

# Ash Wednesday Service

5:00 and 7:00 pm



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5:00 pm • Wednesday, February 18, 2026 • 7:00 pm

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Words in **BOLD** are for congregational participation, either said or sung.

Words to hymns are printed in this bulletin, but you are encouraged to open up and use the red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal found below or in front of your seat. Hymn numbers are provided.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE READING          Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
**Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.**

For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offerings.  
**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.**

HYMN                                  *Chief of Sinners, Though I Be*

ELW 609 Vs. 1, 2, 5

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.  
Love that found me -- wondrous thought -- found me when I sought him not.**

**O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.**

#### INVITATION TO LENT

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We enter a time of silence for self-examination and reflection.

*Silence*

Holy and gracious God,  
**I confess that I have sinned against you this day.  
Some of my sin I know—  
the thoughts and words and deeds  
of which I am ashamed—  
but some is known only to you.  
In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.  
Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
May the ashes that we receive be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only  
by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*All are invited to come forward to receive the imposition of ashes. Please keep silence during this time. The  
worship leader marks the forehead of each person with ashes, using the following words:*

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, 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**

*Return to God from wayward ways and crossed with ash the threshold cross into the desert wilderness. There at your will these two score days seek out the dry, a spring awaits; seek out the still, a voice will call; seek out the plain, there angels care. And in the sere and barren air discern the passion under all: God's voice, "Return, I love you still."*

## READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains, a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. Who knows whether he will not 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 solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar, let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“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. 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.

“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 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.

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

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

HYMN

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*

ELW 592

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

OFFERING

*We gather as a people of God, in the presence of God, to offer up our thanks and praise.*

*Offering is one way in which we support and sustain our shared ministry.*

*You may text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,  
or scan the QR code included in this bulletin.*

*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*



*Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.*

## PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' holy name.  
**Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

ELW p. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*All Things of Dust to Dust Return*

*All things of dust to dust return on earth and in the sky.  
The hottest, brightest suns that burn in time grow dim and die.  
The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the newborn young that play,  
the leaves that fill the forest floor revert to dust and clay.*

*Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may comprehend  
That every moment here and now links me to that same end  
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire  
Yet by their waning light discern your own undying fire.*

*Lord, mark upon my brow this sign: a stark and barren cross  
Reminding me that though divine you know my pain and loss,  
And at the touch of dust and ash awake my heart to view  
How death itself is but a flash that dies away in you.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

### BLESSING

Great and merciful God, source and ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

• *The congregation leaves in silence* •

# *Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud  
Pastor Marty Wyatt

Readers: Pam McCulloch (5:00), Kathi Bergenheier(7:00)

Musicians: Kristina Olson, David Livingston, John Helgen (5:00)  
Musicians: RLC Choir, David Livingston, Anne Wilson, John Helgen (7:00)

Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Nick Clausen  
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Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are back at RLC. Join us Wednesdays Feb 18, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 from 5:30 until 6:45 pm in the Social Hall.

Each week will feature two different soups served along with a salad bar and an assortment of desserts.

**Cost: Adults \$10, Children 6-10 years old \$8, Children 5 and under - Free**



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