*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 keep us in eternal life.* **C: Amen.**

*(A brief silence)*

***The Prayers of the Church*** *…………………….………………..………*  Hymns Pg 4

***Hymn*** ……………………... **Savior When in Dust to You** *(V.1,3,4) ….* LBW #91

***Eucharistic Prayer*** ………………..….……...………………………..………… LBW Pg 90

*\*****Lord’s Prayer*** ……………..…….……… *(Traditional Version)* .…. LBW Pg 91

***Holy Communion Invitation and Institution***

***P:*** *Holy Communion is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People. “All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.”*

***Post Communion Prayer*** …………..………………..………………………… LBW Pg 94

***Benediction* ………………………………….**………...…..………….....…………… LBW Pg 95

***Hymn*** …………………………………………..... **Abide With Me** (v.1,5) …. LBW #272

***No Dismissal*** ……………….... ***We leave in Silence*** …………………………………….

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**Worship – Eve of Ash Wednesday Tue, Feb 21st, 2023 - 6pm**

**Pastor: Rev John Saethre Ash Wednesday Liturgy**

**Pianist: Mary Ann Groven No Prelude or Postlude**

**Announcements \* indicates stand as you are able**

***Call to Worsip:*** …………………..…….. Psalm 51:1-19 ........…. Scripture Pg 1

***Hymn*** …..……………..……………………….**I Lay My Sin on Jesus** …. LBW #305

***Salutation*** ……….…………………….……………..………………...............….. LBW Pg 82 ***Prayer of the Day*** *… P: Let us pray: …*

*Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.* **Amen.**

***First Lesson*** ................ Joel 2:12-19.............................…. Scripture Pg 2

***Second Lesson*** ........... 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 ……. Scripture Pg 3

\****Gospel Verse*** …………..**Return to the Lord** *……………….……….* LBW Pg 83

***\*Holy Gospel*** ............... Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 ……......... Scripture Pg 4

***Sermon*** .......................................................................... Rev John Saethre

***Hymn*** *…*……………….…..… **Just As I Am, Without One Plea** ….. LBW #296 ***Bulletin - Page 1 of 4***

***\**** ***Confession of Sin***

*P: Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with Him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of His creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under His judgment, but to turn to him and live. As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love--the discipline of Lent--help us to wage our spiritual warfare. I invite you, therefore, to commit yourselves to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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 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.**

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*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: 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*.  **C: Amen.**

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| Worshippers come forward, and receive an anointing of ashes on their foreheads. The words, **“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”** are spoken as the cross is made. The ashes remind us of our mortality and the cleansing God provides in Baptism. After the ashes are received, the Confession continues: |

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***\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21***

*L: The Holy Gospel According to St Matthew, the 6th Chapter.*

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

***1****Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.* ***2****Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.* ***3****But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,* ***4****so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* ***5****And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.* ***6****But when 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.* ***16****“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.* ***17****But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,* ***18****that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* ***19****Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,* ***20****but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.* ***21****For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

*The Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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***Call to Worship: Psalm 51:1-19***

**1** Have mercy on me, O God, According to your lovingkindness;

 **In your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**2**  Wash me through and through from my wickedness

 **And cleanse me from my sin.**

**3** For I know my transgressions,

 **And my sin is ever before me.**

**4**  Against you only have I sinned

 **And done what is evil in your sight.**

**5** And so you are justified when you speak

 **And upright in your judgment.**

**6**  Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

 **A sinner from my mother’s womb.**

**7** For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

 **And will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

**8**  Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

 **Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

**9** Make me hear of joy and gladness,

 **That the body you have broken may rejoice.**

**10** Hide your face from my sins

 **And blot out all my iniquities.**

**11** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

 **And renew a right spirit within me.**

**12** Cast me not away from your presence

 **And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**13** Give me the joy of your saving help again

 **And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**14** I shall teach your ways to the wicked,

 **And sinners shall return to you.**

**15** Deliver me from death, O God,

 **And my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,**

 **O God of my salvation.**

**16** Open my lips, O Lord,

 **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**17** Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,

 **But you take no delight in burnt offerings.**

**18** The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;

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

**19** Be favorable and gracious to Zion,

 **And rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.**

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***1st Lesson: Joel 2:12-19***

**12***“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;* **13***and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.* **14***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?* **15***Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;* **16***gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.* **17***Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”* **18***Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.* **19***The Lord answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”*

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

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***2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10***

**20b***We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.* **21***For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.* **1***Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.* **2***For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.* **3***We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,* **4***but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,* **5***beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;* **6***by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love;* **7***by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;* **8***through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;* **9***as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed;* **10***as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.*

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***

*A: Most Merciful God, by your Spirit make us mindful of our transgressions. Through your Word draw us to repent of our sinfulness and turn our hearts toward you once again. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Then, in your abundant mercy, restore to us the joy of your salvation.*

*Lord, in your mercy,* **C: Hear our prayer.**

*A: Heavenly Father, through a small smudge of ash remind us that apart from you we are nothing. You are our source and life, our beginning and our end. In your boundless mercy, restore us to wholeness and welcome those who have wandered far from the embrace of your love and seek to return to you.*

 *Lord, in your mercy,* **C: Hear our prayer.**

*A: Most gracious God, even as we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return, we cling to your promise to be with us always. Continue to uphold those to whom you have given many years with strength and dignity in your loving care. Abide with them, gracious God, that they might continue to bear witness to your unending presence.*

*Lord, in your mercy,* **C: Hear our prayer.**

*A: Gracious Lord, we ask that you would comfort all those who mourn, especially the family and friends of those we name aloud and silently in our hearts: [NAMES] Grant to all who are bereaved the comfort and hope that because Jesus Christ has risen, all who die in the Lord will live with you in your everlasting kingdom.*

*Lord, in your mercy,* **C: Hear our prayer.**

*A: Mighty Healer, help all who suffer any type of ailment, injury, or distress to find comfort in your healing presence and the ministrations of medical personnel and compassionate caregivers. We pray especially for those we name aloud and silently in our hearts: [NAMES] Transform their suffering into wholeness and joy*.

