



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 6:30pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this evening. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week:

The name Ash Wednesday is derived from the medieval custom of the penitents coming to the church on this day in sackcloth and with naked feet and throwing ashes over their heads when they had finished their prayers. These ashes were made from palm fronds blessed the previous Palm Sunday. The Lessons for the day emphasize Repentance. The first lesson proclaims, "Return to Me with all your heart," and "rend your hearts and not your garments." (Joel 2:12-13) As we hear in the Gospel Lesson, we do not earn forgiveness. It is not of our merit but of His grace. God is concerned with the condition of a person's heart. The repentant and contrite heart is the one that will go home justified. (Luke 18:9-14) Such a heart is given spiritual life. The purpose of Lent is to renew us. The goal of Lent is pulsating life. The whole teaching of this day is intended to insure the spiritual use of abstinence as an aid to the devotional life and as a check upon worldliness and unspirituality.

~Hymn 452 vv. 1, 2 *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*

~Responsive Reading

P: Teach us, O Lord, to number our days,

C: That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

P: Man who is born of woman

C: Is of few days and full of trouble.

P: For dust you are,

C: And to dust you shall return.

P: He comes forth like a flower and fades away;

C: He flees like a shadow and does not continue.

P: In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are,

C: And to dust you shall return.

P: For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

C: For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.

P: We have been consumed by Your anger,

C: And by Your wrath we are terrified.

P: You have set our iniquities before You,

C: Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

P: For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.

C: For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.

~Collect

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made and You forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~Confession of Sin (Form III, p. 131)

P: From the heart let us confess our sins unto God.

C: O Lord, our God! We come before You as poor sinful beings, and are without excuse in that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. But we believe in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who has suffered for our salvation; and for His sake we pray You: Forgive us all our

sins! Grant us Your Holy Spirit, to the end that we may believe Your pardoning Word, and that, according to the purpose and desire of our hearts, we may flee all sin, and may let Your holy and blessed will rule in all things. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

~Personal Absolution, (Form II p. 132)

P: Upon this your confession, come forward to the altar of the Lord and receive the declaration of the forgiveness of all your sins. *(The penitents come forward and kneel at the altar rail.)*

By the authority of God and of my holy office *(then, with the laying on of hands, saying to each one)* I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

~ Absolution

Hymn 287 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Hymn 527 In the Midst of Earthly Life

~General Absolution

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full.

Peace be with you!

~Hymn 333 v. 1 Christ, the Life of All the Living

~Choir Anthem Grant Peace, We Pray – Felix Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy Lord; in our time peace, oh, send us!

For there is none on earth but thee, none other to defend us.

Thou only, Lord, can fight for us.

~Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:12-19 “Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him— a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, and you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.”

~Nicene Creed (p. 69)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the

remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

~Hymn 451 *All That I Was*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Luke 18:9-14 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

~Sermon Theme

“Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself”

~Offering & Hymn 320 vv. 1, 4, 6, 8 ***Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed***

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

*** Holy Communion:** *This morning the confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~Exhortation (pp. 52-53)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: “This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin,” you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~**Lord's Prayer** (p. 53)

C: ✠ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Words of Institution** (p. 54)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~**Agnus Dei** (p. 55)

C: ✠ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

Hymn 495 *I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord*

Hymn 319 *Just as I Am*

Hymn 327 *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

~Dismissal (p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Collect (pp. 57-58, form I)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. O God, grant Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benediction (p. 59)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Closing Hymn 593 *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organist: John Baumann

Sr. Choir director: Sarah Leyrer

Lenten Meal Schedule

March 8 – Bethany Auxiliary (Chili)

March 15 – Evangelism Committee (Sloppy Joes)

March 22nd – Available for Sponsorship

March 29th – Available for Sponsorship

April 5th – Available for Sponsorship



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 1ST- APRIL 5TH 2017

“Repent: Turn to Jesus”

March 8th Pastor Luke Ulrich - Mark 14:32-38
Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptations

March 15th Pastor Keith Siverly – Luke 7:44-50
Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life

March 22nd Pastor Gary Wong – Luke 23:32-34
Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You

March 29th Pastor Tim Hartwig – Luke 23:35-43
Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven

April 5th Vicar Wolf Parsons – Matthew 27:1-5
Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away

