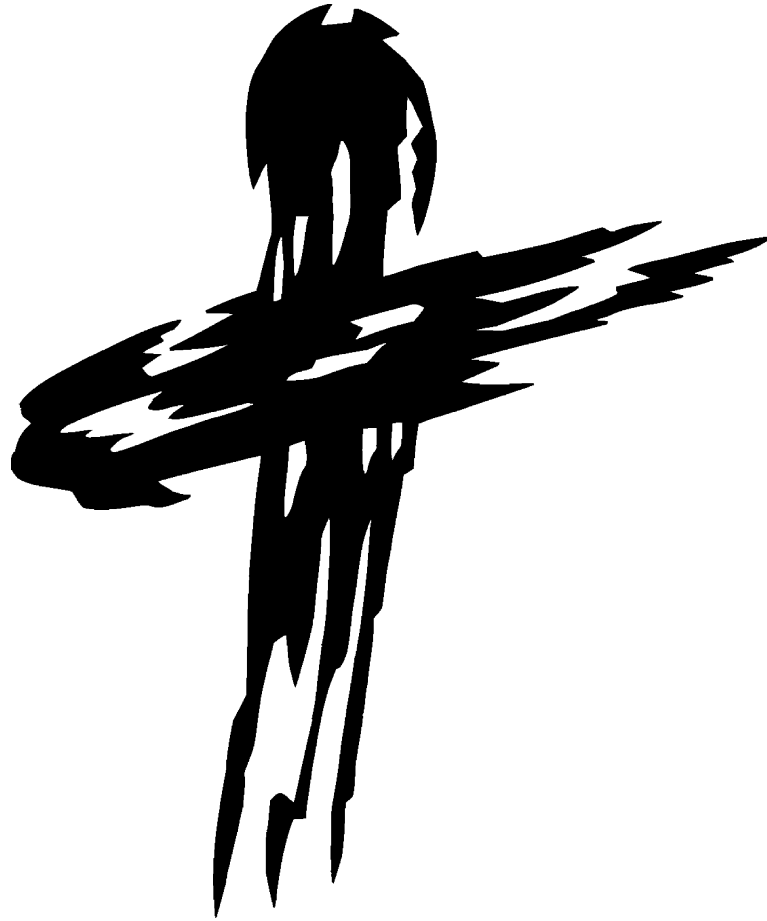


Dennison & Vang Lutheran Parish

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17, 2021



GATHERING

Worship begins with a moment of centering silence.

Call to Worship

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, in the middle of our busy week,
we pause to observe Ash Wednesday together as a faith community.

We remember the truth that God made us from fragile, blessed dust, and breathes through us the breath of life and love.

From dust we are created in God's image, and to God's good dust we shall return.

With dust and oil we claim the mark of God's beloved creature.

In the traditional focuses of Lent – prayer, fasting, and acts of care and love, we discover who we are created to be as God's beloved.

Gracious God, bless these 40 days.

We follow Jesus, God's Beloved Son, in whom we see God's image most clearly.

Grant us strength and imagination to follow Jesus wherever he will lead us this Lent.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Psalm 51

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you love what you have made, and you forgive the sins of all.

**Create in us new and honest hearts, so that,
turning our lives and our hearts toward you,
we may receive from you compassion,
forgiveness, and new life.**

**Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG - 262 - "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-14

⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;

⁹**you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.**

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.**

¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion | for his children,**

so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

¹⁴For you know well how | we are formed;
you remember that we | are but dust.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:15-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the | LORD, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in |
steadfast love. (*Joel 2:13*)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

INVITATION TO LENT

SONG – “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” (vs. 1)

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most holy and merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another,

that we have sinned by our fault

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, for you are gracious and merciful.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes be a sign of our penitence, reminding us that by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ we are given new and eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

All are invited to come forward to receive the ashes. The ashes are marked in the sign of the cross on the forehead with the words Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Following the imposition of the ashes, the service continues:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Turn our lives toward you in repentance. Turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love. Turn our actions toward the world in mercy. Renew us in faith, in prayer, and in compassion.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. Teach us to treasure the earth as your beloved creation. Provide plentiful and healthy homes for all creatures. Bring new life from decay. Repair what has been damaged from misuse or neglect. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. Empower leaders to resist the use of power for personal gain or selfish interest. Teach us to build communities where all can live in safety and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. Protect those who are victimized by crime or injustice. Unburden those who are weighed down by guilt or shame. Assist those who are unemployed. Comfort those who mourn, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our faith. Empower those who work in our community to provide food, shelter, and health care to those who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, bring us with to the promise of unending life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY - "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART..."

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Sustain us in our pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our
prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

Sending Hymn – 808 – "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go;
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God.