

# Trinity Lutheran Church

February 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
2023

## Ash Wednesday

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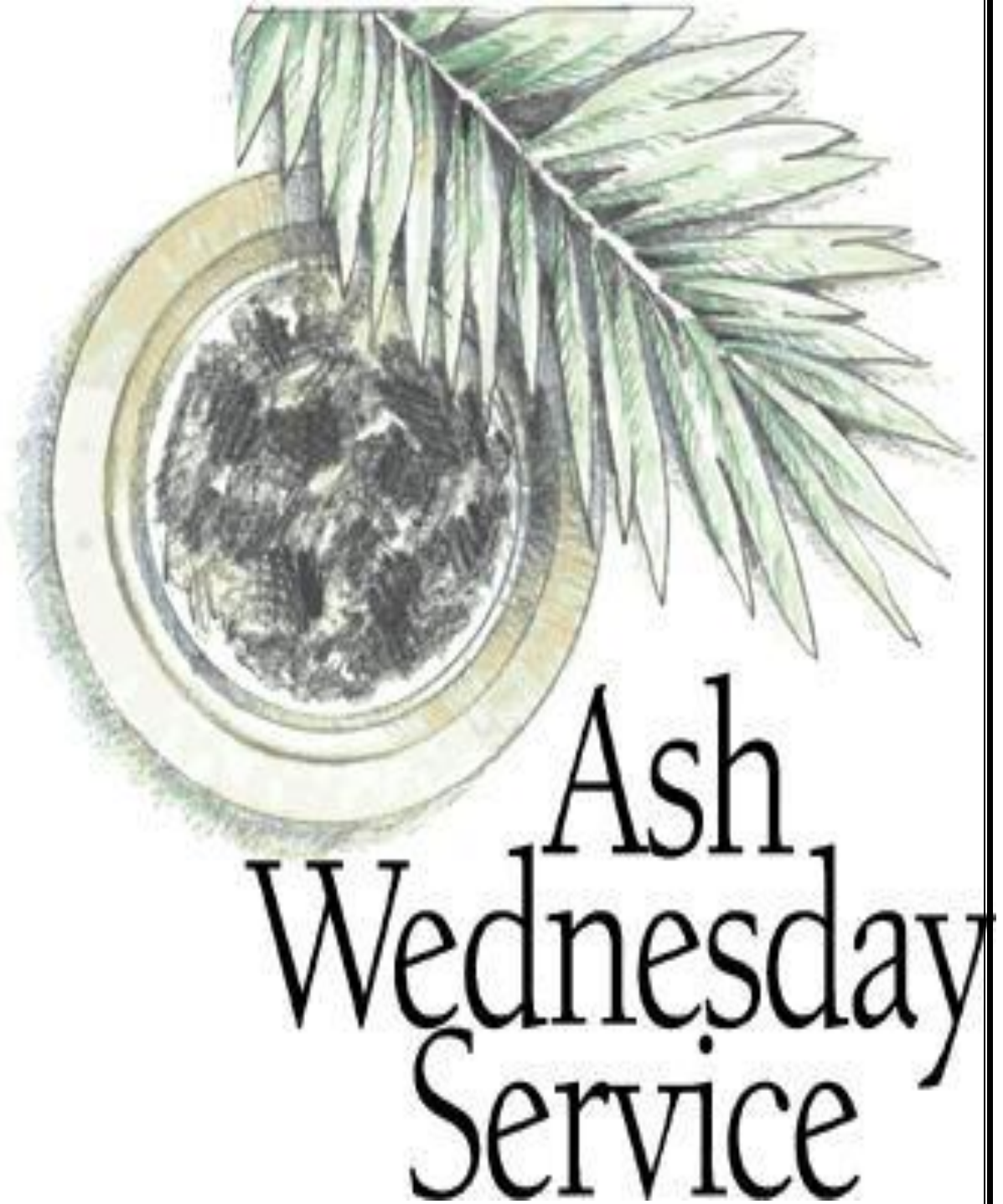
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Noon & 7:00 pm

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# ASH WEDNESDAY

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*THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL who enter this house of worship! Today the risen Christ calls all to faith as we come to receive his presence and promise of forgiveness & life given in the form of Ashes. During the time of offering, please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. If you are visiting tonight, we pray our service of worship together will be a special blessing to you as you are to us.*

### WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services—thank you.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE...** *On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.*

**Please be silent and in reflection as we await Worship Service**

### GREETING

### 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.**

### First Reading

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-17**

*Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!*

*Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near— a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.*

*Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?*

*Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.*

*Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

*So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,*

*"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."*

*See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see — we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21**

*"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.*

*"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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

### **Concerning Prayer**

*"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. 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.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Trinity Choir (7:00 pm)

“Ashes”

**Psalm 51:1-17** (read responsively)

*Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

**so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right<sup>[b]</sup> spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,

**and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering,  
you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### CONFESSION:

Most holy and merciful God:

**We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in  
heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own 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 neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf 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, Lord.**

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, **we confess to you, Lord.**

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

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,  
**we confess to you, Lord.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**we confess to you, Lord.**

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

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
**accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, **accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES:** Those who desire to receive ashes, on your forehead or the back of your hand are encouraged to come forward at this time. Please wait for the ushers to direct you forward.



Accomplish in us, O God, the works of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,  
**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 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION

### TASTE AND SEE



### OFFERING

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✚ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN 592 ELW

*"Just as I Am"*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



## BENEDICTION

### Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry
<b>Acolyte</b>	Hayden Domeier
<b>Reader</b>	Darlene Brummund
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Darlene Brummund
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Russ Sorensen
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Jon Hansen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joleen Dittbenner

**SOUP SUPPERS ARE BACK FOR LENT!** Four choices of Soup along with bread will be served beginning at 5:30 starting on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Lenten Worship will begin at 6:15 pm with Confirmation classes at 6:45. Noon services are also being offered. Our Trinity boards will be serving the soup suppers.



