

## Old Testament

*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.”

## Epistle

*2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10*

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

<sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when 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. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

# Ash Wednesday Service



David, der Psalmist — Bitt.

Schick' in mir, Herr, ein rein Herz, und gib mir einen neuen gestrichen Harp. Barmh' nicht nicht von meinem Ungeduld, und nimm deinen heiligen Geist nicht von mir. Trübe mich wider mit deine Güte, und der heilige Geist erfülle mich. Du machst an Ihm nach deiner Güte, bene die Frauen zu Jerusalem.  
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## February 14, 2024

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 607, 805, 550, 609, 915

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 2/7 (Wed): 41 Comm.: 34 Offering: \$736.06

Attendance 2/11 (Sun): 69 Comm.: 48 Offering: \$2,949.07

Budget Needs: \$3,342.50 Scrip Profit 2/11: \$12.63

S.S. – 7

Staff – 3

B.C. – 10

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

THUR (2/15) 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

SUN (2/18) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School

**9:00 a.m. – Worship**

10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Scott Eickert who will undergo surgery; Alvin Bladow, Dorothy Maile, Lucas (grandson of Alan Klepps), Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

**TIME AND TALENT SHEETS** have been placed in your mailbox. They were also sent out via email. Please fill out the form and return to the office. Please consider using your talents for church.

**HYGIENE DRIVE** – There is a box in the coatroom for items. The drive runs through March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MILITARY BIBLE STICKS** – Each Biblestick is \$25. Donations are to be over and above your regular offerings. Place your gift in an envelope and mark it “Military BibleSticks.” Put it in the offering plate; drop it in the church office; or mail it to church.

**LADIES AID IS PLANNING A CHILI DINNER** on February 25<sup>th</sup>. We will serve from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can take out or eat here right after the church service. If you wish to take out, please bring your own container. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to help purchase some of the ingredients, be a server, or bake a pie. Please have items here by Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LADIES AID IS REQUESTING YOUR HELP** with their chili dinner on Saturday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> for preparing and on Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> for serving. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you are available to help.

**DQ FAMILY FUN NIGHT** – will be on Tuesday Feb. 20 from 4-7 p.m. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board for hosts. Four to five people per hour are needed.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** are available on the table by the bulletins.

**RENOVATION OF WOMENS BATHROOM** has begun. The project will last approximately one month. During this time ladies are asked to use the restroom in the fellowship hall.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ROUND UP NIGHT AT TRINITY RANTOUL** – Feb. 20, 6:00 p.m. Parents of 3k, 4k, and kindergarten students are welcomed to join. More information on bulletin board.