

February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

6:30 PM



Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*..... CW # 385

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me. All my wants to him are known;
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me —
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought! — Found me when I sought him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

L: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: We lie and do not live by the truth.

L: If we claim to be without sin,

C: We deceive our selves and the truth in not in us.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

L: We pray. Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence while we travel through the darkness of this world. Come to us and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

First Lesson:**Isaiah 59:12-20**

L: 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. (The Word of our God)

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. By His wounds, we are healed.

2nd Lesson:**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

L: ¹⁷ If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 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 men'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.

C: God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Psalm 51a

Refrain

Psalm 51a



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



O Lord, open [´]my lips,*
and my mouth will de[´]clare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would [´]bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt [´]offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken [´]spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will [´]not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure [´]heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your [´]presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal[´]vation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus[´]tain me.

Then I will teach transgressors [´]your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**Glory be to the Father and [´]to the Son*
and to the Holy [´]Spirit,
as it was in the be[´]ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. [´]Amen.**

Refrain

Psalm Prayer: Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in each of us a pure heart, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: ⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable:

¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said,

C: 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

L: ¹⁴ Jesus Said, "I tell you that this tax collector, rather than the man, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: *Praise be to you, O Christ!* (seated)

Hymn: *Jesus Sinners Does Receive* CW # 304 Stz 1-4



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this say - ing pon - der
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace re - veal - ing,
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord for - sak - en;
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his in - vi - ta - tion.



Who in sin's de - lu - sions live And from God and heav - en wan - der.
 Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim; Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing
 Wea - ry souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en
 Come, o - bey his gra - cious call; Come and take his free sal - va - tion!



Here is hope for all who grieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 Who with hum - ble hearts be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 In his arms that they may live — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 Firm - ly in these words be - lieve — Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.



Sermon:

Luke 18:9–14 (pg 6)

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Prayer: We pray. God of all grace and mercy, let your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow Jesus to Calvary's Holy Hill. Today and everyday, focus our attention of our Savior's work, strengthen our faith in Him, renew in us the zeal to serve, and empower us to share your message of salvation with others. This we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen!***

Together we pray Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands, I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen

L: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

L: 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

Hymn: *Today Your Mercy Calls Us* CW # 339 Stz 1 & 2

1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.

How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,

Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.

<u>Lenten Worship Schedule</u>		
Sunday, Feb. 21		Worship @ 9:30 AM
Wed., Feb. 24 .		Worship @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, Feb. 28	Communion	Worship @ 9:30 AM
Wed., Mar. 3		Worship @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, Mar. 7		Worship @ 9:30 AM
Wed., Mar. 10		Worship @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, Mar. 14	Communion	Worship @ 9:30 AM
Wed., Mar. 17		Worship @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, Mar. 21		Worship @ 9:30 AM
Wed., Mar. 24		Worship @ 6:30 PM
Palm Sun. Mar. 28		Worship @ 9:30 AM
Maundy Th April 1	Communion	Worship @ 6:30 PM
Good Friday April 2		Worship @ 6:30 PM
Easter Sunday April 4		Worship @ 10:00 AM