

ASH WEDNESDAY
IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 10, 2016

***Please stand as you are able**

This evening ashes will be imposed upon all those who wish to receive ash on their foreheads. In the New Covenant our Lord has not commanded the imposition of ashes. Christians voluntarily observe this rite because of the example set in the Old Testament when Job repented in dust and in ashes (Job 42:6) and on one occasion when our Lord is lamenting the impenitent, He does so in part by saying that the penitent would have repented in sackcloth and in ashes (Matthew 11:21). The custom is therefore a useful reminder of the fact that the bodies which we possess will one day return to dust because of our rebellion against God Most High (Genesis 3:19; 18:27).

***Ash Wednesday Address (silence for reflection)**

***Litany for Ash Wednesday**

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: God the Father in heaven,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Holy Spirit,

C: have mercy.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody

sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore You

C: to hear us, O Lord.

P: To prosper the teaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: we implore You to hear us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen.

The Imposition of Ashes

(All who wish to receive ashes as a sign of repentance may come forward at this time)

Hymn for Imposition "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" LSB 419

***Salutation and Collect of the Day** LSB p. 156

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12-19

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hebrew 12:2

P: [O Come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading *2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Verse for Lent** LSB p. 157

***Holy Gospel** *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" LSB 779

Sermon

“He Would Do It Anyway”

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

***Nicene Creed**

LSB p. 158

***Prayer of the Church**

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P:Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Offering

***Offertory**

LSB p. 159

***Service of the Sacrament**

LSB p. 160ff

Hymns During Distribution

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

LSB 732

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

LSB 716

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

LSB 428

***Nunc Dimittis**

LSB p. 165

***Post Communion Collect**

LSB p. 166

***Benediction**

LSB p. 166



☪ A-men, a-men, a - men.

***Closing Hymn**

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LSB 430

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Welcome: [Ash Wednesday] Scripture counsels us, "Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:13, NRSV). A sincere welcome to our Ash Wednesday service. **Guests,** Please sign the guest register in the hallway and/or the yellow card found in the pew rack, drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher and please come worship with us again.

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