

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn “Savior, When in Dust to You” LBW #91

Exhortation to Lent

Prayer of Confession

C: Most merciful God, who gave your only begotten Son to die for us, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. For Jesus’ sake, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and, by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes
 Psalm for Reflection: Psalm 51:1-17 ... Red Pew Bible page 452

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Absolution

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a member with you of the priesthood of all believers, but by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

First Reading Joel 2:12-19

Second Reading II Corinthians 5:16-6:2

Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

Sermon “The Way of the Cross” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” LBW #107

Apostles’ Creed

Offering/Special Music “At Your Feet” Austin Willhite

Prayers

Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns LBW #198, 208 (Tune: 194), 202 (Tune: 500), 197
 Psalm for Reflection: Psalm 90 ... Red Pew Bible page 476

Benediction

Closing Hymn .. “When I Survey the Wonderful Cross” .. LBW #482

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Since at least the seventh century, Ash Wednesday has been observed as the first day of Lent. The name is taken from the ancient tradition of placing ashes on the foreheads of penitents. Ash Wednesday remains the day of the year most focused on repentance.



WHY ASHES?

Ashes symbolize beginnings and endings. In the beginning, God created us from the dust of the earth. In the end, we will all return to the dust because of our sin. Ashes also symbolize our new beginning in the death of Christ, for today, through Word and Sacrament, God once again re-creates the human heart. The past is forgiven; a new future is given, and at the end of time, there is resurrection. Out of the dust, God will create again from our ashes a life that death cannot touch.

Lenten Preaching Schedule

Lenten services continue at 6:30 p.m. each week through March 29.

March 1 ~ Pastor Brian Lauer (Zion)
"Human Things"

March 8 ~ Pastor Aaron Albrecht (St. Matthew's)
"Take Up Your Cross"

March 15 ~ Pastor Dave Wollan
"Lose Your Life"

Come early and enjoy a Lenten picnic beginning at 5 p.m.

March 22 ~ Pastor Steve Olcott (Christ the King)
"Forfeit Life"

March 29 ~ Pastor Brian Nehring (Christ the King)
"Don't Be Ashamed"

Holy Week Schedule

April 2 (Palm Sunday)
Regular Sunday service times
and breakfast served by the FLYouth

April 6 (Maundy Thursday)
Services at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 7 (Good Friday)
Joint services 12:00 noon at Faith Lutheran
and 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King

April 9 (Easter Sunday)
Services at 6:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Beginning next Wednesday, March 1, confirmation small groups will meet after each services for about a half hour.

Thank you to Austin Willhite for playing the organ during today's services, all of the volunteers at both services, and to the FLYouth for helping with the evening service.

Faith Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday

On THURSDAY, February 23, 2023

Worship Services - 4:00 & 6:30 p.m.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.



CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN, HUTCHINSON
FAITH LUTHERAN, HUTCHINSON
ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN, FERNANDO
ZION LUTHERAN, BUFFALO LAKE