

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



ASH WEDNESDAY

3:15 & 6:30 PM Services

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Ash Wednesday

AS WE GATHER

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

My heavenly Father, I thank you through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, for graciously keeping me through this day. Forgive me all the sins that I have done against you, and graciously keep me through this night. I commend my body and soul and all things into your hands. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the devil may have no power over me. Amen.

(Luther's Evening Prayer)

WELCOME

HANDS OF THE PASSION—Hands of Betrayal

Opening Hymn:

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Christian Worship, Hymn # 106

Verse 1  **Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 2 **♪** **Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
You shall walk with God in light.**

C Verse 3 **♪** **Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.**

PLEASE STAND

OPENING PRAYER

M O Lord, open my lips.

C **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M Hasten to save me, O God.

C **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

selected Psalms

M The Old Testament tells us how King David hid his sin and did not confess it. In Psalm 32 David reflected upon his unconfessed sins in his prayer to God: *“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’ And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found.”* (Psalm 32:3-6) Invited by God’s grace, let us also join the faithful to pray and confess our sins to the LORD:

C **“In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress. But I trust in you, LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hands. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.”**
Amen. (Psalm 31:1,2,5,9,14-16)

C Verse 1  **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
Hear my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

(Silent reflection and confession of personal sins while music plays softly.)

C reprise  **Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

ABSOLUTION

M Indeed, the LORD is faithful. He hears and answers the prayers of his repentant people. In his unfailing love, God our heavenly Father, has given his one and only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce the grace of God to you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son **†** and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M We call on you, our God, for you will answer us. Show us the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you. Keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us in the shadow of your wings; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Psalm 17:6-8)

C **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Musical Offering

SJSJ grades 1-2

“Jesus Paid It All”

Passion History

1. JESUS’ READINESS TO SUFFER AND DIE

Lesson Response:

M All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C **By his wounds we are healed.**

Hymn of the Day:

Glory Be to Jesus

Christian Worship, Hymn # 103

C Verse 1

♪ **Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From his sacred veins.**

C Verse 2

♪ **Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

G Verse 3

♪ **Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Darin Aden

John 13:21-30

“Hands of Betrayal” (*Judas*)

²¹ After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”

²² His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. ²³ One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. ²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”

²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.” ²⁸ But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. ²⁹ Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. ³⁰ As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

PLEASE STAND

THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship as believers, and we proclaim his death until he returns. As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, **St. Johh-St. James members** are asked to register with the ushers before or after the service.*

***Guests and visitors** wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to speak with our pastor prior to the start of the worship service. We make this request out of a love for our Savior's teaching concerning the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 10,11), and out of love for our guests, seeking only their spiritual good and blessing. We humbly ask for your respectful cooperation. May the Lord bless each of our communicants today with peace-filled hearts and a renewed spirit to serve and love their Lord Jesus.*

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **Amen.**

A PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord God, have mercy on me a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, Lord. I ask not assuming any worthiness on my part, rather I come in faith and at the invitation of your dear Son. Bless me through your sacrament, for his sake. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(After all those communing have received Lord’s Supper, we conclude our celebration.)

M Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be assured, your sins are forgiven.

G **Amen.**

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

G **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

Christian Worship, Hymn # 109

G Verse 1

♪ **When o'er my sins I sorrow,
Lord, I will look to you
And hence my comfort borrow
That you were slain for me.
Your precious blood was offered
For me, oh, most unworthy,
To take away my guilt.**

G Verse 2 ♪ **Oh, what a marv'lous off'ring!
Behold, the Master spares
His servants, and their suff'ring
And grief for them he bears.
Our God comes down from heaven;
For me, his guilty creature,
He deigns as man to die.**

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

G Verse 4

♪ **Therefore I will forever
Give thanks continually,
O Jesus, loving Savior,
For what you did for me.
I'll spend my breath in praises
For your sad cry, your suff'rings,
Your wounds, your guiltless death.**

BE SEATED

GUEST PREACHER

Next week we welcome Pastor Ross Henzi from Trinity, Brillion preaching on Luke 18:9-14 with the theme:

“THE HANDS OF THE PASSION: Hands of Repentance”

Thanks to organist for our services today—Mrs. Charmaine Wagner.