



# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Ash Wednesday ✠

February 17, 7:00 PM

*Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. God's people of God are invited to reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.*

*Our evening services throughout Lent will follow the order of Holden Evening Prayer, HEP & A Story to Tell, Lenten Devotional*

**Prelude**

***Prelude: Lamento***

*Kris Rizzotto (b. 1989)*

**Welcome**

***Service of Light & Evening Hymn***

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**Children's Message**

Dear God,

As we journey through this season of Lent.....

Teach us how to give, so that we can joyfully respond when you call us to serve.

Teach us how to pray, so that we can be closer to you in all that we do throughout the day.

Teach us how to let go, so nothing can stand in the way of our connection with you.

Teach us how to prepare, so we can be ready to receive your love, wisdom and blessing.

Help us to remember that in all ways we belong to you. **Amen**

**Psalmody**  
***Psalm 141***

***Let my Prayer Rise Up Like Incense***

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**Invitation to Lent**

P: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent - self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love - strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## Confession of Sin

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: 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 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.**

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. **Amen.**

***O Faithful God, Psalm 51***

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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 Lord,

**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**



## Dispensing of Ashes

**Solo**

**Lessons**  
**Joel 2: 12-13**

**Mark 1:1-3**

**Sermon**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**  
*During Lent we will be using the traditional words of the Lord's Prayer.*

**✠ Word ✠**

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

“Yet even now,” says the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; 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.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

P: The light shines in the darkness.

**C: And the darkness has not overcome it.**

***The Annunciation & the Magnificat***

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***Litany & Prayer***

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**✠ Offering ✠**

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***Consider***

*Christina Rosetti/ Roland E. Martin*

*Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:*

*We are as they; Like them we fade away, As doth a leaf.*

*Consider the sparrows of the air of small account: Our God doth view*

*Whether they fall or mount, He guards us too.*

*Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil, Yet are most fair:*

*What profits all this care And all this coil?*

*Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks; God gives them food:*

*Much more our Father seeks to do us good.*

**✠ Meal ✠**

*We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.*

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

*Please be seated*

**Lamb of God**



P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

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**Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: Amen.

**✠ Sending ✠**

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace, sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

**Final Blessing**

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P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**Postlude: Beau Soir**

*Claude Debussy (1862-1918)*

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<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS THIS EVENING</b>	Pastor.....	Rev. Arden D. Haug
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	Accompanist .....	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
	Flute .....	Dr. Rachel Haug Root
	Soprano Solo.....	Debra Gilroy