

# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

Faith Lutheran Church

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God,  
and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

INVITATION TO LENT

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

OPENING MUSIC            *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* by Keith Greene  
Linda Burk, Nate Bergengren, Alan Ball

INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION

L: Most holy and merciful Father,

**C: we confess to you and to one another, and 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 things we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

L: 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.**

L: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ has served us.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

L: All our past unfaithfulness and our negligence in prayer and worship,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

L: Our love of worldly goods, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

L: Our self-indulgent ways, our exploitation of other people, our blindness to human suffering.

**C: we confess to you, Lord.**

L: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done.

**C: Accept our repentance, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

L: 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 the Lord's Holy Spirit to bring us to repentance and work in us those things which may please him, 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

L: We pray, Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: 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. Amen.**

R: A Gospel reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew.

#### GOSPEL READING

#### **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“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.

<sup>2</sup>“So 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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And 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. <sup>6</sup>But 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.

<sup>16</sup>“And 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.

<sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so 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.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

MESSAGE          Pastor John Klawiter

SPECIAL MUSIC AND SLIDESHOW          *“Beautiful Things”*  
Linda Burk, Nate Bergengren, Alan Ball, Online Choir

IMPOSITION OF ASHES          *“Kyrie Eleison (a song of confession)”*  
Linda Burk, Nate Bergengren, Alan Ball

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

**C: Amen**

CLOSING MUSIC          *“Depth of Mercy”* by Chris Owenby  
Faith Online Choir

**Lent Wednesday Night Services,  
6:30 pm (Streaming Only)**

**The Lord's Prayer**

February 24, Introduction and Petition 1 *Our Father in heaven; hallowed by your name*

March 3, Petition 2 and 3 *Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven*

March 10, Petition 4 *Give us today our daily bread*

March 17, Petition 5 *Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us*

March 24 Petition 6 and 7 *Save us from the time of trial; and deliver us from evil*

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