

# Ash Wednesday

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides over this service of scripture, prayer, music and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link to the online page.](#)



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**P Presiding Minister**

**A Worship Assistant**

**All Congregation**

*The bell tolls and the candles are lit.*

# GATHERING

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Laura Morgan

## OPENING HYMN

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*      **ELW 592**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## **GREETING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray:

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

## **WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON**    Isaiah 58:1-12

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 51

**A** <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**All** <sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**A** <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**All** <sup>4</sup> **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.**

**A** <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**All** <sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

**A** <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**All** <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

**A** <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

**All** <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**A** <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**All** <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**A** <sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
and sinners shall be restored to you.

**All** <sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

**A** <sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**All** <sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

**A** <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

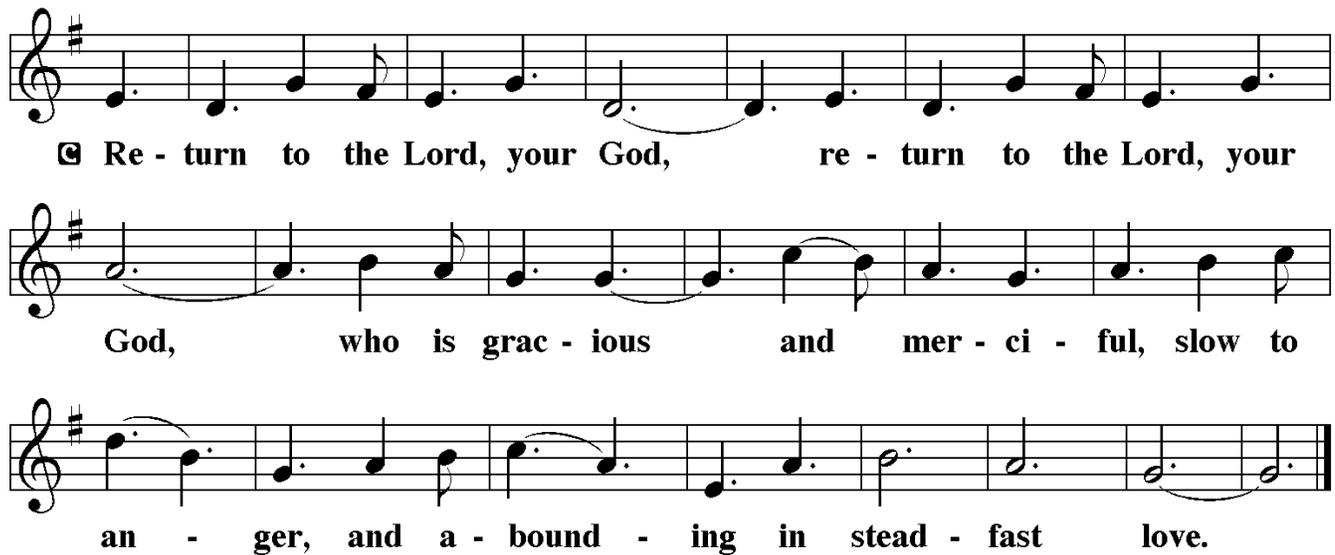
# THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**All**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

With One Voice Setting 5, Bread of Life

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## **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

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

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

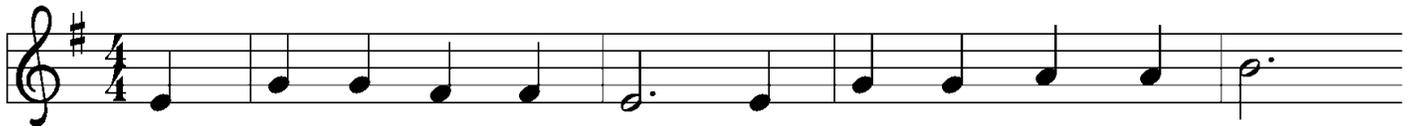
**All** **Praise to you , O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi

# HYMN

## *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

**ELW 599**



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Music: W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

## INVITATION TO LENT

**P** 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 SINS**

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

Most holy and merciful God,

**All 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.**

**P** 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.,

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

**P** 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.

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**All Have mercy on us, O God.**

**P** Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

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



## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**P** 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.

**All Amen.**

*(Come forward to the center of the altar rail and hear these words spoken as the sign of the cross is marked with ashes on your forehead):*

**“Behold you are dust and to dust you shall return”**

(Genesis 3:19b)

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

***Each petition concludes with:***

**A** Hear us, O God.

**All** **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**All** **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All** **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

# OFFERTORY SONG



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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# OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**All Amen.**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our 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-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**P** . . . Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**All Amen.**

**All 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.**

## **THE COMMUNION INVITATION**

**☩** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## THE COMMUNION

*Come forward and stand or kneel at the rail when directed by the usher. The presiding minister serves the bread with the words "The body of Christ, given for you." The worship assistant offers the wine and grape juice saying "The blood of Christ, shed for you." You may respond "Amen."*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**All** Amen.

# POST COMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. A - men, a - men.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray.

God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All Amen.**

# **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

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

**All Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## *Be Thou My Vision*

**ELW 793**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Music: Irish traditional PUBLIC DOMAIN

**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.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## February 18, 2026

**Rev. Jeffrey M. Iacobazzi, Presiding Minister**

**Rosemary Rader, Music Director**

**Laura Morgan, Worship Assistant**

**Racheal and Divine Adolphe, Acolytes**

**Kalamo Adolphe, Media Assistant**

**Devoe Slisher, Media Director**