*Lord, in your mercy,* **C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,*

*trusting in your mercy; through you Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

***Hymns - Page 4 of 4***

*HYMN 1:* ***I Lay My Sin on Jesus*** *LBW #305*

*Verse 1*

**I Lay My Sins on Je-sus,** ………………. **The Spot-less Lamb of God.**

**He Bears Them All and Frees us** .. **From the Ac-curs-ed Load.**

**I Bring My Guilt to Je-sus** …………….. **To Wash My Crim-son Stains**

**Clean in His Blood Most Pre-cious Till Not a Spot Re-mains.**

*Verse 2*

**I Lay My Wants on Je-sus,** …………… **All Full-ness Dwells in Him.**

**He Heals All My Dis-eas-es.** ………… **My Soul He Does Re-deem.**

**I Lay My Griefs on Je-sus,** ……………. **My Bur-dens and My Cares.**

**He From Them All Re-leas-es,** …… **He All My Sor-rows Shares.**

*Verse 3*

**I Rest My Soul on Je-sus,** …………….. **This Wea-ry Soul of Mine.**

**His Right Hand Me Em-brac-es,** …. **I on His Breast Re-cline.**

**I Love the Name of Je-sus,** …………… **Im-man-u-el, Christ, the Lord.**

**Like Fra-grance on the Breez-es His Name A-broad is Poured.**

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*HYMN 4:* ***Abide With Me*** *LBW #272 (V.1,5)*

*V1* **A-bide With Me, Fast Falls the E-ven-tide.**

**The Dark-ness Deep-ens, Lord With Me A-bide.**

 **When Oth-er Help-ers Fail and Com-forts Flee,**

**Help of the Help-less, Oh, A-bide With Me.**

*V5* **Hold Thou Thy Cross Be-fore My Clos-ing Eyes,**

**Shine Through the Gloom, and Point Me to the Skies.**

 **Heav'n's Morn-ing Breaks, and Earth's Vain Shad-ows Flee**

**In Life, in Death, O Lord, A-bide With Me.**

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*HYMN 2:* ***Just As I Am, Without One Plea*** *LBW #296*

*V1* **Just as I Am, With-out One Plea,**

**But That Thy Blood Was Shed for Me,**

**And That Thou Bidd'st Me Come to Thee,**

**O Lamb of God, I Come, I Come.**

*V2* **Just As I Am, and Wait-ing Not**

**To Rid My Soul of One Dark Blot**

**To Thee, Whose Blood Can Cleanse Each Spot,**

**O Lamb of God, I Come, I Come.**

*V3* **Just As I Am, Though Tossed About**

**With Man-y a Conflict, Man-y a Doubt,**

**Fight-ings and Fears With-in, With-out,**

**O Lamb of God, I Come, I Come.**

*V4* **Just As I Am, Poor, Wretch-ed Blind.**

**Sight, Rich-es, Heal-ing of the Mind,**

**Yea, All I Need, In Thee I Find,**

**O Lamb of God, I Come, I Come.**

*V5* **Just As I Am, Thou Wilt Re-ceive,**

**Wilt Wel-come, Par-don, Cleanse, Re-lieve.**

**Be-cause Thy Pro-mise I Be-lieve,**

**O Lamb of God, I Come, I Come.**

*V6* **Just As I Am, Thy Love Un-known**

**Has Bro-ken Ev'ry Bar-rier Down.**

**Now to be Thine, Yea, Thine Alone,**

**O Lamb of God, I Come, I Come.**

***Hymns - Page 2 of 3***

*HYMN 3:* ***Savior When in Dust to You*** *LBW #91* *(V.1,3,4)*

*V1* **Sav-ior, When in Dust to You**

**Low We Bow in Hom-age Due.**

**When, Re-pent-ant, to the Skies**

**Scarce We Lift Our Weep-ing Eyes.**

**O, By All Your Pains and Woe**

**Suf-fered Once for us Be-low,**

**Bend-ing from Your Throne on High,**

**Hear Our Pen-i-ten-tial Cry.**

*V3* **By Your Hour of Dire De-spair,**

**By Your Ag-o-ny of Prayer,**

**By the Cross, the Nail, the Thorn,**

**Pierc-ing Spear, and Tor-turing Scorn,**

**By the Gloom That Veiled the Skies**

**O'er the Dread-ful Sac-ri-fice,**

**Lis-ten to Our Hum-ble Sigh.**

 **Hear Our Pen-i-ten-tial Cry.**

*V4* **By Your Deep Ex-pir-ing Groan,**

**By the Sad Se-pul-chral Stone,**

**By the Vault Whose Dark A-bode**

**Held in Vain the Ris-ing God,**

**Oh, From Earth to Heav'n Re-stored,**

**Might-y, Re-as-cend-ed Lord,**

**Bend-ing From Your Throne on High,**

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