

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**



Trinity's Prayer List: The prayer list has been reformatted. If you know of someone who has ongoing prayer needs or more immediate prayer requests, please contact Bonnie Boyer bonnie0879@verizon.net & secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org
Thank you for your understanding.

Our love and prayers go out to:

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Donna & Russ Wynn
Edward Yale
First Responders
Healthcare Workers
Military Personnel
Refugees
Ukraine and its people
Families of those dying from covid

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days”* J. Bert Carlson

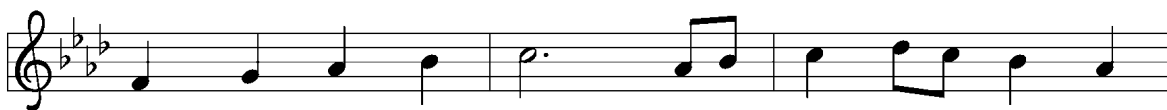
A TIME FOR CHILDREN

If children are present for in-person worship, they may come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of faithful learning and worship. Specifically, tonight, they’ll learn about ashes and what they’re for.

***OPENING HYMN** *“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”* ELW 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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*APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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 receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness 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.**

FIRST LESSON: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Because of the coming Day of the LORD, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community reminds God of his gracious character and asks God to spare the people, lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to

come. ¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴Who 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?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

L Word of God, Word of Life

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: 51:1-17 (*sung using Tone 4*)



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your [|] steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out [|] my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through [|] from my wickedness,
and cleanse me [|] from my sin.**

³For I know [|] my offenses,
and my sin is ev- [|] er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil [|] in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right [|] in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born [|] steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my [|] mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

**⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**

**⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

**⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.**

**¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

**¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**

**¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

**¹³Let me teach your ways | to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.**

**¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

**¹⁵O Lord, o- | pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.**

**¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

**¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.**

Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

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

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever 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.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they

disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

*HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior, When in Dust to You” ELW 601



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,
4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,
by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be - low,
by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,
oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might-y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.
Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

INVITATION TO LENT

The assembly is seated. The presiding minister may invite the assembly into the discipline of Lent.

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the

gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous 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, and let your anger depart from us.

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 mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.

Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

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.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. When and where we have drifted lead us back to you. Help us hold the church's doors open to those who have felt excluded. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Transform us to become responsible stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew our civic life, O God. Teach those in authority to advocate for the liberation of all who are oppressed and grant them courage to make difficult decisions. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew our lives, O God. Spare your people from diseases of the body, mind, or spirit and send healing to those overcome by grief, especially those on our prayer lists and those we name before you now, *pause*. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. During these forty days of Lent, confirm our sense of mission and expand our imagination for ministry. Deepen our faith, increase our love, and draw us more fully into your work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As we mark ashes on our foreheads, we give you praise, O God, for all the saints who died and yet are alive with you. Receive us with them into your eternal embrace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

OFFERING

The season of Lent invites us to deeper discipleship and closer relationships with the Lord and with one another. Thank you for dedicating your life to Christ's work and to your siblings in Christ here in East Berlin and around the world. Let us all, this Lent, renew our focus on giving of ourselves in the name of Love.

*OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We are all invited to the Lord's Table by Christ himself; please make yourself at home. The pastor will offer direction for the distribution of the sacrament. Please note the following elements are available: pre-blessed, sealed wafer and grape juice packages, wheat wafers, gluten-free wafers, poured grape juice, and poured wine. You are welcome to visit and remain at the chancel rail during the meal as you wish.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days.**

Renew in us the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and

above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus

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

***BENEDICTION**

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

C **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

A 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Savior When in Dust to You”

Gerald Near



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Announcements

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Katharine Beckman; Lector: Noelle Kline; Ushers: Bob & Deb King; Altar Guild: Noelle Kline; Hymn Leader: Barry Bowdoin; Communion Assistant: Jim Kline.

Mission-in-Motion will meet on Thursday, March 3 at 5:00pm via Zoom. We have an important need in our community, and we need to decide how we can help. Please join our meeting (the zoom link was sent in Monday's email)

WELCA's Pie Sale Pick-up March 3rd & 4th. The pickup times are Thursday March 3 at 11am to 12 noon. On Friday March 4, pick up times are 11am to 12 noon & 5-6pm. Proceeds raised will be used for WELCA projects which help others in our community. Thank you for your support!

Zoom Cocktail Hour w/ Pastor Susan will be held Thursday, March 3 at 7pm

Drive-Through Communion will be held Sunday, March 6 at 10:30a.m. in the parking lot for anyone who wishes to receive communion from the safety of their vehicle. The Pastor will arrive masked with individually wrapped communion kits.

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, March 15 from 1:00-6:30pm. Please sign-up to donate on the Red Cross website, or by calling the church office.

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
East Berlin, Pennsylvania*

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

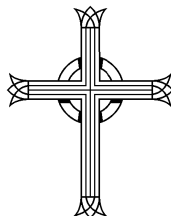
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



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