

# Wednesday February 14, 2024

*Imposition of Ashes*



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: “Come Bring Your Burden to God” #1009 ACS**

(Please rise on the last verse)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**PSALM: Psalm 51:1-17** *(Read Responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Word of God, Word of Life.   **Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Glory of These 40 Days” #320 ELW**

**INVITATION TO LENT**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

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**OFFERING** – *Plate is at the back of the church on your way in & out.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## PRAYER

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

#793 ELW

## DISMISSAL

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!  
Please come again.*

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Dennis Hennessy

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES** will continue in person thru out the Lent Season. Potluck at 5:30pm; Worship at 6:30pm.

### **5 Positive Things You Can Do This Lent**

1. Read Scripture. Even ten minutes a day can lead you to a deepening of faith and a greater understanding of our heritage as the People of God.
2. Resolve to perform one random act of kindness. Hold a door open, let someone get in line first, refrain from cutting off the guy driving like a jerk in the car next to you, or do somebody's else's chore for them (and don't ask for payback).
3. You may be fasting, but others are hungry. Donate to a local food shelf so others may know the joy of enough to eat. How about a dollar a day? 40 Days = \$40 donation to local food shelf.
4. Enlighten someone's day. Send an uplifting card, email, or phone a family member, friend, or acquaintance that shows you're thinking about, and praying for, him/her.
5. Don't pray *more*, pray *better*. For most of us, it's difficult to add more into our day. How about putting more into the prayer times you've already got in place? Light a candle, sit in a more attentive position, or change to a more secluded atmosphere so that you can really be alone and focused on God.

