

WE WELCOME YOU TO
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THE REDEEMER**

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(ASH WEDNESDAY)

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ASH WEDNESDAY



Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart, for He Has Reconciled You to Himself

“Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people” (Joel 2:15–16). Lent, with its corporate fast, begins today. “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Imposition of Ashes, from Gen. 3:19). “Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger” (Jonah 3:9). We know. Faith believes that, for Christ’s sake, “a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psalm 51:17). He is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13); therefore, we do not hesitate to return to Him “with all [our] heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning” (v. 12).

He raises the dead, as we shall see in 40 days’ time. Satan opposes such reconciliation and life. He would twist our discipline into self-serving pride (Matt. 6:1–12), leading us into unbelief and unfruitfulness until we fall from the Lord’s “precious and very great promises” (2 Peter 1:4, 8). For this reason, our

Lenten discipline not only gives something up but also takes up the sustenance and exercise of faith: hearing His Word and turning from ourselves—to God in prayer and to our neighbour with charity. “Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love” (v. 5–7).

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IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN – #419 – Savior, When in Dust to Thee

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT – *Ps. 57:1-3a, c; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

You have mercy on | all, O Lord,*
and abhor nothing | you have made.

You look past the sins of men that they | may repent.*
You spare them all because you are our | Lord, our God.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merci- | ful to me,*
for in you my soul takes | refuge;

in the shadow of your wings I will take | refuge,*
till the storms of destruction | pass by.

I cry out to | God Most High,*
to God who fulfills his pur- | pose for me.

He will send from heaven and | save me.*

God will send out his steadfast love and his | faithfulness!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
You have mercy on | all, O Lord,*
and abhor nothing | you have made.
You look past the sins of men that they | may repent.*
You spare them all because you are our | Lord, our God.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Joel 2:12–19*

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³and 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.
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;
consecrate a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather 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.

¹⁷Between 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?’”

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land
and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The 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.

GRADUAL

Be merciful to me, O God, be merci- | ful to me,*
for in you my soul takes | refuge.

He will send from heaven and | save me;*
he will put to shame him who tramples | on me.

EPISTLE – 2 Peter 1:2–11

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very

great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

TRACT – *Psalm 103:10; 79:8a, 9a*

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name.

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Return to the Lord...

HOLY GOSPEL – *Matthew 6:1–21*

¹[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.

²“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. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“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. ⁶But 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.

⁷“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,
¹²and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “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.

¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that 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.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY – #607 – From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray to the Lord **C: Lord have mercy**

We pray for our Shut-ins –
Elwood Kaminsky, Kathy Krahenbil & Kathy Shurvell
Also Eileen Wiens and others we know to be in need.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

If you are not a member of Lutheran Church Canada or a sister church, please feel welcome to come up during the Supper to receive a blessing.

Indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your heart.

If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the Pastor after the service and express your holy desire.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – #611 – Chief of Sinners Though I Be

COMMUNION LITURGY – pages 160-163

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT (THANK THE LORD) &
BENEDICTION – page 164**

CLOSING HYMN – #418 – Oh Lord, throughout These Forty Days

POSTLUDE

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LENTEN SERVICES:

Vespers 7pm every Wednesday in Lent
(followed by Pastor's Class until 8:30 pm)

PASTOR'S CLASS:

As of Lent 2026, beginning in the middle of February, Pastor will be offering a class on the Basics of the Christian Faith, starting Wednesday, February 25th at 7 pm *and subsequent Wednesday until Easter*. It will be a refresher for the regular growth for the fringe, and an introduction for the new. The call here is to bring yourselves and someone with you. *Of course, there are no strings attached but the offer will be to re-affirm a baptized person's faith or be baptized, if they so desire, at the end of the course.*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Friday, February 27th at 1.30 – 3pm.

Discussions may include future dates, times, activities and friendships.

BIBLE STUDY:

Church History *(and why it's relevant)* is back on at 10am Sundays.

PRIVATE CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION:

This is offered on Saturday mornings 10am-11am at the church.