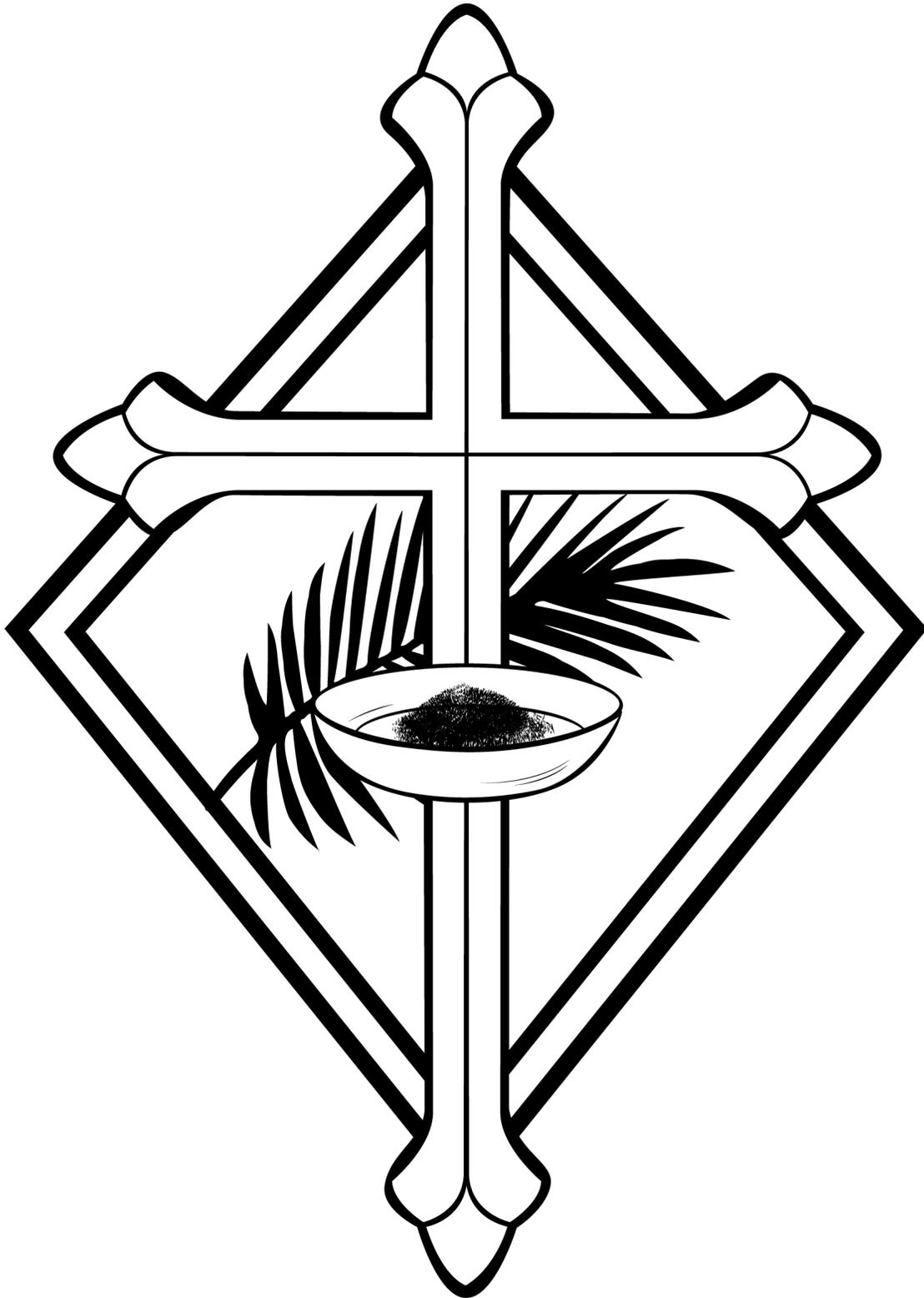


Hope Lutheran Church

9:30am Bible Class – 10:30am Divine Service

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Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018

~ The Divine Service ~

I. The Imposition of Ashes

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Reading

Daniel 9, selected verses

P: Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and just decrees. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name... To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, ...because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets ... Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear ... For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive ... Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

P: Let us pray:

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Bless us this Lenten season so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

Those who wish to receive an ashen cross may proceed down the center isle, in a single-file line, to the base of the chancel steps, where the ashes will be imposed on the forehead by the Pastor.

