



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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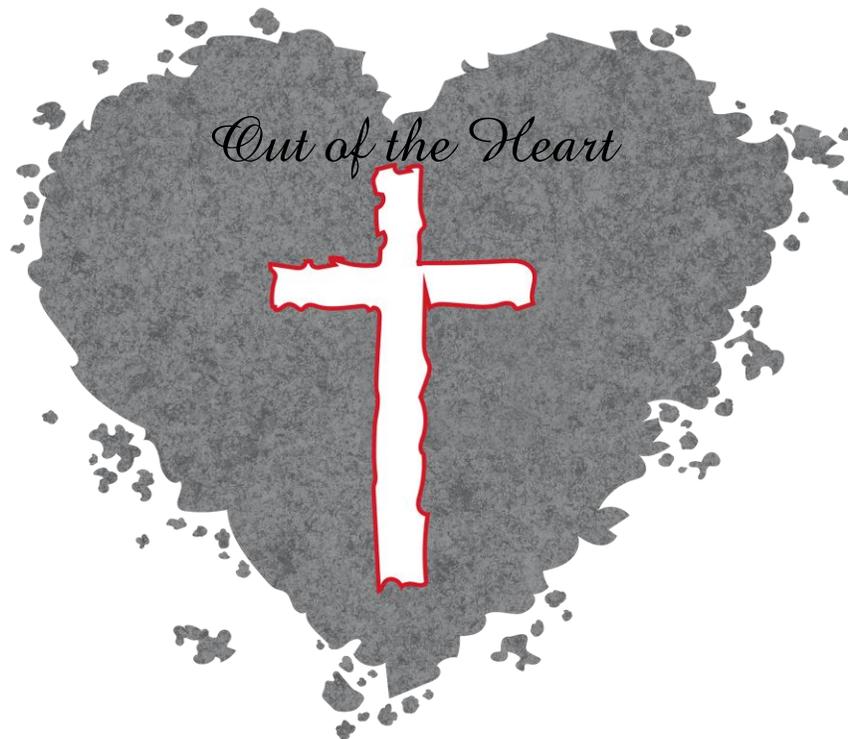
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Matters of the Heart

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

6:00 PM WORSHIP

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Marie Rogers

Organist

Mike Beyer

Congregational Chairman

Rick Melius

Head Elder

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED TONIGHT

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

LSB 419

(sung to tune TLH 166)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,

People: **“return to Me with all your heart,**

Pastor: with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

People: **and rend your hearts and not your garments.”**

Pastor: Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;**

Pastor: and He relents over disaster.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Our heavenly Father knows our frailty and our need for forgiveness, life, and salvation. He invites to return to Him with broken and contrite hearts.

People: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

People: **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Pastor: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

People: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

People: **Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

People: **Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

People: **Amen.**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As each person comes forward, the pastor and his assistant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead or the hand with ashes, saying: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

If you choose to not come forward for ashes, you are invited to meditate quietly in your pew.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our God has called us to return to Him so that we might be reconciled and receive the reward of His forgiveness. The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, You created us in Your holy image, but through our continuous sin, we have been poor reflections of You. Strengthen us throughout this season to put away sin and selfish ambition, so that we may journey toward the cross and empty tomb with all humility and patience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 6:5-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 1:18-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

People: Glory to You O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:19-20

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

"Chief of Sinners Though I be"

LSB 611

SERMON

"Out of the Heart"

Mark 7:20-23

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Lord, we thank You for calling us to return to You.

People: We place our confidence and trust in the reality that You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and You relent over disaster.

Pastor: O Lord, through Christ, You reconciled us to Yourself and have given us the ministry of reconciliation.

People: We are Your servants. Lead and empower us by Your Spirit to live lives worthy of this calling that we have received.

Pastor: O Lord, You have freely rewarded us with the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

People: Lead us to serve You in secret as we would with the world watching so that others may see You through us. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

HYMN *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"* LSB 422

WORDS OF OUR LORD/CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of the altar will be celebrated in a continuous line.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN *"Your Table I Approach"* LSB 628

HYMN *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"* LSB 637

HYMN *"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"* LSB 619

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We thank You, almighty God, for calling us to return to You, reconciling us through the sacrifice of Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, and rewarding us with forgiveness, life, salvation, and Your continual presence. Thank You for nourishing our bodies and souls with Your Son's body and blood that was given and shed for us. Empower us by Your Spirit to live lives of service to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"Abide with Me"* LSB 878

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