February 13, 2013

Ash Wednesday

Welcome Visitors!
We’re glad you are with us today.

Please sign in on the YES! Sheet and pass it to the center aisle. If you would like to request a prayer to be read during worship, write it on the back. An usher will pick it up during the Hymn of the Day.

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Ash Wednesday

• Please stand as you are able  ELW=red hymnal  Congregation responses are bold

Gathering
(The congregation gathers in quietness.)

Psalm 51
(Refrain sung by Assisting Minister first, then by all.)

Refrain

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

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.  Refrain
5 Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

6 Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. Refrain

9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. Refrain

13 Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

14 Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

16 For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise. Refrain

• Greeting

  Presiding Minister:
  The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

  And also with you.

• Prayer of the Day
Word

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Hymn  “Wait for The Lord”  ELW 262

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 & “Glory to Glory” by Susan Palo Cherwien

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

• Gospel Acclamation  “Return to The Lord”

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and
merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

• Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Today’s Readings

Before the Gospel:  Glory to you, O Lord.
After the Gospel:  Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day  “Restore in Us, O God”  ELW 328

(During the hymn, YES! Sheet are gathered.)

Sermon  Pastor Kathy Nolte

Time for Silent Reflection
Confession of Sin

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Presiding Minister:
Most holy and merciful God, 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.

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.
Have mercy on us, O God.

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.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.
Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.
Imposition of Ashes

(Those who wish to receive ashes will come forward in the same manner as for Communion. When the Pastor applies the ashes to your forehead, she will say, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” It is a sign of frailty, repentance, and renewal. You may respond, “Amen”.)

Music Meditation

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You"  ELW 600

(After all have received ashes)
Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

• Prayers of the People

• Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering  Anthem

“Hear Me, O Lord”  Good Shepherd Choir

(As the table is set and gifts are gathered, the congregation sings together.)
Offertory  “Our Father, We Have Wandered” (verse 1)

1 Our Fa-ther, we have wan-dered and hid-den from your face;
2 And now at length dis-cern-ing the e-evil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv-ing, both ban-ish-ed and re-stored,
in fool-ish-ness have squan-dered your leg-a-cy of grace.
be-hold us, Lord, re-turn-ing with hope and trust to you.
com-pas-sion-ate, for-giv-ing, and ev-er-car-ing Lord,

But now, in ex-ile dwell-ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re-joic-ing bring,
grant now that our trans-gress-ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.

as, dis-tant but com-pel-ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless-ing, in par-don, and in peace.

• Offering Prayer

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
• The Great Thanksgiving
  The Lord be with you.
  **And also with you.**
  Lift up your hearts.
  **We lift them to the Lord.**
  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

• Eucharistic Prayer
  **Presiding Minister:**
  We give you thanks, Holy God, ...
  ... with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
  **Amen.**

• Lord’s Prayer
  **Presiding Minister:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
  
  **Our Father in heaven,**
  hallowed be your name,
  your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
  Give us today our daily bread.
  Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
  Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
  For the kingdom, the power,
  and the glory are yours,
  now and forever.
  **Amen.**

Administration of the Sacrament

  **Please come forward to the railing as the ushers direct and kneel if you are able.**
  As you come up please take a cup from the tray unless you want to drink wine from the common cup. You will be given bread. **Gluten free communion wafers are available.** You may choose to be served wine from the silver cup or grape juice from the golden cup. **If you do not have a cup you will be offered the common cup with wine.**
Communion Song

“Lamb of God”

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”  

ELW 608
After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

- **Presiding Minister:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
  
  **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**Assisting Minister:** Let us pray …

O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Sending**

- **Blessing**

  **Presiding Minister:**
  
  May the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ, the One who never turned away from the hard choice. May your bearing be that of Jesus Christ, the One who gave up all to be a servant. May our lives declare the glory of God, Creator, Redeemer + and Giver of Life.

  **Amen.**

- **Sending Hymn**

  “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”  
  
  **ELW 811**

- **Dismissal**

  **Assisting Minister:** Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude
Worship Assistants
Assisting Minister – Judy Beisser
Communion Assistants – Barb Hunt & Warren King

Lenten Activities

Wednesday Evenings, February 20-March 20
6:30pm Lenten Small Groups
6:45pm Simple Supper
7:30pm Evening Prayer Worship
(Senior Choir practice begins after Evening Prayer Worship)

Sunday Mornings during Lent
8:00am & 10:30am Worship
9:15am & 11:30am Lenten Small Groups
Sunday worship – 8:00 & 10:30am
(Holy Communion celebrated at both services)

Pastor – Rev. Kathryn Nolte
Council President – Barbara Hunt
Council Vice President – Brad Grining
Custodian – Tali Melani

Director of Christian Education – Deac. Debbie Rank
Director of Music – Daniel Endow
Office Administrator – Vicki May
Sunday Nursery Attendants – Elois Gardner &
Courtney Roberson