

**All baptized Christians are welcome to receive
Holy Communion at Bethel.**

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7:00 p.m.

The spirit of Ash Wednesday is most solemn, close to that of the Jewish Day of Atonement. The Ash Wednesday liturgy marks the beginning of a penitential discipline that climaxes in the absolution and peace of the Maundy Thursday liturgy. Ashes are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in ancient customs and practices. Ashes, in a Jewish and Christian context suggest our total dependence upon God. They are a sign of repentance. We are reminded forcefully of the words of committal in the burial service, "...earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Moreover, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. Dear friends, we trust this service of penitence prepares you for this Lenten pilgrimage.

THE RITE OF PENITENCE

PRELUDE:

The liturgy is printed in the cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Worship found in the pew racks.

Welcome

Pastor Emily Cardin

OPENING HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW, #338

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And with you also.**

Confession

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

C: **Amen.**

P: King David sinned against the Lord, committing adultery and murder. When he was confronted by the prophet Nathan, the king repented of his sins. In the Spirit-inspired words of a psalm, David expressed his sorrow over his sins and his trust in God's mercy: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." God, in his grace, forgave the repentant king. As we begin our Lenten journey on this Ash Wednesday, we repent of our sins and, using the words of David's psalm, we seek God's amazing grace and ask him to have mercy on us.

C: **"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your**



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 24—Palm/Passion Sunday
9:30 A.M.

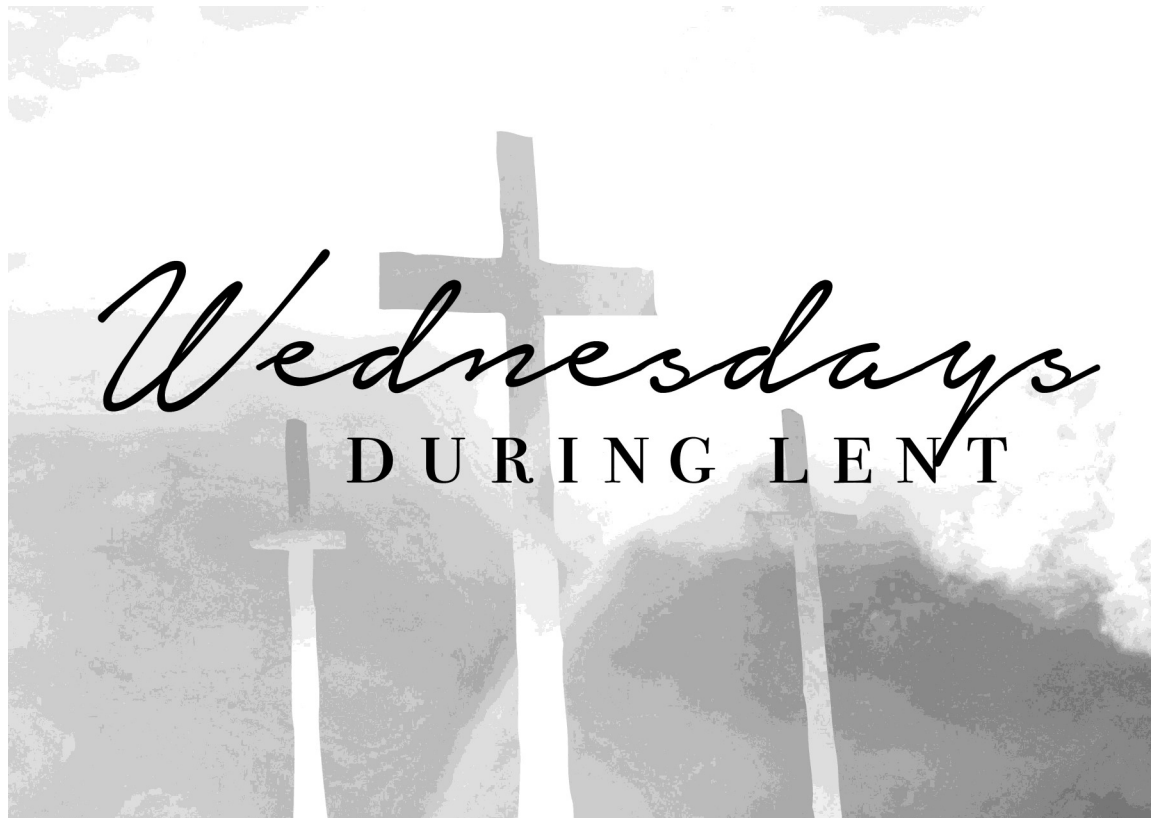
Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday
7:00 P.M.

Friday, March 29—Good Friday
7:00 P.M.

**Saturday, March 30—Easter Egg Hunt
& Games for children**

Sunday, March 31—Easter
6:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.
Easter Breakfast—7:30–9:00 A.M.

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Every Wednesday evening:
6:00 P.M.—Soup and Salad Supper
7:00 P.M.—Worship



sight... Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.”
(Psalm 51:1-4, 9)

- P: Just as he did in the life of his servant David, God has showered us with his grace, his undeserved favor for sinners. God sent his Son into the world to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus took onto himself the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins and now those sins are washed away in his blood. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C: **“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”**
(Psalm 51:10–12)

Prayer of the Day

Imposition of Ashes

All are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the sign of penitence, a cross of ashes placed on the forehead and worn throughout the remainder of the service. After receiving the ashen cross, worshippers may wish to kneel at the altar rail for a time of meditation and reflection.

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
C: **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
C: **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
C: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson.....Joel 2:1–2, 12–17

Psalm.....Psalm 51

Second Lesson2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Let Your Steadfast Love”

ELW, p. 189

The Holy Gospel Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

After the reading of the gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR “Wondrous Love” Larson
Kathy Harrison, dir.

Sermon “Marked for the Journey” Pastor Emily Cardin

SONG	“We Are Marching in the Light”	ELW, #866
<i>Additional 5th verse:</i>	<i>“We will journey...”</i>	

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of The Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son
is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

OFFERTORY: “Change My Heart, O God” ELW, #801

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW, p. 206

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Holy Communion

All the baptized are welcome to come to the Lord's Table for communion.

Both wine and grape juice (light in color) are provided.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” ELW, #473

“You Are Mine” ELW, #581

“Jesus Remember Me” ELW, #616

Post Communion Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Amazing Grace” (vs. 1–3) ELW, #779

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude