

Psalm 51:1-17. 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. 16 For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; and a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

SERVING TODAY (next midweek)

Lector: Steve R (Donna R) Prayers: Tim H (Joe R)
AV: Jeff R, Tasha W (Steve R, Tasha W)
Organist: Becky S (Marlene C)

Five Midweek Lent Services Scheduled

Each of the five midweek Lent messages will develop on the theme, "A Holy Lament, Turning Back to the Lord." Supper at 6:30pm, worship at 7:00pm for five Wednesdays, Mar 05 through Apr 09.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to the Father, we have already been reconciled to Him through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

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Peace Lutheran Church LCMC



March 05, 2024

7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday
with The Imposition of Ashes

Rev. William Loeffke, Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude

*a time of meditation
and preparation for worship*

The Gathering Hymn #30

*(Blue Binder)
"God Be Merciful to Me"*

The Call to Worship

*Psalm 51: 1-17
(congregation stands and reads together)*

The Confession & Forgiveness

(front of Hymnal)

The Prayer Of The Day

Almighty and ever-living God, You hate nothing You have made, and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from You, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Imposition of Ashes

(The ushers will direct you forward to receive ashes)

Pastor: Remember you are dust
and to dust you shall return



The Readings from

*Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10*

A Reading from
the Holy Gospel According to
Matthew 16:1-6, 16-21

The Gospel Acclamation

**C: "Return to the Lord, Your God, who is
gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love."**

The Sermon

*"The Sign of the Cross"
Notes are available in the Narthex*

The Hymn of the Day #676

*"O Jesus, I have Promised"
"Whoever serves Me must follow Me."
John 12:26*

The Apostles' Creed

The Prayers Of The People

*Reader: "God, in Your mercy,"
Congregation: **"Hear our prayer."***

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Sending Hymn #314

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"
"Praise be to the Lord, for He showed
His wonderful love to me." Psalm 31:21*

The Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the sick.
Congregation: **"Thanks be to God!"**

The Postlude

The offering plate is in the Narthex
Offerings received during midweek Lent services
will be directed to *Samaritan's Purse*
May God bless your generous gifts.