

HOUSE OF PRAYER



We celebrate faith by:

ROOTING our lives in a relationship with our God.

REJOICING in the gifts of life and love our God graciously offers.

REACHING out to our world with God's healing and hope!

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Evangelical Lutheran Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22nd, 2023 – 6:00 PM



Pastor: Rev. Joel Samuelson
Minister of Discipleship: Michelle Hintz
Organist/Piano Accompanist: Krisha Fuller

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L:** I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
ALL: **He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.**
L: I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
ALL: **Clean in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.**
L: I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him;
ALL: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

OPENING SONG

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Red #592

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

(Please be seated as we prepare ourselves for confession through silence and prayerful reflection.)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

(See Insert)

CONCLUSION OF CONFESSION

(Please Stand)

- L:** Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation...
ALL: **That we may show forth Your glory to the world!**
L: By the cross and passion of Your Son, our Savior...
ALL: **Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**
L: Let us pray...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.
ALL: **AMEN.**

WORD

God speaks to us through Scripture, Preaching, and Song.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 12:1-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Change My Heart, O God”

Red #801

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:8-10

for you are dust, and to
dust you will return
Genesis 3:19



Tonight's Message:

Minister Michelle Hintz

THANKSGIVING

We respond with gratitude for God's gracious gifts.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(See Overhead)

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERING RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Red #185

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

L: Gracious God...

ALL: Have mercy on us, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

(See Overhead)

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Red # 779(vs. 1,2)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to serve God! Be of good courage and hold fast to that which is good!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Ash Wednesday — officially known as the Day of Ashes. It is a day that Christians have been marking for at least ten centuries. We mark the sign of the cross on our forehead in ashes to remember our need; to remember we are frail, imperfect, and in need of God.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of “Lent” which means Spring. The meaning of Spring urges us to finish our spiritual journey to Easter in a better place spiritually than we were on Ash Wednesday.

Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. We experience the amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

Join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm during Lent for this series!

March 1st - Isaiah of Babylon

March 8th - Prodigal Son

March 15th - The Blind Man

March 22nd - The Woman at the Well

March 29th - Paul

Holy Week Services

April 6th, 6:30p - Maundy Thursday service, First Communion for 5th graders

April 7th, 6:30p - Good Friday service

April 9th, 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am - Easter services

IN NEED OF HEALING – Ron & Donna Wilkinson, Birdie Fode, Alice Neuberger, Ellen Bartz, Judy Zhorela, Gerald Johnson, Sidney Weigel, Darlene Frieze, Doris Lowe, Lori LaCoe, Bruce Evanson, Lou Ann Heinle, Sally Weisgram, Vic Huber, Julie Schepp

CANCER CARE – Gary Dietz, Marty Well, Colby, Arlene Walch, Christine Raulston, Arlene (Stephanie Luebke’s Mom), Ray Huber, Dick Olson, Hillary Groseclose, Ron Schepp, George Frye, David, Ray Seifert, Carmen Ruud, Wanda

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