

SERVICES FOR LENT

# GUIDED *to the* CROSS



*Ash Wednesday*  
GUIDED TO FORGIVENESS



*Week 1*  
GUIDED TO HOPE



*Week 2*  
GUIDED TO LOVE



*Week 3*  
GUIDED TO PEACE



*Week 4*  
GUIDED TO TRUST



*Week 5*  
GUIDED TO PERSEVERANCE

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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11am & 7:00 p.m. in-person  
& Facebook Live

## Ash Wednesday

**Theme:** In this service for Ash Wednesday, we are drawn to Calvary to receive forgiveness. In word and song, we contemplate how to live lives of forgiving one another as we have been forgiven by Christ through the cross.

## ♪ Pre-Service Music

## Service of the Sacrament & Imposition of Ashes

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)*

*(The imposition of ashes symbolizes our submission to God, our dust to dustness, and our need for scrubbing, cleansing and purifying which we receive through the sacrifice of Christ's body and blood. The process for receiving ashes will be explained during the service.)*

## Ringing of the Bells

### Welcome

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** In ancient times, people might display their sorrow over sin by scattering dust and ashes on their heads, a reminder that in Eden God decreed death as the penalty for sin: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19). Yet God also promised that a Savior would come to destroy the power of the tempting serpent who had brought sin and death into God's creation. In his suffering, the inspired prophet Job spoke of his trust in the Lord's promise: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth" (Job 19:25). Confident in his Redeemer's love, Job confessed his sins, "I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6). Remembering that the promised Savior, Jesus our Redeemer, shed his blood on the cross for us, we take onto ourselves a mark of repentance. You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive the mark of ashes, a reminder that we, like Job, repent in dust and ashes.

*The Imposition of Ashes takes place at this time. Participants are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a mark of ashes.*

♪ Hymn During the Imposition of Ashes: “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” ---LSB #606

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains  
Clean in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.
2. I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him;  
He heals all my diseases; my soul he does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; he all my sorrows shares.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on his breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.

**P** Having received the symbol of repentance, let us confess our sins to God our Savior, using the words of the psalmist David.

**C** “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!...Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

**P** God has had mercy on us, and for the sake of Christ Jesus our Redeemer, he has forgiven our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **The Prayer of the Day :**

**P** Heavenly Father, although we are all too aware of our sins and failures, we repent with humble confidence, knowing that Jesus shed his blood on the cross for us. By your grace, your undeserved favor for sinners, you have brought us out of the domain of sin and transferred us into the kingdom of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we have forgiveness for our sins. Lead us by your Spirit to walk in love as Jesus walked, and to bear witness to the fact that our Redeemer lives! Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

## The Old Testament Reading

*Psalm 103:11-14*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Reading

*Colossians 1:9-14*

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel Reading

*Luke 23:33-34*

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ♪ Sermon Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

*---LSB # 610 vs 1 & 4*

**1** Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.

**4** Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.

## Sermon: "Guided to Forgiveness"

*Rev. Marty Marks*

## Prayers

**P** Lord and Savior, we begin this season of Lent marked with the ashes of repentance. As we remember your suffering and death for us, we trust in your steadfast love and look to you for mercy and forgiveness. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord and Savior, through your death and resurrection, we have been delivered from the domain of sin and death. By grace through faith in your holy name, we have been brought into your kingdom. Our sins are washed away in your blood, and we have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord and Savior, we pray for those who are suffering in ashes of grief and loss, of illness and sorrow. Bring help and healing to *[mention known names of those with health concerns and those who have lost loved ones]* and to those we name in our hearts. Comfort them through the promises of your holy Word, and lead us to encourage them in love. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord and Savior, you prayed for forgiveness for those who nailed you to the cross. As you have forgiven us, lead us by your Spirit to forgive others as we have been forgiven and to walk in love as you did. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord and Savior, through these 40 days, we will remember your suffering and death for us. As we praise you for your saving love, we look forward with joy to the celebration of your resurrection on Easter morning. When you return on the Last Day, we too will be raised as you were raised, and we will receive the crown of life. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **Have mercy on us, and hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## *The Service of the Sacrament*

### Prayer of Preparation

**P** The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

**P** & **C** **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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

**C** And also with you.

### The Distribution

#### ♪ Hymns During the Distribution

♪ “Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing “

---LSB# 421 vs. 1,2 & 4

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
In Your holy wounds I find,  
Ev’ry hour that I am feeling  
Pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
Tempt my treach’rous heart to sin,  
Show the peril, and from sinning  
Keep me from its first beginning.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and passion,  
And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
That the tempter flee confounded.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atoning passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.

**"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"**

*---LSB #609 vs. 1&2*

1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

**Benediction**

**Silent Prayers**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

<b>Participants – February 14, 2024</b>		
Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson		
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Musicians</b>	C-J Motisi	C-J Motisi
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	---	Nathan Allen
<b>Slides</b>	---	Doug Nelson
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