



First Lutheran Church

Welcome. You belong here!

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Wednesday, March 5 · 12:05pm · Ash Wednesday



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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

How Small our Span of Life

ELW #636, vs. 1, 3

1. How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death: a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath, a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore, a flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.
3. O Christ, you left eternity to plunge in time's swift stream, to share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem. You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end and touch us with your risen life that ours may time transcend.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Gracious God, C: **we confess that we have sinned 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. Forgive us and lead us to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ "Beware of practicing your righteousness 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. ³ But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so 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. ⁶ But 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Matthew Engum

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #473

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW #606, vs. 1, 3

1. Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.
3. O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Lunch will be served following the service, the cost is a freewill donation and everyone is welcome! Lenten services are held every Wednesday, through April 9 at 12:05pm & 6pm.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKS

The 2025 FLC Lenten Devotional book written by you—for you, is ready to be picked up! Grab your copy today!

EASTER FLOWERS

Spring has sprung! We are once again offering the opportunity to sponsor Easter flowers in honor/memory of your loved ones. Order forms can be found on the volunteer table.

VISITORS

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