

ASH WEDNESDAY

in the year of our Lord March 2, 2022



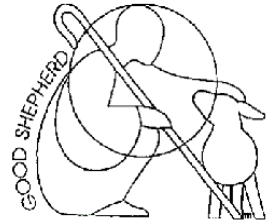
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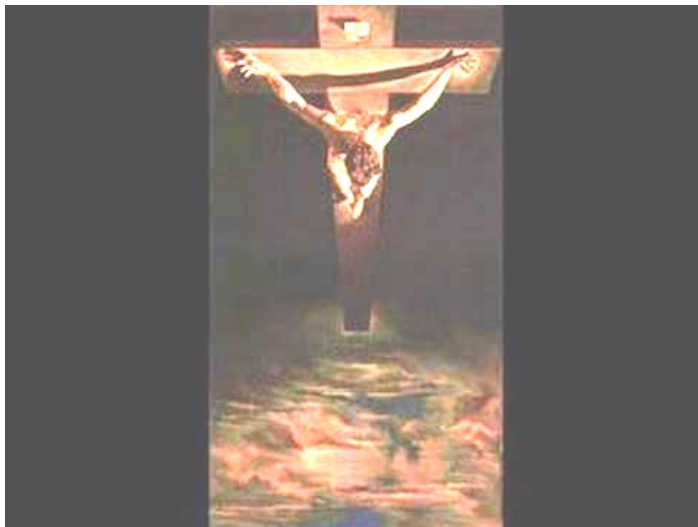
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### ***Welcome to worship!***

*Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, a 40 day journey to Easter. Tonight and for the next five Thursday evenings during this Lenten season we are highlighting what might have been on the hearts and minds of certain Bible characters who were there when our Savior, the Christ was crucified.*

## ***I Was There When They Crucified Your Lord***



## † Service of Repentance †

### WELCOMING SONG

*Drawn to the Cross*

CW21 #808

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

**Amen.**

"When the time came, I listened to you," says the Lord; "and when you needed help,  
I came to save you."

**But we are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and with weeping and with mourning.

**The sacrifice the Lord desires is a broken, contrite heart; it will not be despised.**

O God, we have sinned.

**In our thinking, in our speaking, in our doing-we have sinned. We have disobeyed  
Your will, and we have neglected it. We stand condemned. But Jesus Christ  
stands with us. His Spirit makes it possible for us to plead for mercy. We  
come with broken, contrite hearts, for we have sinned.**

Christ never sinned! But God treated Him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God. By the working of the Holy Spirit, may God in His mercy grant you true repentance and sincere faith so that, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, you may have treasure in heaven.

**Amen.**

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING

2 Samuel 12:1-13

So the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came and told him this: There were two men in a city. One was rich and one poor. 2 The rich man had a large number of flocks and herds. 3 The poor man did not own anything except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He raised it so that it grew up together with him and his children. It ate from his food and drank from his cup. It slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 4 When a traveler came to the rich man, the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his flock or from his herd to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come

to him. So he took the lamb from the poor man and prepared it for the man who had come to him. 5 David's anger flared up against that man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this is as good as dead. 6 In place of that lamb, he will restore four lambs, because he did this and had no pity." 7 Nathan told David, "You are the man. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says." I anointed you king over Israel. I rescued you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave the house of your master to you, and I gave the wives of your master into your embrace. I gave you the house of Israel and the house of Judah. If this was too little, I would have added even more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in his eyes? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword. You have taken his wife as your own wife. You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 So now the sword will not depart from your house forever, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. 11 This is what the Lord says. Look! I am raising up disaster against you from your own house. Right in front of your eyes I will take your wives and give them to your neighbor, and he will lie down with your wives in the sight of the sun. 12 Because you acted in secret, I will do this in front of all Israel in broad daylight. 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan said to David, "The Lord himself has put away your sin. You will not die.

PSALM 51D                      God, Be Merciful to Me                      stanzas 1-3 (tune CW21 #425)

**God be merciful to me, on Your grace I rest my plea;  
Your compassions overflow, blot out my transgression now;  
wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.**

**My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Your grace and provoked You to Your face;  
I confess Your judgment just, speechless, in Your mercy trust.**

**I am evil, born in sin; You desire all truth within.  
You alone my Savior are, teach Your wisdom to my heart;  
make me pure, Your grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.**

## SECOND READING

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 "However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 "I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

PSALM 51D

God, Be Merciful to Me

stanzas 4-6

(tune CW21 #425)

**Broken, humbled to the dust by Your wrath and judgment just,  
let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Your voice;  
from my sins, O hide Your face, blot them out in boundless grace.**

**Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
let me not abandoned be, let Your Spirit dwell in me;  
Your salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.**

**Sinners then shall learn from me and to God restored shall be;  
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Your love;  
touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.**

THIRD READING

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 2 For he says: At a favorable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation!

