

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 51:1-17 video

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #325 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WORDS OF WELCOME

LITANY OF HONESTY

Pastor: Most Holy and merciful Father,

All: We confess to you, and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness—the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitations of other people,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our anger at our own frustrations, and our envy of those whom believe have more,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

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

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

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

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: Restore us, Good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

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

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who desire to receive ashes should come forward to the stations.

*The pastors will apply ashes to the forehead of each person and
speak the words:*

“Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.”

12:00 SONG OF RESPONSE #592 *Just As I Am*

7:00 SONG OF RESPONSE #814 *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING...JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17 NRSV

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—

a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Who 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?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21 NRSV

"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"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.

But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"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.

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.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal;

but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE #801 *Change My Heart, O God*

MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos *This Is Our Story, This Is My Song*

MESSAGE SONG #334 *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THANK OFFERING/GENEROSITY IMPACT

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/give.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



*All Mid-Week Lenten and Easter Day special offerings support
ELCA World Hunger and Mariposa Family Learning Center
<https://onrealm.org/shephills/-/form/give/Lent>*

OFFERING RESPONSE #188 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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;
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.

COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen
presence of Jesus.*

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;

Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

7:00 COMMUNION MUSIC Choir and Jonathan Davies, soloist
Miserere Mei (Psalm 51) Gregorio Allegri

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

SENDING SONG #660 *Lift High the Cross*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: Remembering that we have been marked with the cross of Christ forever, let us go out to share the story of your love for the world.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Eric Paul.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

 Marie Lindstrom, sister of Linda Fiandaca.

 Sara Ella Burden, mother of Sara Burden McClure.

We pray for Debra Wissman and family on the death of her mother, Margie Robinson. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

Merciful and Loving God, as war and violence rages in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

We pray for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

We pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

We pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Choir (7:00)

Altar Steward

(6:30) Sharon Collins, (12:00) Kathy Gerhardt; (7:00) Mark Tate

Assisting Minister (7:00) Cindy Nelson

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis, Pete Forsberg

Bread Kitt Richter

Communion Assistant

(12:00) Elnora and Ken McDonald, Linda Roesle;

(7:00) Cindy Nelson, Mark Tate

Soups On! (12:00) Church Staff; (7:00) Choir

Hosts (12:00) Larry and Sandy Smith, Virginia Bosman;

(7:00) Jeri Porter, Alana Oehler

Tellers (12:00) Virginia Bosman (7:00) Jeri Porter, Mark Tate

Admin Ministry Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations Dave Wegner

Communications Director Dabney Gomes

Student Ministry Coordinator Joel Timmons

Executive Director Bill Dawson

Finance Controller Kevin Marlow

Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator Megan Getman

Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director Rebecca Guengerich

Wednesdays During Lent

“THIS IS OUR STORY, THIS IS MY SONG”

Eyewitnesses at the Cross of Jesus

We invite you to join us for a lunch or dinner, a time of fellowship where we can share in community and support one another in our spiritual journeys.

DRAMATIC STORY-TELLING....

MARCH 1 told by the Crucified Crook

MARCH 8 told by the Roman Centurion

MARCH 15 told by the Accused Woman

MARCH 22 told by Barabbas

MARCH 29 told by Mary, the mother of Jesus

12:00pm Soups On! + 12:30pm Worship

6:00pm Soups On! + 6:30pm Worship

Where: Activity Center

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
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