

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, forever and ever. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES ***“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.”***

(All who wish to receive ashes as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness—and/or Holy Communion—may come to one of the two stations at the front of the sanctuary)

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

Almighty God, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever. Amen.

(please bless one another and make the sign of the cross)

SENDING HYMN

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Hymn 609

DISMISSAL

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 evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all the people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Worship is on Wednesday at 6:30 pm, preceded at 5:30—6:30 pm by a soup supper on each of these dates:

March 4	<i>“Jeremiah”</i> — Pastor Jared Raknes, West Nidaros
March 11	<i>“Mary”</i> — Pastor Jeff Sorenson, LCDR
March 18	<i>“Jonah”</i> — Pastor Tom Stadem, Benton and Willow Creek
March 25	<i>“Saul/Paul”</i> — Pastor Randall Questad, Baltic and East Nidaros
April 1	<i>“Moses”</i> — Pastor Jim Steen, Renner
April 10	Good Friday (7pm) <i>“Jesus”</i>



ASH WEDNESDAY

“All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return.”

-Ecclesiastes 3:20

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids

February 26, 2020 ~ 6:30 pm

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS IN SILENCE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O God, we come before You, burdened with sin and its consequences in our lives, yearning to be healed and made new again in Christ Jesus.

PSALM 32:1-7, 10 (responsively by half verse)

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,

and in whose spirit there is no guile.

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,

because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt,

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Hymn 599

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:1-11, 23

p 1030

MESSAGE

"The Mark of Baptism"

Pastor Jeff Sorenson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Baptized in Water"

Hymn 456

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Create in Me"

Hymn 186

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of other.

Most holy and merciful God,

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 most grievous 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.

Have mercy on us, O God

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.

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Have mercy on us, O God

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

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

PRAYER

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May the ashes we receive tonight be for us a sign of our mortality and of our sorrow for all our sin. May they remind us that it is only by your gracious gift of baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, that we are forgiven and receive everlasting life. Amen.

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