



“From dust you have come; to dust you shall return...”

Ash Wednesday

11:00 AM &

March 2, 2022

7:00 PM

New Life Lutheran Church

Pearland, Texas



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the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

The Cross (a poem for reflection)

**A little word.
But on it
A mighty deed
Performed.**

**The blessed Jesus
Bows
To surrender life
For the good of all
And for his salvation**

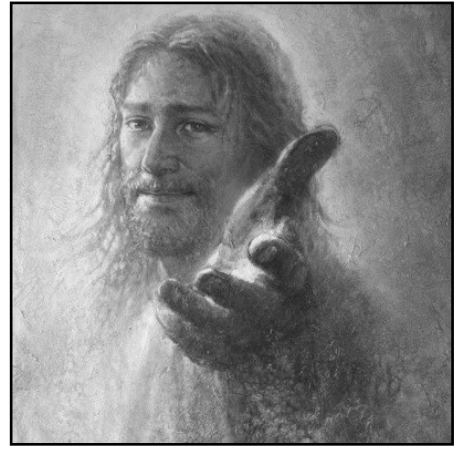
**People
Do you know?
Do you ever think?
How gruesome it was!
How all alone it was!**

**Spend some time
Gazing.
Feeling the suffering
Mingled with love
Flowing from my heart.**

**This is your lot too
For to be my disciple
You cannot love
Without the spear-stab
Twisting your heart.**

Marian Dorman

GATHERING



Precious Lord, Take My Hand

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE PARISH

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy

P: As we encounter Jesus, let us gather in faith, hope, trust and love.

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: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, God's people are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love – the disciplines of Lent – help us to wage our spiritual warfare. May each of us commit ourselves to this struggle and confess our sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere throughout the 40 days of Lent.

Silence for reflections and self-examination.

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. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: We have been deaf 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, choosing our way over yours,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites, our careless ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer & worship, ignoring Jesus' way as the model of the Godly life, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C: accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.



The IMPOSITION OF ASHES follows. Those who desire to receive ashes come forward row by row, one by one. The presiding minister applies ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

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

During the Imposition of Ashes: *Each person at worship is directed to make good use of this quiet time before and after coming to the altar for personal prayer and reflection. The prayers on pages 42-53 of the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) can be used; any of the following Psalms may also be used for your own personal edification - 1, 5, 11, 15, 20, 23, 54, 100, 145. The Psalms are printed in the front half of the green hymnal (LBW).*

After all who desire ashes have received them, the minister leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.

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.**



The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that we may turn from our wickedness and live. Therefore we implore our God to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A SONG TO BEGIN LENT

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel wings I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

There's a holy hush around us,
As God's glory fills this place.
I've touched the hem of Jesus' garment,
I can almost see God's face.
And my heart is over flowing
With the fullness of God's joy.
And I know, without a doubt,
That I've been with the Lord.



Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together. Almighty and ever-living God,

C: you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

Sound the alarm in Jerusalem!

Raise the battle cry on my holy mountain!

Let everyone tremble in fear

because the day of the LORD is upon us.

It is a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of thick clouds and deep blackness.

Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains,

a great and mighty army appears.

Nothing like it has been seen before or will ever be seen again.

That is why the LORD says, "Turn to me now, while there is time.

Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead."

Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

Blow the ram's horn in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting;

call the people together for a solemn meeting.

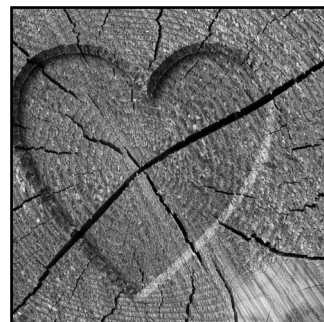
Gather all the people —

the elders, the children, and even the babies.

Let the priests, who minister in the LORD's presence,

stand and weep between the entry room to the Temple and the altar.

Let them pray, "Spare your people, LORD!



