printed

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:9-18

SECOND LESSON

Second Peter 1:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

THE SERMON

Matthew 17:1-9

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