



# HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

March 2, 2022 - 6:30 pm

## Ash Wednesday



### GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Opening Hymn

*"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"*

ELW 605

Greeting

Prayer

Special Music

*"Dust in the Wind"*

Bill Sukstorf

### WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

**Ezekiel 37:1-14...**The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

*"Restore in Us, O God"*

ELW 328

Invitation to Lent

Confession of Sin

Imposition of Ashes

Prayers

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Hymn	<i>"Now the Silence"</i>	ELW 460
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Song	<i>"Just As I Am"</i>	ELW 592
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Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Hymn	<i>"Softly and Tenderly"</i>	ELW 608
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Dismissal

Postlude

### Announcements

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship Guidelines** Everyone is required to wear masks. You can commune in your seat instead of coming forward. Sunday worship services are live streamed on Facebook.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month pantry is March 17. [CLICK HERE](#) to help.
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email the [Church Office](#).
- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see Call Process posters. We are currently in step one of the Preparation Phase: "Transition Begin." The Assistant to the Bishop we will be working with is Pastor Juliet Focken. Pastor Juliet is working with Pastor Heather and the Council to identify an interim pastor (Transitional Minister) to work with Pastor Heather throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Save the Date—Call Process** Please plan to join us on Sunday March 6th as Pastor Juliet Focken preaches and then leads an **adult forum on the call process**. Pastor Juliet is the assistant to the Bishop who is working with Holy Cross during this time of transition. She will provide some clarification regarding the steps of the call process as well as be available to answer any questions you may have.
- ⇒ **Wednesdays during Lent** Rejuvenate your soul at 6:30 pm with the Holden Evening Prayer March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6.
- ⇒ **High School Summer Road Trip** With the cancellation of the ELCA Youth Gathering, we are moving forward with our own summer plans. Current 8th graders and all High School youth are invited to join us on our High School Summer Road Trip to Oklahoma City, OK July 24-28, 2022 for service learning, sightseeing, fellowship, and fun! Registration details have been emailed to parents. Contact Kelsey with questions.
- ⇒ **Red Cross Blood Drive** is set for Sunday, March 13 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Make your appointment now to donate your life saving gift by registering online or calling 1-800-red-cross.

### Calendar for Upcoming Week

#### **Sunday, March 6**

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live  
10:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells

#### **Monday, March 7**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

#### **Tuesday, March 8**

7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

#### **Wednesday, March 9**

6:00 pm Confirmation & Kings Kids Rhythm  
6:30 pm Lenten Worship  
7:05 pm Radical Ringers & Youth Group

#### **Thursday, March 10**

6:00 pm Finance Committee  
6:30 pm Carolan Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, March 11**

7:30 pm Belles N Beaus

#### **Saturday, March 12**

9:30 am Sarah Circle  
3:00 pm Communion and Liberation

#### **Sunday, March 13**

9:30 am Blood Drive  
9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live  
10:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells  
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #48012 Mtg

### Prayer Requests from our Church Community

**Member Concerns:** Patti Evans as recovers from a stroke. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns.

**On-Going Member Concerns:** Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

**Friends and Relatives:** Bill Grunke, Weston Grunke's step brother; Jimmy Moran, 10-year-old son of a friend of Troy Schnack; Josh Prochotsky, Paula McDonald's nephews son; Ellen Gitt, Eric Gitt's mother; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson & Sharon Kelley, Julie Noteman's brother and sister; Aaron McDonald, McDonald's grandson; Larry Rolles, Linda Kohrs' daughter-in-law's father; Diane Aden, friend of Linda Kohrs.

**Grieving:** Rohn Collins and his family as they mourn the death of his mother.

Dennis Schwieger and his family as they mourn the death of his brother.