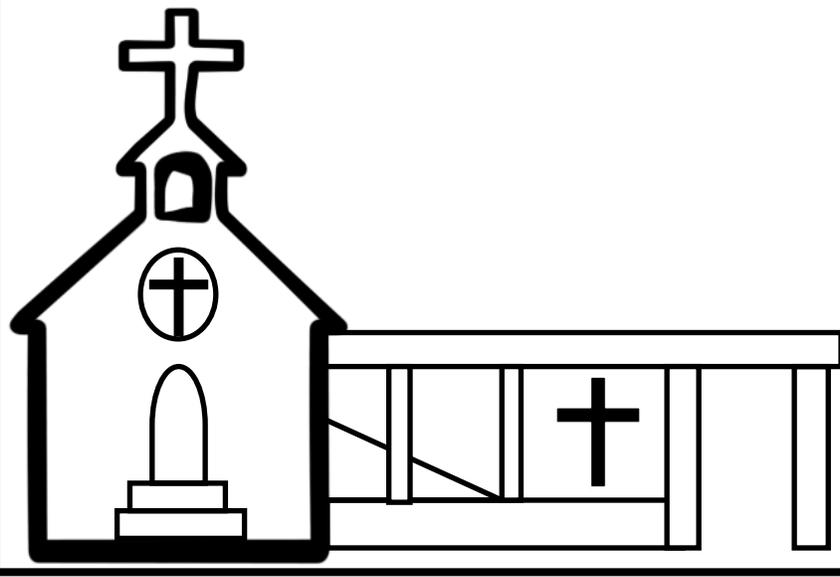


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Ash Wednesday



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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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**Call to Worship**

P: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

C: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus said: "If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

C: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.** (Psalm 23:4)

P: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus — the pioneer and perfecter of our faith — who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

C: **Lord, we believe; help us in our unbelief.** (Mark 9:24)

**Opening Hymn**

**"Lord Jesus Think on Me"**

**Hymn #309**

**Prayers of Confession and Repentance**

P: Let us draw near to God with an honest heart, confessing our sins to God the Father, and appealing to him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Almighty God,

C: **We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P: We have received your many blessings with a lack of gratitude; and have failed to be good stewards of your Creation.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have followed our own selfish will and ways, and have failed to be your trusting and obedient servants.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven, and have failed to be your witnesses in the world.

C: **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our unfaithfulness — our fear, our anger, our pride, and our trust in our own righteousness.

C: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, our lack of concern for the needs of others, and our sense of entitlement to all we possess.

C: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, our negligence in worship, and our rejection of your Word in our lives.

C: **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

P: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.  
C: **Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen**

### **The Imposition of Ashes**

P: As children of a fallen humanity, each of us shares in the consequences of human sin. In the words that the Lord first spoke to Adam, he now reminds us all: "By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19) Therefore, face-to-face, in the presence of God, we offer our confession in the spirit of our ancestor Job, who prayed:

C: **I had heard you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.** (Job 42:5-6)

P: As a sign of repentance, all may come forward to receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their brow.

(Come Forward to Receive the Ashes)

### **The Promise of Christ**

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

C: **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

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

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. By his Holy Spirit, may he grant you true repentance, that you may live with him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. <sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? <sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. <sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?"" <sup>18</sup>Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. <sup>19</sup>The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations."

**Psalm 51: 1-19**

**(see back of bulletin)**

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

<sup>20b</sup>We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. <sup>6</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>1</sup>For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said,} "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup>Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>19</sup>Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Sermon Song**

**"O, Lord Throughout these Forty Days"**

**Hymn # 99**

**Nicene Creed**

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The Prayers of the Faithful

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

**We continue to pray or the following:**

Chuck Cederman    Harold Haseley    Lester Walck    Walter  
Britt Gamache    Mark Lendway    Karen Baird    Brian  
Tara Pfohl    Margaret Ewald    Gail Dietz    Lizzy  
Pam Walck    Ely Bullwinkle    Carol Pfohl    Carol Walck

**Serving in the Military**

Nate Allen    Jillian Kelkenberg    Phillip Messina    Seth Spitler    Ben Thorstad  
Justin DeVantier    N.F. Air Force Base    Charles Cederman, III

**Those in nursing homes and shut-ins**

Paul Greinert    Nora Hingle    Rod Ohol

Sharing Christ’s Peace

*Offering*

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**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

**Distribution Hymns:    #734—Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling  
                                  #341—Jesus Still Lead On  
                                  #296—Just As I Am, Without One Plea**

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Blessing

**Closing Hymn                                    “Abide With Me”                                    Hymn# 272**

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**WELCOME** to St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship this evening. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**Psalm 51:1–13 (ESV):**

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
11 Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
15 O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;  
19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.