



St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church
310 West Main Street • PO Box 187 • Saxonburg, PA
724-352-2333
www.stlks.com
stlukessaxonburg@gmail.com

LENT

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a period of renewal – a time in which Christians consider the meaning of their Baptism into Christ and His Church. During this season of Lent, we are called “to return to the Lord with all our heart.” One of the most important ways to observe this holy season is to spend increased time daily in prayer, meditation, and Bible study, reflecting on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus. May this Season of Lent be, for you, a time of renewal and spiritual refreshment, a time to walk more closely with Almighty God, our Creator.

February 17, 2021

12:00 pm and 7:00 pm – Communion
Ash Wednesday

PRELUDE *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*
– Mozart/De Cou

GREETING

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.

C: Amen.

PSALM 51

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 51.

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

**¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

**16 For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be
pleased.**

17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,**

19 then you will delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

THE CONFESSION

L: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have
left undone.**

L: 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 God.

L: We have shut our ears 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 God.

L: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

L: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

HYMN

CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS

608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me. "Come home, come home!
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me.

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: Will L. Thompson

THOMPSON
 11 7 11 7 and refrain

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES *(Please be seated)*

Those who desire to receive ashes as a sign of their repentance may come forward to the altar. Upon being marked with the sign of the cross, please return to your seat.

SPECIAL MUSIC *(during distribution of ashes)*

Savior, When in Dust to You

– Grant, text; Parry, music

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
C: **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the Cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,
C: **bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore Him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please Him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

HYMN (vs 1, 2, and 4)

Baptized and Set Free

453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner
Text and music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE
74 75 66 85

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6: 1–6, 16–21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 6.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²"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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"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. ⁶But 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.

¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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.

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Today's readings: Joel 2: 12-19, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10)

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

Change My Heart, O God

801

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. *End*

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain*

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: Eddie Espinosa
Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services

CHANGE MY HEART
P M

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C: Amen

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Almighty God, You provide the True Bread from Heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace,
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

793

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: Irish traditional

SLANE
10 10 10 10

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

- Williams, Text; Hughes, Music

Today's Worship Team

Ash Wednesday	12:00 Noon	7:00 pm
Assisting Minister		Jeannine Sanford
Greeters	Judy Gundlach	Rachel Steiner
Offering Counters	Donna Shipe and Dave Fugate	