



## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17, 2021

*A Service of Holy Communion  
with the Imposition of Ashes*

*Pastor: Levi Bollerud*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**The service begins in silence**

### **PSALM 51:1-17**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever.

C: Amen.

### **GREETING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: As children of Adam and Eve,

C: **we are dust and to dust we shall return.**

P: But as children of God,

C: **we are his and to him we shall return.**

P: As human beings made of flesh and bone,

C: **we are destined to perish.**

P: But as people who believe in the cross, which makes  
us free,

C: **we are destined to live in everlasting bliss.**

P: As sinners who have disobeyed God's will,

C: **we deserve to be found guilty of betraying our God.**

P: But as forgiven followers who cling to the cross of Christ,

C: **we are found innocent because of Christ's sacrifice for us.**

P: As people who look up to the cross of Christ and see our Savior hanging there,

C: **we trust that we will soon rise from the ashes and walk with our Lord to eternity!**

P: Because of the cross, death and its ashes

C: **are no more.**

P: And because of Christ, all who believe

C: **will be saved.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Gracious God,

**C:** Out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

**\*GOSPEL**

**Matt 6:1-6,16-21**

**SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *'Give Me Jesus'*    **Pastor Levi**

**\*THE PRAYERS**

Petitions end: Lord, in your mercy,

Response: Hear our prayer.

**THE OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** We offer you our dust, O Lord--

**C:** crumbled hearts of dust.

**P:** We offer up the empty places within our chests, O Lord.

**C:** Fill them with new hearts—hearts that love as freely as they are loved.

**P:** Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**INVITATION TO IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*P: In your mercy you call us to the path of repentance. You remind us in your Word that we are earth and dust.*

*C: But you promise to lift the poor from dust.*

*P: Come and receive the sign of repentance.*

**\*THE BLESSING**

**P:** God our Father bless you and shield you. Christ our Savior shelter you and carry you. God the Holy Spirit guide your journey both now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Share the Peace of Christ as you leave this place and follow him in service*

Postlude

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