

A Fast that Feeds

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 18, 2026
7:00 p.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Largo

G. F. HANDEL

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

TIME OF SILENCE & CENTERING

We gather in silence

INVITATION TO LENT

Pastor Jon Haug

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' Passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We enter this introspective season by acknowledging our need for repentance through God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. Our sinful rebellion separates us from the fullness of God's love, our neighbors, and creation; as a result, we often overlook the guidance that lead us to a more purposeful life.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from the love of God. I invite you, therefore, to a sacrificial discipline for Lent; one of self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love; strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.

Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Amen.

Ashes

T. CONRY



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we of - fer you at -
3. Then raise us up from ash - es, your heal - ing ease our
4. Give thanks to God the Fa - ther, who gave us life and



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash - es, re - deemed, O Lord, by
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv - en, the dreams not ful - ly
3. pain. Though spring has turned to win - ter, and sun - shine turned to
4. breath. Give thanks to Christ our Sav - ior, who saved us by his



1. you. Our pen - ance, Lord, our sor - row, our griev - ing hearts re -
2. dreamt. Our stum - blings, give di - rec - tion, our vi - sions wid - er
3. rain, your rain will nur - ture grow - ing and cre - ate our world a -
4. death, who, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, cre - ates the world a -



1. new, an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
2. view, an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
3. new— an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer - ing of ash - es, an of - fer - ing to you.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious God,

out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to be of service to you, ourselves and each other. 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.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You are invited to impose ashes on your forehead or those around you, saying,
“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Sign Us with Ashes

M. L. BRINGLE/T. ALONSO

The musical score is written on four staves of a single treble clef in 4/4 time. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is as follows:

Staff 1: Sign us with ash-es, mer - ci - ful God,

Staff 2: chil - dren of dust, as to dust we re - turn.

Staff 3: Sign us with ash-es, mer - ci - ful God;

Staff 4: mark us and make us your own.

Verses Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs.
Shielding with a father's favor, you bless us with pardon and peace. **Refrain**

Surely, you alone can heal us. Yours is the will to make us whole.
Soothing with a mother's kindness, the contrite of heart, you console. **Refrain**

Surely, you alone can free us. You break the bonds of guilt and sin.
Bracing, till we walk uprightly, you bolster our hope once again. **Refrain**

Surely, you alone refine us. You give us grace for lives made new,
forging, through your fire and radiance, a sacrifice worthy for you. **Refrain**

Surely, you alone redeem us. You fill our dust with holy breath.
Bursting from the grave in glory, you rise from the ashes of death. **Refrain**

Accomplish in us, O Christ, the work of your salvation,
that we may embody and live God's love in the world.

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

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.

Amen.

WORD

PSALM 51

Create in Me a Clean Heart

T. MARCHAND

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

*The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God's reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God.
In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.*

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting,
but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

ELW HYMN 775

3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear - ly loves us, from all tri - al

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saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

SERMON

Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Suzi Taylor

After each petition: Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE

Jesus told his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you” (John 14:27).
We proclaim that good news to those around us as we greet them with these or similar
words: The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

*As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need.
Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to visit our giving
page link at <https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving> and leave an online offering.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Adagio
(from Concerto for Clarinet, K. 622)

W. A. MOZART/
M. C. WILSON

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,
**your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to
nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and
wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness
to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW Hymn 189c

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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, forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

F. M. CHRISTIANSEN

*Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

SELF-DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying:

“The body of Christ given for me/us.” And “The blood of Christ shed for me/us.”

Restore in Us, O God

ELW HYMN 328



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW HYMN 468



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you,
and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all
creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

FOREST GREEN

ACS HYMN 920

All Things of Dust to Dust Return



All things of dust to dust — re - turn on earth and — in the sky.
Lord, mark with dust and ash — my — brow so I may — com-pre - hend
Lord, mark up - on my brow — this — sign: a stark and — bar - ren cross



The hot - test, bright - est suns — that — burn in time grow — dim and die.
that ev - 'ry mo - ment here — and — now links me to — that same end
re - mind - ing me that though — di - vine you know my — pain and loss,



The — fish that leap — the — birds — that — soar, the new - born young that play,
I — share with all — that — breathe — and — burn, that flare and fade and tire
and — at the touch — of — dust — and — ash a - wake my heart to view



the leaves that fill the for - rest — floor re - vert to — dust and clay.
yet by their wan - ing light — di - scern your own un - dy - ing fire.
how death it - self is but — a — flash that dies a - way in you.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E Minor

J. S. BACH

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