

# Ash Wednesday

## GATHERING

*Please silence all electronic devices and prepare for worship.*

*Silence for reflection.*

**HYMN** *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* ELW Hymn 321

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(congregation is seated)*

- C** Congregation
- A** Assisting Minister
- P** Pastor

### Today's Theme

The Time of Lent is a pathway of remembrance of the wondrous love of God for all in Jesus Christ. The sign of ashes is a clear sign of our human mortality and frailty. A new day will dawn, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. The Easter feast will come, but for the time being we walk as one and wait with the Sign of the Cross before us.

## WORD

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 58:1-12

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Silence for reflection.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

**P** The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 14:27-33

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*It's Your Choice*

Pastor McEachran

Prepare

Deny Yourself

Reconcile

Read Scripture

Repent

Listen

Mercy

Silence

Mortality

Dust

Know Yourself

Ashes

Prayer

Kneel . . . Now the Silence

Fasting

Now the Peace

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**INVITATION TO LENT**

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**THE PRAYERS**

- A** The stone that the builders rejected,
- C** **has become the chief cornerstone.**

**THE PEACE**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.** *(shared in community)*



**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**SANCTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- C** **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.**

*(congregation is seated)*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*What Wondrous Love* [Charles Dupree]  
*Will Simpson, soloist*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
 strengthen and keep you in God's loving grace, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**PRAYER**



**BLESSING**

*Depart in silence.*

## P A R T I C I P A N T S

*Presiding Minister* Pastor James N. McEachran

*Director of Music Ministries/Organist* Dr. Will Simpson

*Assisting Minister* Karen Grams

Acolyte Alden Johnson

*Altar Guild* Phillip Misner

### LENT

During the Time of Lent, we walk together as a community who trusts that God is about the work of love in sending Jesus into the world. As we walk together in this time of renewal, we are called to remember that in Jesus Christ all things are made new, now and forever.

**“What Wondrous Love...”** is a theme that will carry us deeper in the life of discipleship.

We will share days of worship and learning, fellowship and serving. We are those who carry on the good news that from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, we are the people of the Way. And Jesus said, “Follow me.”

A Lent-Easter calendar is available in the Narthex and on the Saint Andrew’s website.



#### 🕒 **LENTEN MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

are Wednesdays, **February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21.** Pastor McEachran brings devotional words focused on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross.

Soup Supper is served at 6:15 pm; Holden Evening Prayer Worship begins at 7:00 pm.

🕒 **COLOR DURING LENT:** Gather for fellowship and devotion in the Narthex as Saint Andrew’s works together to color the Stations of the Cross as a Communal Art Expression. This is a project we will continue throughout Lent. On Easter morning, the final product will be displayed, and cross generational connections will have been made throughout the Sundays in Lent.

🕒 **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR LENT:** Pray for your Prayer Partner throughout Lent. This is an opportunity to enrich our prayer life by praying for someone else and making connections within our worship community.

🕒 **LENTEN OUTREACH:** The *Baskets of Promise* collection during Lent helps to fill the Personal Care Kits that are sent through Lutheran World Relief to areas of the world where an emergency has occurred and people are left with very little. Place donations in the basket near the elevator in the Narthex.

For Sunday, **February 18**, our collection item is **bath towels** (light-weight, maximum size 52” x 27”, dark color)