



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 18, 2026

7:00 PM

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson

Welcome

*Confession of Sin (*to the tune “Abide with Me” no. 272*)

**Unto the Lord with broken hearts return.
Turn from your sins, and true repentance learn.
Grace and compassion flow from heav’n above,
For God is slow to anger, filled with love.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As the season of Lent begins and we consider the ashes before us, a smudge on our outward appearance and a solemn reminder of our mortality, let us make confession of our sins.

C: **We are dust; to dust we shall return.**

(Silence for self-examination.)

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.

C: **We are dust; to dust we shall return.**

P: You shall worship the Lord, and him alone shall you serve.

C: **We are dust; to dust we shall return.**

P: You shall live together as those who bear the Name of the One by whom all families on earth are named.

C: **We are dust; to dust we shall return.**

P: You shall not commit murder, adultery, robbery or slander.

C: **We are dust; to dust we shall return.**

P: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

C: **We are dust; to dust we shall return.**

P: Be content with what you have, for the Lord has promised never to leave you or forsake you.

**Create in me a heart made clean from sin.
A steadfast spirit, Lord, renew within.
Your Holy Spirit ne’er remove from me,
But in your saving joy, Lord, make me free.**

*Promise of Forgiveness

P: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

P: As Christ was raised from death by the glory of God the Father, may we too walk in newness of life.

**Here we behold the dust from which we came;
We shall return at last unto the same.
Look we to Christ, who chose our dust to share,
Our life and resurrection to prepare.**

*The Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

Almighty Father, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive all sins, no matter how great, of all who are sincerely repentant. Create in us new hearts and minds so we may share your light with all creation, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Psalm Response (*from Psalm 51*)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: **Wash me from my wrong, cleanse me from my sin.**

P: Against you, you alone, have I sinned.

C: **Wash me from my wrong, cleanse me from my sin.**

P: Purge me from all my evil doing and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

C: **Wash me from my wrong, cleanse me from my sin.**

P: Hide your face from my sin, and blot out all my evil acts.

C: **Wash me from my wrong, cleanse me from my sin.**

Lenten Verse (*to the tune “The Church’s One Foundation” no. 369*)

The ashes here before us upon each conscience burn,
Their dark and somber story: “To dust you shall return.”
But Christ has suffered for us, our trespass to forgive
That, cleansed, we may in glory with Christ forever live.

*Scripture Reading

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “Beautiful Savior” no. 518

*Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Blessing

Dismissal

(Any offering may be deposited as you depart in the offering plates at the doors.)

Lenten Services continue for the next five Wednesdays. Before each 7:00 PM worship service will be our traditional soup and sandwich supper at 6:00 PM. See the insert for the schedule.

Lent Worship Schedule



Lenten Theme: I Am the Way With Holden Evening Prayer

Week 1 – February 25th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 2)

Candy Monson & Eva Wilson – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Hindu: A Drop Absorbed)

Week 2 – March 4th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 3)

Dawn Peterson & Chris Wood – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Buddhist: A Flame Extinguished)

Week 3 – March 11th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 1)

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Islam: A Will Submitted)

Week 4 – March 18th

6:00 PM – Soup (Men's & Youth Group)

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (New Age: Whatever I Like)

Week 5 – March 25th

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 4)

Liane Petersen & Patty Sullwold – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Atheist: Despair)