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"WLNT Eyewitness News"
February 26, 2020 6:30pm
Ash Wednesday

Order of Service

Fasting and putting on sackcloth and ashes have been symbols of repentance for centuries. When we are distressed by guilt or sickness or calamity, these outward signs are like prayers seen by God, accompanying our prayers that are heard by God.

Opening Hymn **ELW #601** "Savior, When in Dust to You"

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Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
⁴ **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.**

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶ **Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

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

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

¹⁰ **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

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

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴ **Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.**

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

¹⁶ **You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.**

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

New Testament Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10
Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

WLNT Eyewitness News

"Traveling Prophet Arrives In Galilee"

Hymn of the Day

ELW #775

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

2.

Confession of Sin

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey. **AMEN.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy on us.

P: For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

C: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

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3.

Prayers of God's People

Offering

Offertory **ELW #186** "Create in me..."

Offertory Prayer

P: God our provider,

C: you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer Page 255

Anyone who believes Jesus is truly present to forgive your sins, is welcome at the table of our Lord.

Communion

(Kneeling/Standing at rail)

Communion Distribution Hymns

ELW #319, #324, #338

Post Communion Prayer

P: O God,

C: we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on your way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

Blessing

P: The Blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

Closing Hymn

ELW #320

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

QUIZ

Can you name the last ten Lenten campaigns held at St. Luke?

(Answers in next week's bulletin)

++LENTEN SCHEDULE++

WLNT NEWS "The Miracles of Jesus"

March 4 (6:30pm) - Jesus Heals the Sick

March 11 (6:30pm) - Jesus Calms the Storm

March 18 (6:30pm) - Jesus Raises the Dead (!?!)

March 25 (6:30pm) - Jesus Feed Multitudes

April 1 (6:30pm) - Jesus Turns Tables at the Temple

Karen Bruinooge, organist 920-457-4285 Brittany Seifert, pianist 838-2748
John Jaeger, guitarist 467-9094 Sandy Fenner, custodian 876-2924

Made from dust, but crafted by God's creative hand and marked with the cross of Christ, we begin the Lenten season together. **WELCOME!**

Those serving the Lord:

Tonight

Reader: Laura Meyer Greeters: Sam Madson, Sam Klassy
Ushers: Tom Hass, Michael Klassy Comm. Set Up: Marilyn Meyer
Comm. Clean Up: Marilyn Meyer, Diane Arnoldi
Comm. Serve: Warren & Judi Gunderson

<u>Sunday Mar. 1</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>Wed. March 4</u>
<u>Reader:</u>	Sarah Goble		Cheryl Kohl
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jeff & Donna Parrish	Rod & Laura Leicht	Chris Fenner
<u>Comm. Set Up:</u>	Carol Strassburg	Carol Strassburg Audrey Parrish	
<u>Comm. Servers:</u>	Bob & Beth Aloisi		
<u>Comm. Clean Up:</u>	Carol Strassburg	Andrea Meyer	
<u>Ushers:</u>	Chris Fenner Damian Kline	Jeremy Raml	Randy Meyer Norman Fenner

LENTEN GOAL: Last year we collected funds to purchase 134 pairs of shoes so children in Tanzania could attend school. Now that these children can attend, let's feed them a school lunch so they can learn and feed their minds. Please take a bank and there is more information provided on the container. THANK YOU!



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