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**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

Plan to attend the Mid-Week Lenten Services each We

**“Nails that Pierce; Nails that Bind”**  
*Mid-week Lenten Experience*

March 16 ó THE APOSTLE PAUL ó the  
March 23 ó PILATE ó victim of circumst  
March 30 ó THE CENTURION ó true fa  
April 6 ó MARTHA & MARY ó choices  
April 13 ó PETER ó certainty of faith in

During the mid-week services Pastor Paul and the deacons will be present to support those who stand under or around the cross. What holds us together?

**Lenten Soup Supper**

A SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER will be provided on Wednesday, March 23, 7:00-8:00 PM. You are invited to come and share a bowl of soup and bread with us before the worship service begins at 7:00. Everything is provided. **COME!**



**God's Global Barnyard** - offering boxes are available on the table in the lobby for sacrificial giving during Lent. Contributions may be returned to church either in person at the office during Holy Week (April 1-7) or by mail. Contribution recorded, please place in the box. All gifts will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Global Barnyard.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

### The 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; 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**

### Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Communion Distribution

#### Distribution Hymn

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**ELW #596**

### Post Communion Prayer

D: Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

### Blessing

P: May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you to live in harmony with all creation; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

### Sending Hymn

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Day*

**ELW #319**

### Dismissal

D: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

There is no postlude during the season of Lent.

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**Celebrating** *the excitement*  
*visible witnesses of*  
**Ministering** *to the spiritual*  
*community and the*

### Invitation to Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's communion table all baptized Christians who have been admitted to the Lord's Table in their own church and acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ in the gift of his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and renewal of life. It is our practice to offer white grape juice to those not desiring red wine. Pre-filled white grape juice glasses are next to the communion assistants. Please indicate your desire for grape juice to the communion assistant. Empty communion glasses are deposited on the end of the front pews. All who commune are asked to check the "will commune" box in the red worship welcome pad.

Prior to the start of worship, please turn off **cellular phones, pagers or watch alarms** that may sound during the worship service.

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As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see ô we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

<sup>15</sup>Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue  
O God of my salvation.

**<sup>16</sup>Open my lips, O LORD,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

<sup>17</sup>Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**<sup>18</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you**

#### **Invitation to Lent**

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church  
Jesusøpassover from death to life, and our life in Christ.

D: We begin this holy season by acknowledging  
mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion  
and to live in harmony with creation. But our sins  
neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the

P: As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline  
whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor.  
discipline of Lentô self-examination and repentance  
and works of loveô strengthened by the gifts of wisdom  
journey through these forty days to the great Three

#### **Confession of Sins**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and

P: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess to you and to one another, and  
that we have sinned by our fault, by our own free will,  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done**

D: We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not followed

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ  
to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit

D: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,  
lives, we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our  
to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

D: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our  
we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our  
we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

D: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

D: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

### Silence for Meditation and Reflection

#### The Imposition of Ashes

*(Those who desire to receive ashes come forward to the altar. The pastor/deacon will apply ashes to the forehead of each person in the sign of the cross with the words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Please respond by saying "Amen.")*

#### Hymn

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling  
(Sung during imposition of ashes.)*

**ELW #608**

#### 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.**

D: By the cross and passion of your son, our Lord,

**C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

#### The Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God, 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 obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

#### The Lessons for Ash Wednesday

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

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  
<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Yet even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Sanctify the congregation;  
assemble the aged;  
gather the children,  
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD,  
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 people,  
'Where is their God?'"

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to you, O God.**

#### 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

<sup>20</sup>We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.  
him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.