*Many thanks to those supplying the soup!*

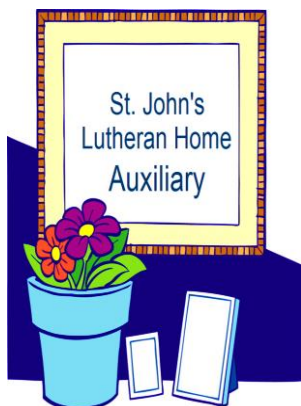


**MEALS THAT MATTER** Remember! Prepared frozen meals are in the freezer for you to deliver to a friend or neighbor who have had a life changing event- illness, birth of a baby, death in the family, etc... *Be the hands of Jesus!*

Lent has traditionally been a time of special offerings and it will happen again. The quarter folders have been designated for Camp Scholarships for Trinity Youth. This will also include the Ash Wednesday offering. Thank you for your generosity.



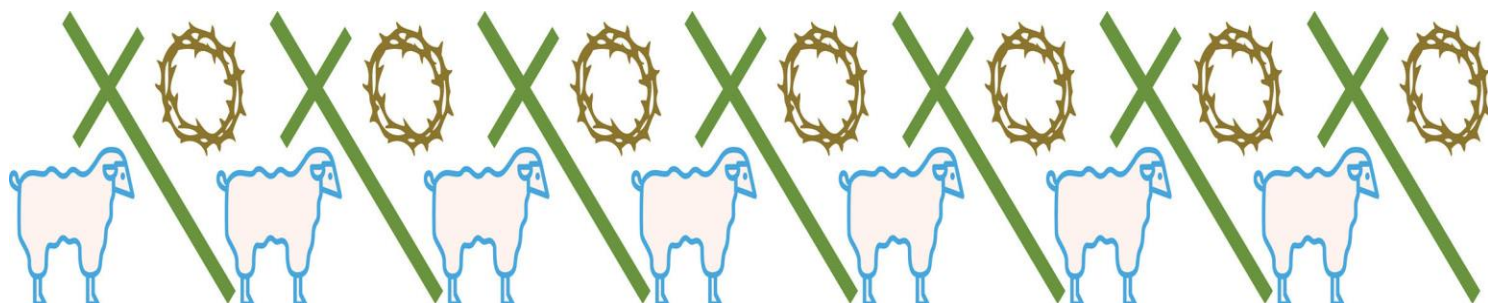
*Thank You*



It's another exciting year for St. John Home Auxiliary. We look forward to purchasing items that are needed for the residents. We also enjoy providing an occasional treat for the valued staff. This is made possible by membership donations and fundraisers. Please read a detailed report in our church Annual Report.

Membership envelopes are in the Narthex. Five dollars is suggested. Place the envelope with your name on it in the offering plate or leave it in the office. Every donation is thoughtfully used. Thank you!

Judy Weedman, Trinity Representative



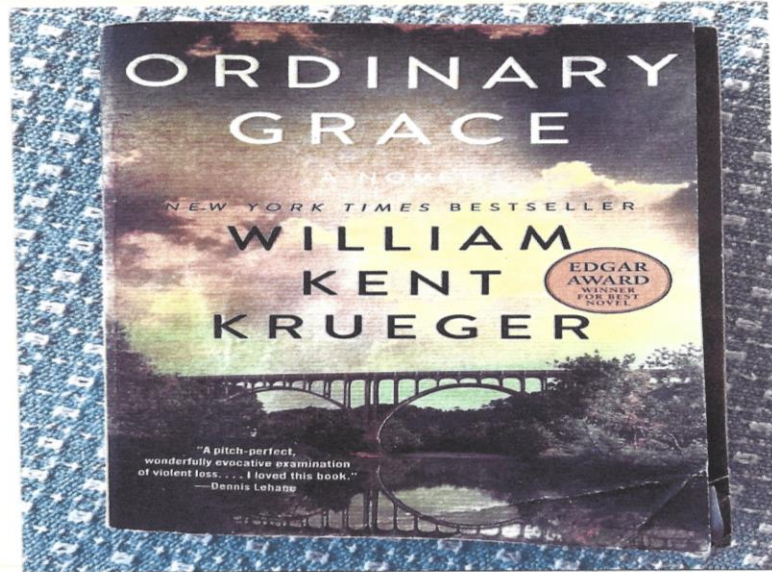
# TRINITY BOOK CLUB



YOU ARE INVITED!!

IF INTERESTED CONTACT MICHAL ANDERSON-LOWTHER

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WE WILL BE READING

## "ORDINARY GRACE"

AUTHOR - WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER

Please let Michal Lowther know if you would like to purchase this book by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### CHANGES TO THE SE MARCH FOOD DRIVE

Because Sleepy Eye no longer has any scout troops, our participation in the statewide March Food Drive requires some changes. Rather than food being picked up at your doorstep, we are asking for your donations in the following ways:

## Food Shelf



Monetary gifts can be mailed to: Lori Sellner, Treasurer SHEAF, 221 4th Ave SW Apt 4, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085. You will receive a receipt.

Non-perishable food items can be delivered to the various collection boxes in town: Schutz's Family Foods, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Trinity Lutheran Church or directly to the food shelf.

If you are interested in volunteering at the food shelf, please let us know. The food shelf is open from 4-6 on Mondays.