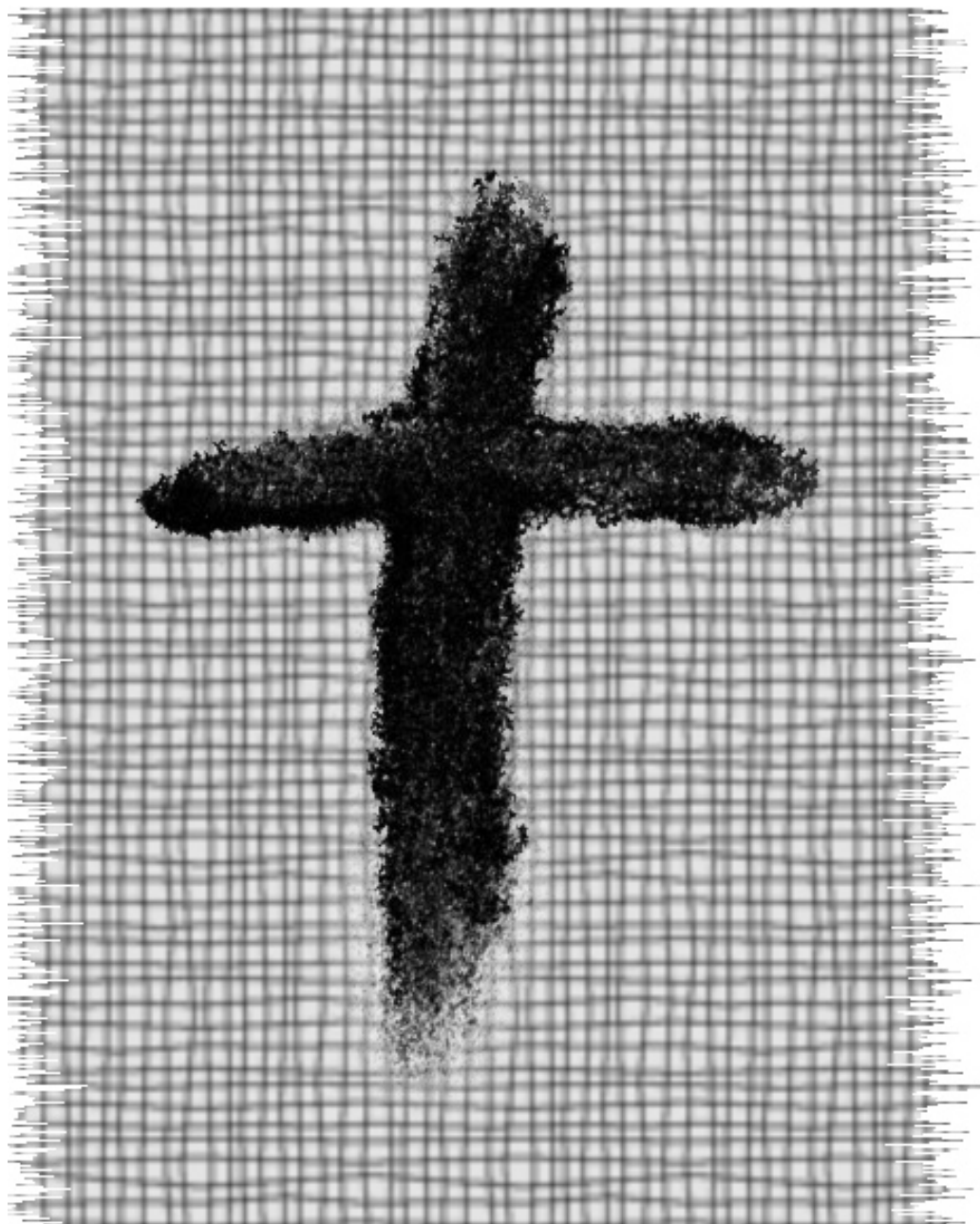


February 17, 2021
12:15 pm

Ash Wednesday



The Gospel reading for today is Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. You are encouraged to read this lesson prior to worship or during the week.

WELCOME!



- WELCOME TO LIVESTREAM WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together online to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.
- During this heightened time of awareness and prevention** regarding Coronavirus, we would like to let you know.....
- As part of normal practices, the Altar Guild washes hands prior to preparing the Communion supplies and ensures that common use items are cleaned for use weekly.
 - In addition to these practices, the Altar Guild is also:
 - ◊ sanitizing trays and bowls before and after services.
 - ◊ wiping down the altar, railing, and baptismal font before and after services.
 - Communion is set for each worship participant at physically distanced locations in the Sanctuary.
 - Worship participants wash hands and use hand sanitizer before, during, and after worship.
 - At the Peace, we share a verbal "Peace be with You" to maintain physical distancing.
 - We are wiping down "common touch" areas in the Sanctuary, such as the armrests and tops of pews, before each service.
 - Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building for use.
 - Frequent and thorough handwashing is encouraged.
 - "Common touch" areas are being sanitized daily.
 - Furnaces are running full-time to help filter the air in the building.
- HOLY COMMUNION** is God's Word of love made visible in bread and wine. At Communion Distribution, the **BREAD** is gluten free. **RED WINE** is offered by individual cup. **WHITE GRAPE JUICE** is offered by individual cup.
- WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** and offer a variety of resources to include them:
- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas about how to engage children in worship.
 - "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all children to listen to a message.
 - Links to download and print an activity sheet for Sunday are in each week's *Trendings* eNews.

February 17, 2021

Order of Worship

12:15 pm

Ash Wednesday

G A T H E R I N G

C All
S Singer
P Pastor

Welcome to Worship!

As we prepare for worship, we invite you to a time of silence and focus.

Find a comfortable place in your home for worship.

Get some crackers or bread and something to drink so that we can share Communion.

Light a candle if you have one.

PRELUDE

Peace

[Sigurd M. Øgaard]

Karin Islip, violin; Will Simpson, organ

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

INVOCATION

HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW Hymn 319

PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D

READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

P Word of God.

C Word of Life.

MUSIC

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

[Lowell Mason]

Vanessa Wilkie, bell tree

SERMON

Pastor Lara

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW Hymn 793

CONFESSION**BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES****ABSOLUTION**

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

- S** Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

If you are at home, we encourage you to post the peace on a social media platform.

M E A L

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Communion: If you have a Spark Story Bible, have your children follow along on page 465. The Lord's Prayer is on page 280.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

S E N D I N G

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.

BLESSING

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

SENDING (*dismissal*)

S Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God!

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WELCOME to WORSHIP

WE BEGIN THE PILGRIMAGE OF LENT today, Ash Wednesday with a Liturgy of Ashes and Holy Communion. This liturgy incorporates the ancient practice of marking ourselves in ashes with the sign of the cross as a double reminder: a reminder of our need for God and also of God's love for us.