



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**February 18, 2015**  
**\*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 preaching 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 our need of 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 to graciously 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.**

P: O God, you desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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*



**\*Post Communion Collect** LSB p. 166  
**\*Benediction** LSB p. 166  
**Closing Hymn** "All Depends on Our Possessing" LSB 732

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

**Welcome:** Welcome to a solemn time of worship on Ash Wednesday. May God bless our ponderings here and guide us through the meaningful days of Lent. **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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*This year's Lent series will focus on the minor characters in Mark's Gospel. Read through Mark's Gospel and pay attention to the people who show up only once in the whole Gospel. They seem to understand our Lord and His mission better than the apostles who are with Him throughout the Gospel. Our consideration of these "minor characters" will take us clear until the Roman Centurion at the foot of the cross. While the aim of such a consideration during Lent is the cross, we will begin with the Syrophenician Woman at Mark 7:24-30.*

*If you wish to read in advance the passages that will be under consideration during Lent, here is the list:*

*February 25: Mark 7:24-30*

*March 4: Mark 10:46-52*

*March 11: Mark 12:41-44*

*March 18: Mark 14:3-9*

*March 25: Mark 15:39*