Here ends the reading

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10

We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

As God’s partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God’s kindness and then ignore it. For God says,

“At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.”

Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.

We live in such a way that no one will stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry. In everything we do, we show that we are true ministers of God. We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind. We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food. We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. We faithfully preach the truth. God’s power is working in us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

Here ends the reading

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

Gospel READING

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not be like the actors, the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

I Lay My Sins in Jesus

LBW 305



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
 he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.
 his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
 he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.
 like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

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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.

11:00 am

Johnny Salvesen

7:00 pm

Adult Choir Sings

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty God, grant to your Church your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve you and in the confession of your name may abide to the end.

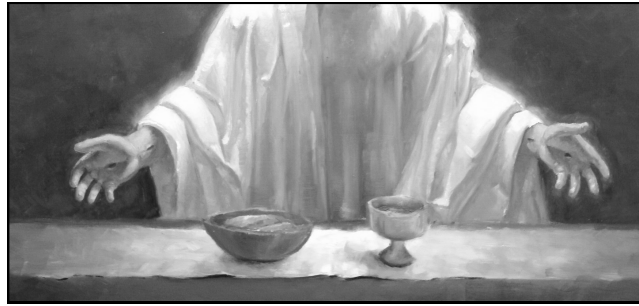
Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that thereby we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



HOLY COMMUNION



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 God thanks and praise.**

A: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: It is the merciful love of God which compels us to come close to this table. Our hands are unclean, our hearts are unprepared; we are not fit even to eat the crumbs from this table. And yet, the Lord is faithful; the God of our salvation desires to share himself with sinners and once again, we are amazed. So as we seek to encounter Jesus and be cleansed and as we prepare to be fed with the precious body and blood of our Lord, we remember that he lives in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, sit and feast in the kingdom.

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.

Therefore, with great anticipation, let us boldly pray:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

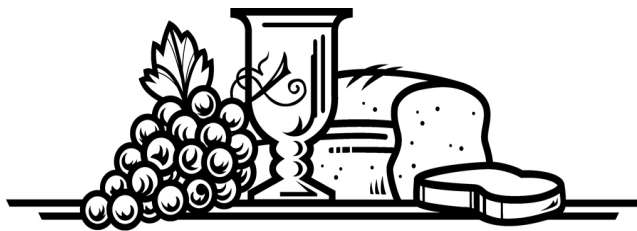
C: Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

C: AMEN!



BLESSING

P: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God.

Whatever goals the Father has placed before you:
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

Whatever encounter Jesus has brought you to:
walk in faith, knowing the same Christ walks with you.

A: Go in peace. You are never abandoned or alone!

C: Amen.

Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



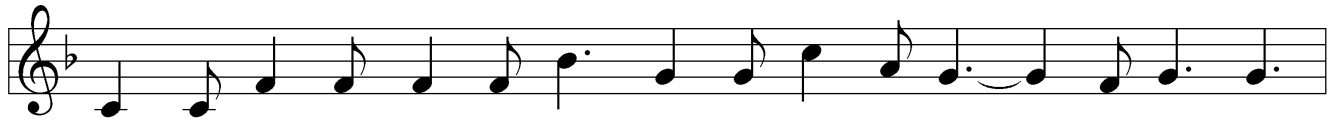
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Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Each person here is freed to go back into the world. We cannot remain here. Please leave in confidence and with respect as they, like you, ponder the work of Christ and the cross which stands before you...



