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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

March 1, 2017 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**OFFERING HYMN** “Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW # 612

**SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all! **C: And also with you!**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION** “Lamb of God” ELW # 336

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord” ELW # 617

“There is a Balm in Gilead” ELW # 614

“Jesus, Remember Me” ELW # 616

**BLESSING**

P. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever

**C: Amen**

**DISMISSAL**

P. Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one ever for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES UPON ENTRANCE TO THE SANCTUARY**

*The Ash Wednesday service marks the beginning of Lent. Lent lasts for forty days, not counting the Sundays in its course. The imposition of ashes is an ancient reminder of our mortality. As each worshiper comes forward ashes are placed on their forehead in the sign of a cross. As this is done, the pastor or assisting minister says to the person, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” This phrase reminds us of our mortality and the immediacy of life.*

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHETS** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

**PSALM 51**

(Noon Service – Read responsively)

(Evening Service – Cantor led with sung response)

**A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH** 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Pg. 252 ELW

**GOSPEL LESSON** St. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*(Said prior to the Gospel Reading)*

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord!**

*(Said at the end of the Gospel Reading)*

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord!

**C. Praise to you, O Christ!**

**THE HOMILY**

Pastor Folkerts

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Come, Ye Disconsolate”

ELW # 607

**INVITATION TO LENT**

**CONFESSION**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(A time for silent reflection)*

P: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: 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.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: We have shut our ears 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.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P: 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 keeps us in eternal life.

**C. Amen**