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

Lent is here - a time for contemplating our sins, and our Savior. This is what the Bible teaches, and what we believe.

**We believe in Jesus Christ; He is God from eternity, Almighty, all-knowing, present in all places. He is a man from Nazareth, weak in the flesh, fearful of future sorrow, tortured by pain. He was tempted like us, yet like we will never know; but He triumphed over temptation, He refrained from His full might and glory, He submitted humbly to the Father's will, He chose death, to give us life.**

We believe that our sins anger God, each one of them, big and small, public and private, those that hurt others, those that don't appear to hurt any person, those we don't even remember.

**We believe Jesus Christ lived and died for the sins of the world. He resisted every temptation, He reached out in love, to anyone in need, He remained pure in every thought, not just to be a good person, not just to be a good example, but to be mankind's perfect Savior and Substitute; to live the law in our place, so the law will not condemn us.**

He submitted to shame, He suffered unjust punishment, He sacrificed Himself, not to prove a point, not to just show us how to obey, but to take mankind's sentence for sin, as our perfect Savior and Substitute. He is our sure hope and salvation.

**This is what the Bible says. This is what we believe.**

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY      My Song Is Love Unknown    CW21 #399 st. 1,3,4,7

SERMON TEXT      John 11:45-53  
I, Caiaphas the High Priest, was there when they crucified your Lord.

SONG RESPONSE      CW21 #426 st. 1-2

OFFERING      Choir Anthem

### **ASH WEDNESDAY RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before You in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts, words, and actions that nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only Your wrath and punishment. Yet You reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but as a God of mercy and love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness and in response to Your gracious invitation, we come pleading for Your forgiveness.

**Lord, have mercy on us for Your holy name's sake.**

You have revealed Your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. You sent Him into our world to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment He endured should have been ours. Help us understand that in incomprehensible love He suffered and died for us.

**Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.**

In silent meditation let us reflect on our sins, praise our Savior for the forgiveness He has won for us, and ask for God's continued grace to remove any doubt that we are forgiven.

*Time for silent meditation follows.*

God of grace and mercy, may Your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow the way of the cross. As we contemplate the story of our Savior's passion, build us up in our faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve You by reflecting Your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all for whom You lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in Your presence forever.

**We offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves in body and spirit to You, Lord God. Hear us, according to Your promise, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

tune: CW21 #783

**Praise we the holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Almighty God, by earth and heav'n adored.  
To Him who in the Lord's name now draws nigh  
Be hearts and glad hosannas lifted high.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which He has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By His incarnation, He became one with us.

By His perfect life, He fulfilled your holy will.

By His innocent death, He overcame hell.

By His rising from the grave, He opened heaven.

Invited by Your grace and instructed by Your Word, we approach Your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with Him and all His ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

text: Paul A. Tullberg tune: CW21 #783

Father in heaven, holy be Your name.  
 Your kingdom come, Your will be done the same.  
 On earth as it is done in heaven above.  
 Our Father, bless Your children with Your love.  
 Our daily bread provide for us each day.  
 As we forgive, so take our sins away.  
 In time of trial, saving Lord, be near,  
 From every evil our Deliverer.  
 Yours is the kingdom, over all things reign.  
 Yours is the power, all things You maintain.  
 Yours is the glory, sound it forth again  
 For ever and for evermore. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

tune: CW21 #783

O Lamb of God, the sin You take away  
 Of all the world; have mercy, Lord, we pray.  
 O Lamb of God, Your blessings never cease;  
 Have mercy on us, Lord; grant us Your peace.

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** from the blue hymnal

**658, 420, 407**

+ **CLOSE COMMUNION** Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach. Speak with one of our pastors for more information.

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

tune: CW21 #783

**O Lord, in peace now let Your servant go.  
My eyes have seen: what You have said is so.  
Light for the nations in Your Son has shone,  
Your saving glory to the world made known.**

**Thanks to our Father; thanks to God the Son,  
And Holy Spirit, blessed Three in One--  
It was, is now, and evermore shall be:  
Thanks to the Triune God eternally!**

## CLOSING PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that You have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit help us to live as Your holy people until that day when You will receive us as Your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace. Amen.

