

Hymn 601: ***“ Savior, When in Dust to You” (vs. 1-3)***

The Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Prayer of Confession (All): **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have walked in darkness rather than in the light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from our iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech you; for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by the Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences and enable us to forgive others that we may henceforth serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Holy name. Amen.**

Examination of the Conscience

Pastor: I invite those to this Holy Communion who sincerely repent of their sins, who truly love the Lord Jesus with a deep love, and their neighbors as well; and who are willing to live a new kind of life under God's direction. I invite you, expectantly, faithfully, to receive this Sacrament as a renewal of your faith.

Prayer of Consecration

Response of the People (All): **It is not our goodness but yours that brings us to this table O Lord. By ourselves, we deserve crumbs, but you give us a banquet. Bring us such renewal in this night that our life may take on new meaning; that we may become more like Christ, and as we are embraced by His love, let that shine through us.**

The Lord's Prayer (All): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

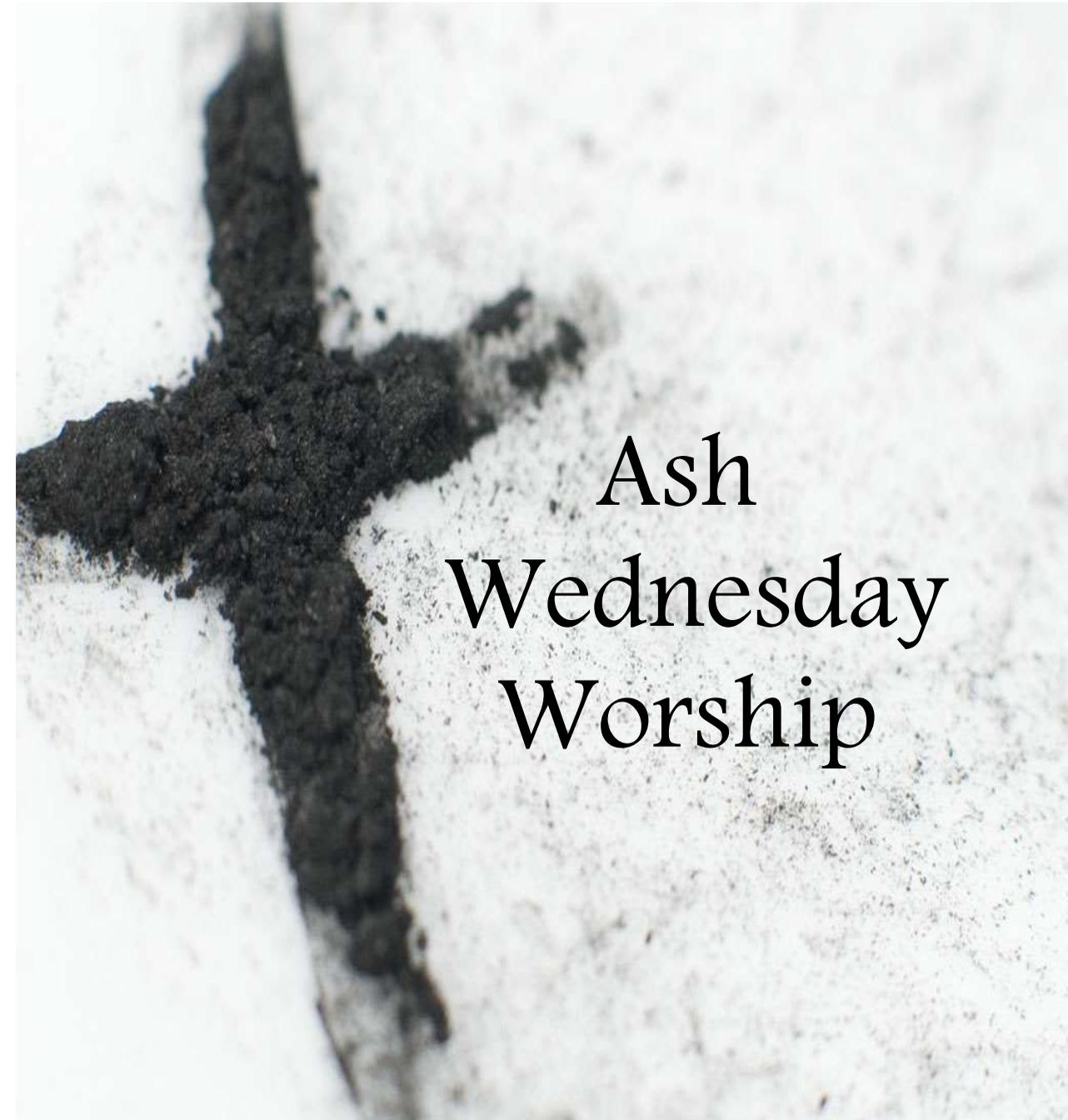
If you would like to receive the imposition of ashes, please pause in front of the pastor on your way back to your seat.

Hymn of Communion 592: ***“Just As I am, Without One Plea”***

The Benediction

Sending Hymn 319:

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 26, 2020-6:00 p.m.
The Lutheran Church of Peace-Platteville, WI
Pastor Jeffrey P. Pedersen

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

Pastor: 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 the 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.

P: Most holy and merciful Father

C: 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.

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, Lord.

P: 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.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness; the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

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

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our anger at our own frustrations and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our temperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

C: We confess to you, Lord.

P: 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.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbors and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For our waste and pollution of your creation and lack of concern for those who come after us.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let our anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Hymn 779: ***“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”***

Offering

The Gospel Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Sermon: “Crimson Stains”