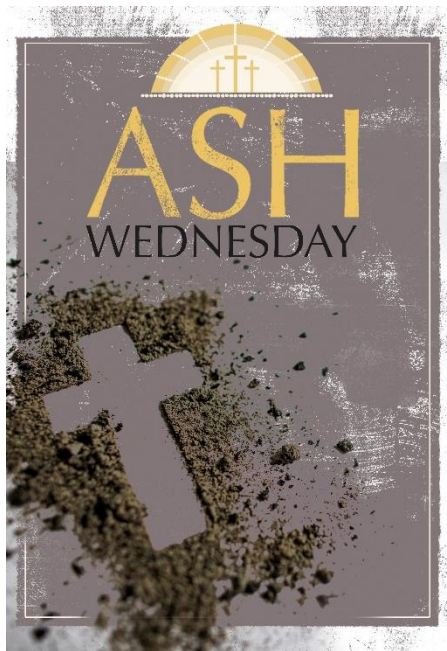


REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday



The word “lent” has its origin in the same root as one of the German words for “spring,” Lenz. As nature awakens from the death of winter, so the Christian finds newness of life in Christ, rising from sin’s death.

During the 40 days of Lent, God’s baptized people cleanse their hearts through the discipline of Lent: repentance, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a time in which God’s people prepare with joy for the paschal feast (Easter). It is a time in which God renews His people’s zeal in faith and life. It is a time in which we pray that we may be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

Opening Hymn

LSB 418 O Lord, Throughout

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

SONG OF A REPENTANT HEART (see insert)

ABSOLUTION

P: Jesus is the atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. According to His authority, and by His command, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

RESPONSORY

P: On the night before He died, Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples;

C: Jesus is our Passover Lamb.

P: The Passover Table was set with special food, such as roasted lamb, bitter herbs, wine, and unleavened bread:

C: Tonight, we receive the very body and blood of our Lord, in, with, and under the bread and wine.

P: On Passover night, the Old Testament people were to remember how God delivered them from Egypt:

C: Tonight, we remember how God has delivered us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

P: In the Upper Room, the Passover was celebrated for the final time:

C: Jesus instituted a new Supper that would be celebrated for all time.

P: The blood of the Lamb was originally painted on the doorposts of their homes in Egypt:

C: The blood of Jesus was painted upon Calvary's cross and cleanses us from all sin.

P: The blood of the Passover Lamb caused the angel of death to pass over them:

C: The blood of Jesus was shed so the angel of death would pass over us.

P: The Passover was a picture of how God would redeem His people:

C: The body and blood we receive in the Sacrament tonight bring us God's forgiveness and pardon.

The Passion History

Hymn of Response:

TLH 179 On My Heart

Confession of Faith:

Luther's Explanation to 2nd Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn:

TLH 140 Jesus I Will Ponder Now

Sermon:

John 12:1-8

On the Road to Easter...Honored with Love and Anointed For Burial

Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

The Words of Institution

Distribution

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn:

TLH 552 Abide With Me vs 1-2,7-8

Silent Prayer