## PARTING SONG

*Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*

**CW21 #400**



# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

## **Our mission is simple and bold:**

We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We want to *make Him known to others* so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

**Our divine call to Mrs. Leah (Clark) Vagts who currently teaches grades 3-4 at Redeemer Lutheran School in Tucson, AZ has been returned.**

**Our next call meeting is TODAY, immediately after worship.**

**We ask that our voting members prayerfully consider attending in person or via zoom online, as we vote for a teacher for our Good Shepherd School.**

**Your attendance is a vital part of our ministry in sharing the precious Gospel of Jesus.**

**Thank You!**

## **Let's Go! is a new Sunday morning Bible study continuing next Sunday!**

This 7 week evangelism program encourages and equips us as we become comfortable and confident witnesses in our communities.

You are warmly invited to participate in-person, by zoom, or in the chat room. See you there!

## **Coffee and Treats!**

**Join us** each Sunday morning in the fellowship hall after worship! A sign-up sheet to serve and clean up is in the narthex.

**Our Extended & Growing Family of Faith remains in our prayers to God our Father**

Family of Vernon Meyer  
Family of Todd Kammueler  
Family of Bobby Heitl  
Connie Heitl  
Family of Connie Heise  
Dr. Roger Newman  
Lynn Ives Pat & Al Rozelle  
Elaine Harrington  
Brad Roberts Elaine Craig  
Shirley Johnson Chris Ryun  
Mary Cline Betty Havlik  
Diane Bannerman  
Gloria Kraus (Kim Mittelsteadt's mom)  
Family of Brian Kraus (Kim Mittelsteadt's brother)  
Dan Raney- IL Troy Marks  
Dr. Cheli & DeeDee Marichal family  
Mandy Ehke & Family  
Pastor Mike Wolff  
Rodney & mom, Ruth  
Sam & Becky Piper  
Jon Mittelsteadt  
Judy, DeeDee Marichal's sister's family  
Elliot Przybylski  
Donna Marks Julie Bunt  
Pat Hunziker in IN  
Sarah Allerdig's Grandma Forrest & Elizabeth in CA  
Junita in Hong Kong  
Kristin in USA  
Dyde -France  
Alberta Schroeder  
Janet in CA  
Ben Holberg  
Sonia in India  
Gloria Walters in NY  
Andrew Seidler  
Elmer Loechler  
Dave & Jill  
Melissa in England  
Baby Oliver Kizewski  
Robert in Ecuador  
Erik & Leah Alair & Family (Sem. student)  
Sean Jenkins in TN  
Syed Gul in Pakistan

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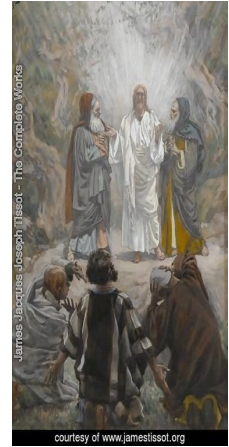
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## OUR WEEK WITH JESUS AT A GLANCE

<b>2/27</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 am	Worship with NLHS Northwinds /Holy Communion Teacher Call Meeting
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		2:00 pm	Cable TV Rebroadcast of <b><i>Last Sunday's</i></b> Service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985
<b>2/28</b>	<b>Monday</b>	11:00 am	<i>Coffee with Christ</i> at Grace's in WR
<b>3/2</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	2:00 pm	Cable TV Rebroadcast of <b><i>This Sunday's</i></b> Service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985
		7:00 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Worship with Holy Communion

## Birthdays This Week

2/28 Carol Markiewicz-Slonaker  
3/3 DeeDee Marichal  
3/5 Pat Tesch



**Ash Wednesday, March 2 w/Holy Communion: Caiaphas**

**Thursday, March 10: Pontius Pilate**

**Thursday, March 17: A Teacher of the Law**

**Thursday, March 24 w/Holy Communion: Simon-Cyrene**

**Thursday, March 31 w/Holy Communion: Roman Centurion**

**Thursday, April 7: Joseph of Arimathea**

**Holy Thursday, April 14 w/Holy Communion: Judas Iscariot**

**Good Friday, April 15: Thief on the Cross**



Good Shepherd School Enrollment  
for the

2022-2023 School Year has started!!!

Openings are available in 3K, 4K, and grades 1-8!!

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