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7:00 p.m. in person
& Facebook Live

Ash Wednesday THE HILLS OF LENT WEEK 1: MOUNT MORIAH

Pre-Service Music 🎵

Service of the Sacrament & Imposition of Ashes

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)

(The imposition of ashes symbolizes our submission to God, our dust to dustness, and our need for scrubbing, cleansing and purifying which we receive through the sacrifice of Christ's body and blood. The process for receiving ashes will be explained during the service, using careful Covid-19 precautions.)

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn ♪ “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

--LSB 418 vs. 1 & 4

**1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.**

**4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven’s praise.**

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Ash Wednesday Opening

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

C Amen.

Litany (*congregation responses will be sung*)

P I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

C My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

C Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

P The Lord himself watches over you.

C The Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

P The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

C The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

P Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.

C Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

P It is vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;

C vain too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

P Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

C Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

P Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!

C He shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

P Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways!

C You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

P Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.

C The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.

P The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children's children.

C May peace be upon Israel.

P Behold, now! Bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.

C The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to be the people you have called us to be and have placed our trust in false gods of our own creation. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God is gracious and merciful, and desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1-3; 18-25

¹What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness”

¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”^[d] ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 8:31-40; 56-58

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father.” ³⁹“Abraham is our father,” they answered. “If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would do what Abraham did. ⁴⁰As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. . . .

⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷“You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” ⁵⁸“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Sermon: “Mt. Moriah ”

--Message delivered through dramatic reading

Prayers

P Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

C Go with us as we journey, God, as once you went with Abraham, our father in the faith. Grant that, like him, we hear your gracious promises and trust your holy Word.

P Everything that is written of the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

C O Lamb of God, you came to be our sacred Substitute, to take our place beneath the wrath that sin had brought upon our race. Give us the faith to trust in you when laughter is withdrawn.

P For he will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.

C For us you bore the mocking and the shame, O Lord. Give us the grace to see your face even in the midst of things we must endure.

P They will scourge him and kill him.

C Lord, by your stripes we are made whole, and by your death new life is promised to us all. Help us to put to death whatever in us is not of your will.

P And on the third day he will rise.

C Lead us, O Lord, from testing to triumph, that we may share the life which you have given us, eternally. Amen.

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.

The Service of the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Hymn during the Distribution and The Imposition of Ashes

♪ “Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

--LSB 419 vs. 1 & 3

1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

3 By Thine hour of dire despair,
By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh;
Hear our penitential cry!

Benediction
Silent Prayers
Announcements
Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – February 17, 2021	
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan & Jackie Hanson	
7:00 p.m.	
Musicians/Vocalists	Linda Conrad; <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i> Don Haeseker; <i>vocalist</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Readers Theater	Kevin Harms, Jackson Harms, Tom Sawyer, C-J Motisi Narrator: Pastor Marty
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