

# Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

*Our mission is....*

*"to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."*

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**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**7:00am † 6:30pm**



*Members, Friends & Guests please sign the burgundy welcome pad and pass it to those sitting next to you. When all have signed please pass it back and welcome guests after worship.*

**First time guests please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate.**

*\* (Denotes when congregation is invited to stand.)*

**(BOLD PRINT: ALL will respond.)**

## GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

The gift of peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God poured into our hearts, and the renewing grace of the Spirit of life be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord;

**Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

**\* ENTRANCE HYMN: # 592**

**JUST AS I AM**

**Just as I am, without 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.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE WORD

**LESSON**

**Word of God, Word of Life.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**GENESIS 3:17-19**

\* **RETURN TO GOD**



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\* **HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

MATTHEW 6:16-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“PARDON OUR DUST”

PASTOR DAN HOEGER

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY: # 326**

**BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY**

**Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.**

**Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;  
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;  
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.**

**Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.  
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow,  
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.**

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**INVITATION TO LENT**

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

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

**Most merciful God, 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.**

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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

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.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you:

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

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

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you:

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and poverty, we confess to you:

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you:

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you:

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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.**

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*  
“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

SANCTUARY CHOIR (6:30PM)

LAMB OF GOD  
F. MELIUS CHRISTIANSEN

## PSALM 51

Refrain: ALL, Verses: Cantor

**Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God.**

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## DUST AND ASHES

Refrain: ALL, Verses: Cantor



Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us thru the des-ert sand.  
Give us liv - ing wa - ter. Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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At the conclusion of the imposition of ashes:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory to the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**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. **Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### OFFERING

PIANO MEDITATION (7AM)

SANCTUARY CHOIR (6:30PM)

WHAT SHALL I RENDER TO THE LORD?  
PAUL TIEFENBACH

\* RESPONSE HYMN: # 814

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, oh take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

SHARING BREAD AND WINE

HYMN # 608

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.**

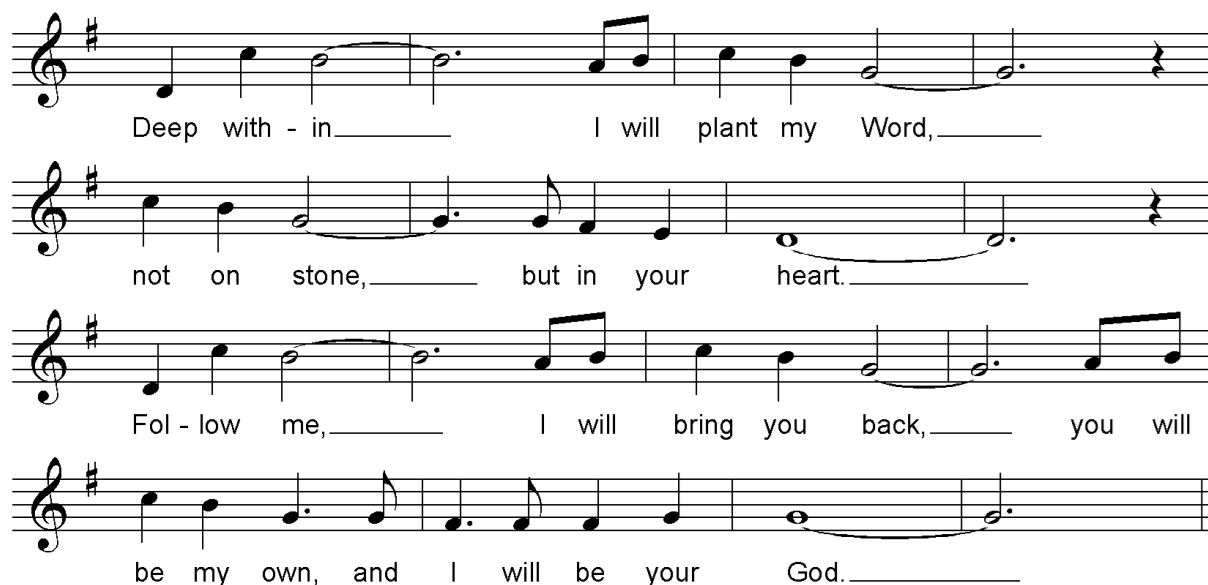
*Refrain:*

**"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain***

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain***

## DEEP WITHIN



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### \* TABLE BLESSING

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

Blessed Jesus, in this feast of grace you have fed us with the bread of life. Now send us forth to  
bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### \* BENEDICTION

The blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be  
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### \* SENDING HYMN # 320

### THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you.  
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face**

### \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



# Pardon Our Dust

## Finding God in the Mess of Change

You've seen the signs, the bulldozers, the temporary fencing; perhaps you've driven by a construction site and asked, "I wonder what's going in there?" or "I wonder how long this road will be like this?"

