



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

February 22, 2023  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Red is the Color of the Blood that Flowed

“The Coloring Song” was released in 1981, written by David Eden, and performed by the Christian rock group Petra. This song explores the colors of our condition, and the color of that which gives us life- the red blood that flowed from the veins of Jesus to save us from our sins. On our journey through Lent let us take time to consider these colors and rejoice in the Truth that because of Jesus “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool, Isaiah 1:18.”

**Opening Hymn**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**#425**

**Invocation**

**Confession** -Psalm 51:1-12

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

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

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

**P** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement.

**G** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**P** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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

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

**G** Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**G** Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Absolution**- Isaiah 1:18

**P** “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**Imposition of Ashes**

**“For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”**

**Genesis 3:19**

**Hymns During Imposition**

**“My Song is Love Unknown”**

**#430**

**“Glory Be to Jesus”**

**#433**

**Collect of the Day**

**Reading of the Word**

**Joel 2:12-19**

**2 Peter 1:2-11**

**Luke 22:1-23**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn of the Day**

**“The Coloring Song”**

(Song Leader: Nicole Sansoucie)

1 Red is the color of the blood that flowed  
 Down the face of Someone who loved us so  
 He’s the Perfect Man, He’s the Lord’s own Son  
 He’s the lamb of God, He’s the only One  
 That can give us life, that can make us grow  
 That can make the love between us flow

2 Blue is the color of a heart so cold  
 That will not bend when the story’s told  
 Of the love of God for a sinful race  
 Of the blood that flowed down Jesus face  
 That can give us life, that can make us grow  
 That can keep our hearts from growing cold

3 Gold is the color of the morning sun  
 That shines so freely on everyone  
 It’s the sun above that keeps us warm  
 It’s the Son of Love that calms the storm  
 That can give us life, that can make us grow  
 That can turn our mornings into gold

4 Brown is the color of the autumn leaves  
 When the winter comes to the barren trees  
 There is birth, there is death, there is a plan  
 And there’s just one God and there’s just one Man  
 That can give us life, that can make us grow  
 That can make our sins as white as snow

5 That can give us life, that can make us grow  
 That can turn our mornings into gold  
 That can give us life that can make us grow  
 That can keep our hearts from growing cold  
 That can give us life that can make us grow  
 That can make the love between us flow

**Sermon**

**“Black”**

**Genesis 3:19**

**Offering**

**Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord’s Supper**

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**Distribution Hymns**

**“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”**

**#435**

**“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

**#633**

**“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

**#636**

**Benediction**

**Final Hymn**

**“Oh Savior, Precious Savior”**

**#527**

## **Joel 2:12–19**

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. <sup>14</sup>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? <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. <sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” <sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. <sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

## **2 Peter 1:2–11**

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **Luke 22:1–23**

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.