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# St. Timothy Lutheran Church

## Welcomes You!

*A Caring Church  
sharing Jesus Christ with the World  
by offering Help, Hope and Home*

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**Lenten Worship  
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(starting February 25th)**

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February 17, 2021  
Ash Wednesday



### WELCOME!

*The Disciples of St. Timothy Lutheran Church extend a special welcome to our guests and invite you to share with us in our ministry, our mission, our fellowship, and our growth!*

**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD!  
Host and Head of Our Church  
Jesus Christ**

PRELUDE Restore In Us, O God

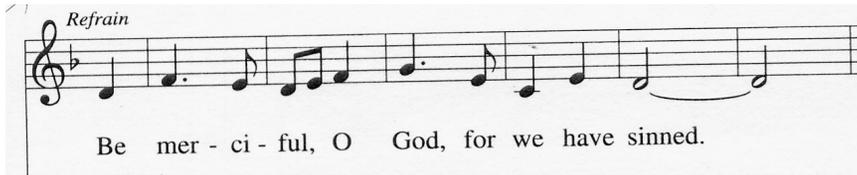
### INTRODUCTION

*On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.*

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

## PSALM 51... *REFRAIN*



Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness;  
In the greatness of your love,  
Make me clean within, wash me from my guilt  
cleans me from my sin.

### ***REFRAIN***

For I confess to you my offenses;  
And my sin is always there keeping me from right.  
Against you I have sinned, evil in your sight.

### ***REFRAIN***

O God, Create in me a clean heart,  
And renew a steadfast spirit deep within my being.  
Cast me not away; not your spirit from me.

### ***REFRAIN***

Oh, give me back the joy of your salvation,  
And sustain a willing spirit in me all my days.  
Open now my lips; shall declare your praise

### ***REFRAIN***

## **EXHORTATION**

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **SENDING HYMN I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Hymn 325**

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## **PRAYER**

**Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life 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.**

## **BLESSING**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you call your church to be ministers of reconciliation throughout the world. Inspire your church in its proclamation of the gospel and guide its ministries to build up the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God, you created the earth and all its inhabitants and you declared that it is good. Protect mountains and valleys, animals and plants, and direct us to be good stewards of all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God, you desire peace. Direct governments and leaders to work for the well-being of all people and raise up advocates to speak and serve on behalf of the downtrodden. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God, you are our hope in the midst of despair, our help in the midst of sorrow, and our consolation in the midst of affliction. Grant comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (especially) and support caregivers who attend to all in need. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God, you are love, and you call us to love one another. Accompany with your grace those journeying toward baptism and call us all to repentance as we prepare to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, you are our life and our salvation. We give you thanks for the righteous who have died in faith. Inspire us by their example to proclaim your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love--the discipline of Lent--help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination precedes the confession.*

## CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

**We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.**

**We have not been true to the mind of Christ.**

**We have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness.**

**The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,**

## *REFRAIN*

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
and our exploitation of other people,  
**REFRAIN**

Our anger at our own frustration,  
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
**REFRAIN**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**REFRAIN**

Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**REFRAIN**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done.  
For our blindness to human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**REFRAIN**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
**REFRAIN**

For our waste and pollution of your creation,  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**REFRAIN**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen**

### **THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY**

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**  
By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made,  
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new  
and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may  
receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-12

**PSALM:** Psalm 51

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:20b -6:10

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

We do not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word that comes from your mouth,  
O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### **HYMN OF THE DAY      **When We Are Living**      **Hymn 639****

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

### **SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC      Give Me Jesus**