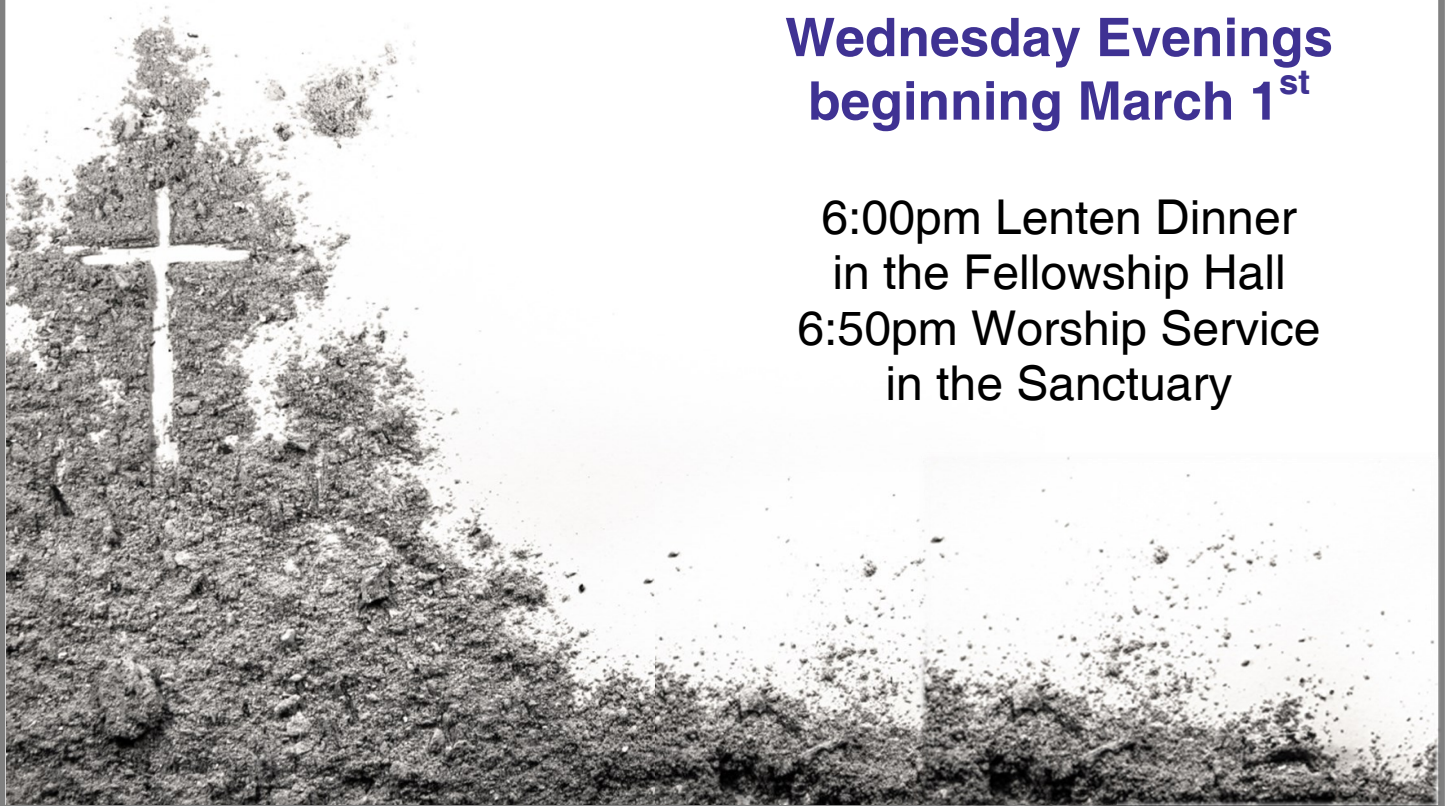
The fact is, change is often messy and bewildering, even if it's ultimately for the good. And when our lives are the construction site - when loss or transition force us to rebuild our sense of self, or when new challenges fill the road before us with unknowns - the mess of change can cause us to wonder how God is with us.

This Lent, we invite you to join us as we prayerfully engage the experience of change, together with Biblical companions who found God anew while facing into the unknown. A "round-robin" pastor exchange with other Capital Conference churches will allow us to hear from different voices each week while gathering in our home church setting.

**Come and share the journey!**

**Wednesday Evenings  
beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00pm Lenten Dinner  
in the Fellowship Hall  
6:50pm Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary



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