

# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

## GREETING

SONG "What a Beautiful Name"

SONG "For the One"

SCRIPTURE Psalm 51:1-17

SONG "Psalm 51"

MESSAGE "Have Mercy on Me, O God"

## INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:  
the early Christians observed with great devotion  
the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection,  
and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration  
there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.  
During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.  
It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins  
and had separated themselves from the community of faith  
were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness,  
and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded  
of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ  
and the need we all have to renew our faith.  
I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,  
to observe a holy Lent:  
by self-examination and repentance;  
by prayer and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.  
To make a right beginning of repentance,  
and as a mark of our mortal nature,  
let us humble our hearts before our Creator and Redeemer.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER COMMUNION ELEMENTS

### LORD'S PRAYER

### HOLY COMMUNION and IMPOSITION OF ASHES

COMMUNION SONG "Just As I Am"

CLOSING SONG "Living Hope"

## BENEDICTION

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Ushers - Jan Giza & Debbie Drews  
Greeters - Diana Schoen & Debbie Koloski  
Communion - Marc & Kim Bartusek and Diana Schoen & Debbie Koloski