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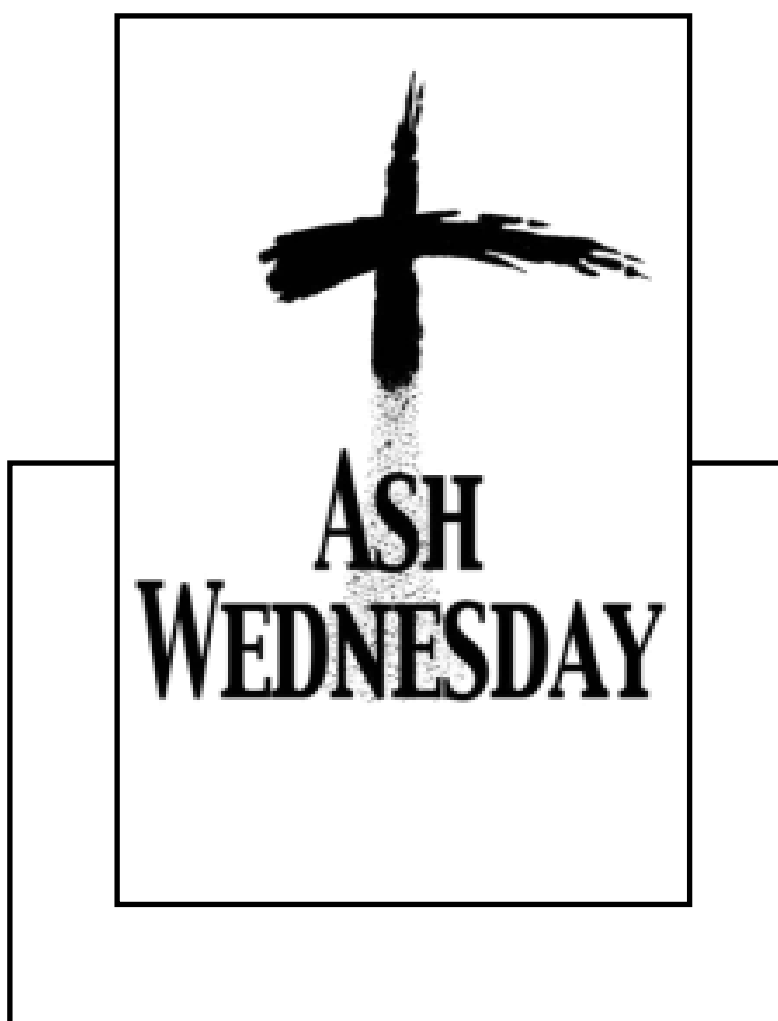
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*"To be Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive
without breathing."*

-Martin Luther

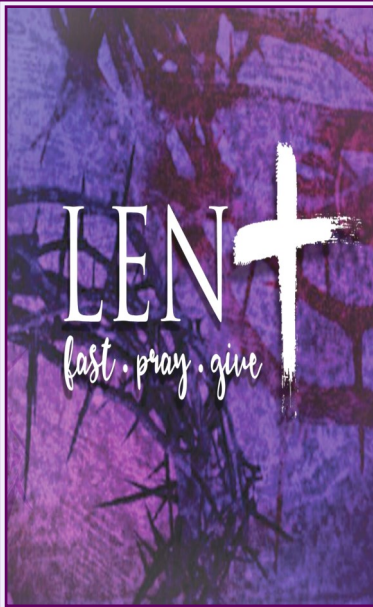
LENTEN SERVICES

New Life will have Lectio Divina Services

March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6

Soup Suppers @ 5:30 pm

followed by Worship Services @ 7:00 PM.



40 items in 40 days

Get started on Spring Cleaning for a cause!

Clean out 40 items during the 40 days of Lent.

New Life will be collecting items for a Silent Auction. While you are cleaning, set aside items to donate. We hope to have auction items out 2-3 weeks before closing the auction on Good Friday at the Fish Fry.

Contact Tiffany @ communitylife@newlifelutheran for more info.



Sign up for Lenten Soup Suppers in the Narthex

5:30pm on March 9, March 16, March 23,
March 30 and April 6

Volunteers are needed to set up, maintain the food area and clean up each week. An email with a link to sign up genius will go out to volunteer to setup, donate food items for the meals (soup, dessert, bread, etc.) or clean up.

go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F48A8AB2CAAFE3-lenten>
Or scan the QR Code for the link.

