

Ash Wednesday Worship



Repent!

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ASH WEDNESDAY

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WORSHIP

WELCOME TO CALVARY

Welcome to our guests and visitors who have joined us for worship on this first day of the Lenten Season.

“**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near,**” was the consistent theme of Jesus’ preaching. “Repent” assumes a turning... a turning away from sin toward the mercy of God. “Repent” goes deeper than the actions of our hands; it drives to our hearts with sorrow over our sins. Sorrow, however, is only half the story. “Repent” is also the heart that trusts God when he says that our sins stand forgiven for the sake of Jesus Christ.

The season of the church year most connected with the message of “Repent!” is called Lent. Today, Ash Wednesday, begin the Christian’s forty day journey through Lent in preparation of the great salvation events of Holy Week. We are reminded today, however, that repentance is not merely a Lenten event, but a year-round lifestyle for the Christian.

LARGE PRINT SERVICE FOLDERS

Large print service folders of this evening’s worship are available in the entry area. If you need assistance locating one, please ask an usher for help.

OUR FACILITIES

Our restrooms are in the narthex toward the back right as you exit the sanctuary. The members of Calvary believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have audio/video available in the narthex and audio in the restrooms. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

We believe that gathering at God’s altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.



Order of Service for **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Confessional Service

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✠ **Gathering** ✠

OPENING HYMN

98 (1-4) – **Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Vs. 1 sung by the children of Calvary School (Gr. 3-8)

*1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.*

Congregation joins to sing vs. 2-4

**2 Make me see your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned you.**

**3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of your crucifixion.**

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

**4 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son,
God must have compassion!**

EXHORTATION

M 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 do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin 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, 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 your Lenten discipline.

Be seated

ANTHEM (Junior Choir)

Hear Our Prayer

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*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Help us turn from our sinful ways; help us follow you this day.*

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 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 neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

C **Have mercy on us, O 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 your Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C Lord, have mercy.

M Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith in us,

C Lord, have mercy.

M Hear our confession, O Lord, of the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C We repent, O Lord.

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

C We repent, O Lord.

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

C We repent, O Lord.

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

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

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 Passion of your Son, our Lord,

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

M Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you do not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore you to hear our cries for mercy, to forgive our sins, and to grant us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may amend our sinful lives and do those things that please you until at last we come to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Silent confession

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sing:

**5 Grant that I your passion view
With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame on you
By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?**

**6 Graciously, my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing your praise forever.**

✘ The Service of the Word ✘

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 59:12-20

Return to the Lord – ponder what that all means in this reading from Isaiah!

ISAIAH 59:12 For our offenses are many in your sight, 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

RESPONSE (Choir)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

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*How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.*

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

The solution for sin is the action of the LORD in sending Jesus to reconcile us to God.

² CORINTHIANS 5:20 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 might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1} As God's fellow 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.

RESPONSE

**Search me, God, and know my heart,
Lord of truth and mercy.
From afar, O Lord, you know
All my thoughts, my secrets.
And if any wicked way
Should be found within me,
Cleanse, forgive me by your grace;
By your Spirit guide me. (307:2)**

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

This portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount encourages us to live pious lives without a self-righteous show piety.

MATTHEW 6:1^c“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

^{2c}“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

^{5c}“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you...

...^{16c}“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

^{19c}“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



HYMN OF THE DAY

303 – With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, A
 2 I smite up - on my trou - bled breast, With
 3 Far off I stand with tear - ful eyes Nor
 4 No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can
 5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, With



trem - bling sin - ner, Lord, I cry, Your
 deep and con - scious guilt op - pressed, Christ
 dare up - lift them to the skies, But
 for a sin - gle sin a - tone. To
 all the ran - somed souls I dwell, My



par - d'ning grace is rich and free— O
 and his cross my on - ly plea— O
 you can all my an - guish see— O
 Cal - va - ry a - lone I flee— O
 joy - ous song shall ev - er be: God



God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 has been mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791–1873, alt.
 Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707.

✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21

Live Like This *for Life*, not just *for Lent*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Spoken by the presiding minister

Holy God, mighty Lord, we, Your unworthy people, come to You acknowledging the great debt we owe for Your merciful kindness in giving to us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. In love He suffered for our sins and died the death that was ours to die, so that He might forgive us of our sins and raise us from death to everlasting life. Receive our thanks and praise for His all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross, and keep us in this faith all the days of our lives.

Preserve Your Word, O Lord, against error, and preserve among us the preaching of Your Word, that we may be nurtured in faith, discern truth from falsehood, and remain steadfast in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word, that through daily repentance we may be kept in the promise of our Baptism and in the new life born of water and the Spirit. Help us to shine with the brightness of Christ's light before the world and be ever ready to give answer to the hope within us.

Bestow upon all the nations of the world the blessing of peace. End the threat of terrorism, and quiet the hearts of those who foster hate and violence. Give to us good and faithful leaders. Especially do we pray for our president, our governor, the Congress of these United States; our state legislature; and all those who make, administer and judge our laws. Lend Your aid to the cause of life and its protection from conception until its natural end. Bless the service men and women who defend us at home and abroad. Give us the will and desire to be good and faithful citizens and to pray daily for those in authority over us.

Provide for those who suffer man-made or natural disasters and bless relief workers who come to their aid. Bless the fruits of the earth and our stewardship of all its resources for the good and benefit of all people. Bless all honest labor and industry, the arts and music, and all good works for Your glory. Be with the sick and those who suffer trouble, want, anguish, peril or death [*especially...*] and those we name in our hearts. Give them courage under trial, patience to endure their afflictions without losing heart, and healing according to Your will.

Grant to us Your Holy Spirit, that we who come to our Lord's table today may receive the body and blood of Christ in sincere repentance and with confident faith, recognizing Christ's presence in this Sacrament and rejoicing in the forgiveness of our sins and the nourishment of our faith.

Receive our bodies and souls and all our talents and skills, with the tithes and offerings we bring, in thanksgiving for all Your benefits in Christ. These and all things good and beneficial, we ask You to grant us in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin, so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

195 (3,4) – Holy, Holy, Holy

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in
glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

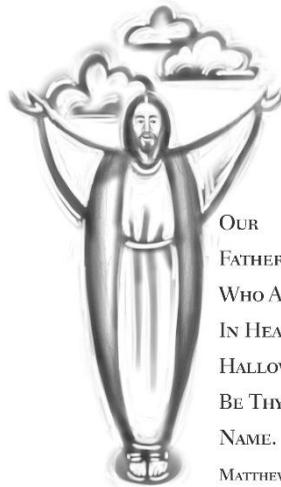
By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C *(spoken)* **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**



OUR
FATHER
WHO ART
IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED
BE THY
NAME.
MATTHEW 6:9

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M 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."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C (spoken) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

317 (1) – O Lord, We Praise You

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks -
giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your bod - y
and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that they may
flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your bod - y,
Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows
did car - rv. And your blood for us plead In all
tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German folk hymn, 15th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483–1546, st. 2-3; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: GOIT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEHET (PM) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

304 – Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give

thanks for our Lord's Passion, that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(spoken)* **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

M The grace of the Lord + Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C *(spoken)* **Amen.**

HYMN

272 – Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12.

Tune: SCHAFFE IN MIR, GOTT (PM) Johann G. Winer, 1583-1651, adapt.

EXHORTATION

M Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world

C **By his holy cross he has redeemed the world.**

M Remember his words,
C **For they are our light.**

M Remember his works,
C **For they are our example.**

M Remember his grace,
C **For it is ours to receive.**

M Remember his glory,
C **For it is the brilliance of God.**

M Remember his pain,
C **For it was not deserved.**

M Remember his sorrow,
C **For it was for our hardness of heart.**

M Remember his life,
C **For it was perfect before God.**

M Remember his death,
C **For it was ours.**

M Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
C **By his holy cross he has redeemed the world.**

