

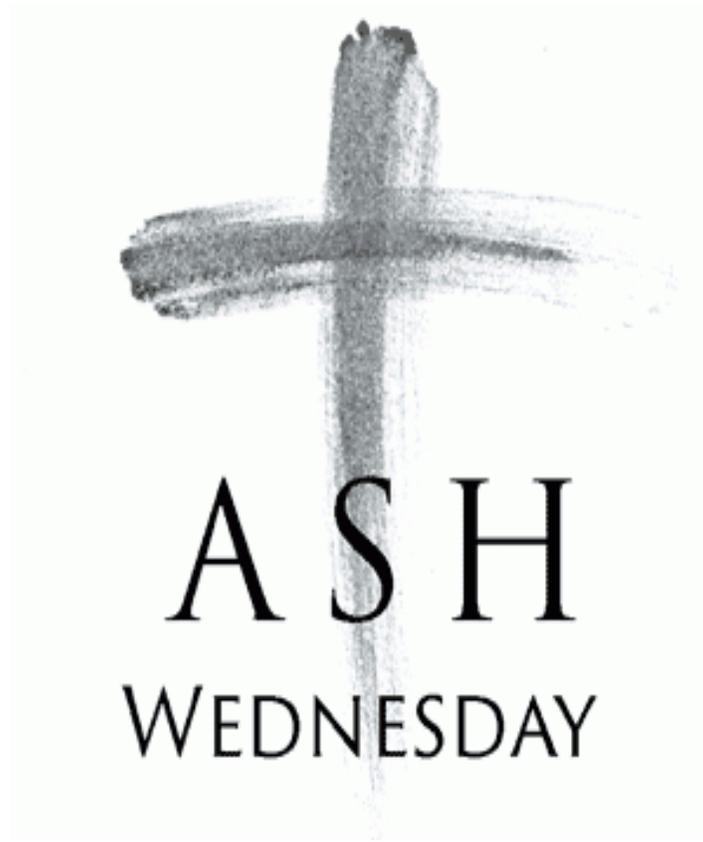
Welcome

March 2, 2022

10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion

Disposable masks may be found in the Narthex.
Please remember to social distance and use the sanitization centers.

Please enter the Sanctuary quietly...



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lights in the Sanctuary are turned up.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to You (vs. 1-2)

LBW# 91

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)

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.

Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.

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.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God (Mueller)

Please lean forward in your pew or kneel.

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, I now ask those who wish to do so, to come forward to receive the mark of the cross in ashes upon their brow.

To each: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

After receiving the ashes please return down the side aisle and remain quietly and reflective in your pew.

Please stand as able.

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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: 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.”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

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

^{20b}We implore 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.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

Please stand as able.

LENTEN RESPONSE (Joel 2:13)

LBW# 99

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days (vs. 1)

**1 O Lord, throughout these forty days, You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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. ²Thus, 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. ⁵And 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.

¹⁶“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. ¹⁹Do 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN Just as I Am, without One Plea (vs. 1-4)

LBW# 296

NICENE CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him

all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards a Lenten Offering. During the month of March, the Benevolence focus is on Congo Mission International. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN OFFERTORY

LBW# 296

Just as I Am, without One Plea (vs. 5-6)

**5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

6. **Just as I am; thy love unknown, Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

- 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 him thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

- P In 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers. For those who prefer individually sealed units please indicate. Gluten wafers and grape juice are also available upon request.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)



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.

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

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

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION LENTEN CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to You (vs. 3-4)

LBW# 91

PREDICTION OF THE PASSION

P Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem...And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, who will condemn him to death...And they will hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him and scourge him, and finally, they will crucify him...But on the third day, he will rise.

As we enter quietly...we exit quietly.

Lights are turned down low.

POSTLUDE

O Lord Throughout These Forty Days

Sedio

THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

Acolytes: Felisaty and Dusty Morgan

Altar Guild: Jan Huffman and Nikki Nguyen

Communion Assistants:

Tara Davis, Doris Shepherd, and Franklin Merrell

Lay Readers: Dusty Morgan Jr. Family

Ushers: Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), Elbert Kluttz,

Wade Leazer, and Ronald Vellines

Offering Counters: Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Sonya Mulkey, and Vivian Sprinkle

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Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (pages 77-97)

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