

# *Ash Wednesday*

March 5, 2025 7:00PM



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ, we live our faith by loving and  
serving all creation*

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**Prelude**  
**Welcome**

*Please stand as you are able*

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**Introduction to Lent**

**Confession of Sin**

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

Most holy and merciful God,

**we confess to you and before the whole company of heaven,  
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.**

**Psalms 51:1-17**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.**

For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

**Against you, you alone, have we sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, we were born guilty, a sinner when our mother conceived us.

**You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach us wisdom in our secret heart.**

Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;  
wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

**Let us hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from us.

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

Then we will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver us from bloodshed, O God, O God of our salvation,  
and our tongues will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O LORD, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

**For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if we were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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

*Please be seated*

**Blessing of Ashes**

. . . through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Imposition of Ashes**

*Please stand as you are able*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

. . . keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

**"Our Father We Have Wandered"**

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## **Prayer**

. . . one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## **Reading**

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

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The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

**Christ Went Up**

**Choir**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 6.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

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## **Response to Gospel**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

**Don Gillingham**

**Silence for Meditation** *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

*Please stand as you are able*

## **Message Response**

**"Restore in Us, O God"**

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## **Prayers of Intercession**

Petition Response: **receive our prayer.**

. . . in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*



*Please stand as you are able*

## **Post Communion Blessing & Prayer**

**SENDING**            *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **Bell Toll**

**Sending Hymn**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Worship Leaders**

Lucy Dack & Stephanie Schneider – Ushers/greeters  
Henry Morelock & Jacob Heeren – Acolytes  
Chris Vance – Reader  
Robin Hoefer – Pianist  
Don Gillingham – Preacher  
Linda Winkelman – Pastor

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Our Father, We Have Wandered

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

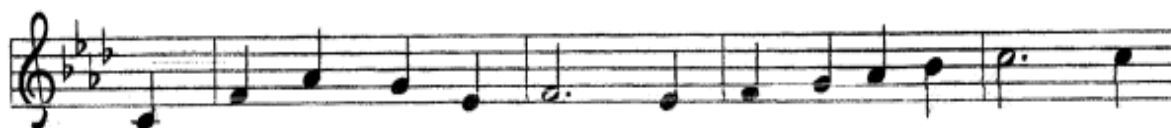
in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

# Restore in Us, O God

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1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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# Come to the Table

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

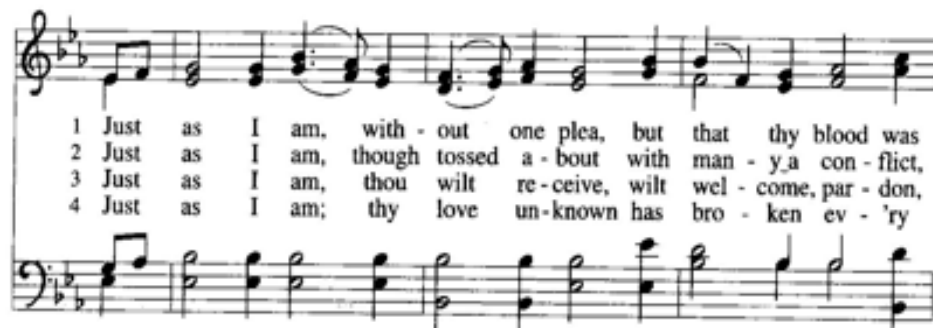
*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

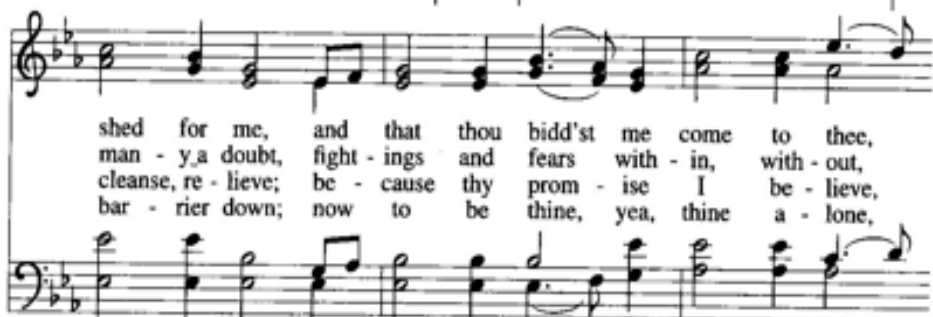
You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be - all - else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.