II. The Service of Word and Confession

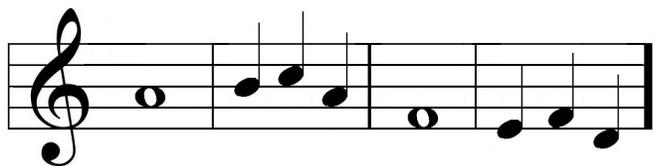
Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-19

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. 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; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

Psalm

Psalm 51, selected verses



- P: ♪ Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your un'failing love /
according to Your great compassion blot out my trans'gressions.
- C: ♪ **Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me 'from my sin /
For I know my sins; they are always be'fore me.**
- P: ♪ Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil 'in Your sight /
You are right in Your verdict, and justified 'when You judge.

**C: ♪ Surely I was sinful at birth, from the time my mother con'ceived me /
Yet you desired faithfulness even 'in the womb;**

P: ♪ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I 'will be clean /
wash me, and I will be more 'white than snow.

**C: ♪ Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my in'iquity / Create in
me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit 'in me.**

P: ♪ Do not cast me from Your presence or take your Holy Spirit '*from* me /
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and grant me a willing '*spirit*.

**C: ♪ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will de'clare Your praise /
You do not delight in sacrifice, or take pleasure in burnt 'offerings.**

P: ♪ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken '*spirit* /
a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will 'not despise.

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father, and 'to the Son /
and to the 'Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, 'is now /
and ever shall be, forevermore. 'Amen.**

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:16-21

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Confessional Homily

Confession of Sin

P: Having now heard the Word of God, let us make confession of our sins: I now ask you, in the presence of God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?

C: I do so confess.

P: Truly you should confess, for the Holy Scriptures declare: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

C: I do repent.

P: Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners; King David, who prayed for a contrite heart, Peter who wept bitterly, the adulterous woman, the prodigal son, and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Christ's sake, will forgive you all your sins?

C: I do so believe.

P: Truly you should believe, for the Holy Scriptures declare: "God so loved the world that He gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Do you promise that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will strive to amend your sinful life?

C: I do so promise.

P: Truly you should so promise, for Christ our Lord says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C: I do so believe.

P: Truly you should believe, for Christ our Lord says: "Whoever hears you, hears Me," and "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them."

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried.
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the Forgiveness of sins,
the Resurrection of the body,
and the Life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Offering

*If you are visiting us today, please do not feel obligated to give.
We are glad to have you with us.*

Prayer of the Church

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in this prayer. Each petition concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which the congregation replies, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

III. The Service of Holy Communion

Hymn of Preparation

319, "Just as I Am"

Exhortation to the Communicants

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.**

Words of Institution

Hymn

41, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy," verse 1

Distribution

The Lord's Supper is intended for those who have been instructed in the truths of God's Word, who can examine themselves spiritually, so that they can receive our Lord's body and blood for their spiritual benefit (1 Cor. 11:25-27). If you are not a member of our congregation, please speak with Pastor Webber before communing. All may come forward to receive a blessing.

Hymn

48, "In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

C: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our

sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ☩ you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

595, "Peace to Soothe our Bitter Woes"

~ Depart in Peace ~

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting with us, please sign our guest book, and know that you are welcome to join us again.

Lent Midweek Services

In the coming 5 weeks we will have midweek services at 7pm, focusing on different aspects of Jesus' being our great and final high priest. There is a schedule for these services on the church door. There is also a sign-up sheet for the 6pm meals in the Bible Class room on the back counter.

1st Quarter Congregational Forum & Voters Meeting

Please plan on staying after the service on February 25th for our 1st congregational meeting of the year. At this meeting, we will be discussing plans for the coming year, including such things as; youth group activities, improvements to our landscaping, and the possibility of our church being a "local campus" for the online Lutheran High School, Wittenberg Academy.