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**MARCH 5, 2025 • ASH WEDNESDAY**

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7:00 p.m.

As we light candles  
on the Retable,  
place the Bible at  
the Lectern, pour  
water in the Baptis-  
mal Font, and set  
the Communion  
Table, we are re-  
minded of the light  
of Christ, present  
in Word and  
Sacrament.

(\* When this  
symbol precedes an  
element of the  
service, you are  
invited to rise  
in body or spirit.

*PLEASE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP IN SILENCE.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Joel 2:1)

**One:** Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm upon the holy mountain!

**All:** **Let everyone tremble, for the day of the Lord is near.**

**PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 213**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RATHBUN

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Joel 2 :1-2, 12-17

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**ANTHEM**

*Psalm 130*

Paul Manz

Chancel Choir

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.  
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.  
If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand.  
But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared.  
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait. And in his Word do I hope;  
my soul waiteth for the Lord more than they watch for the morning.  
Let Israel hope in the Lord for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is  
redemption, and He shall redeem Israel from all iniquities.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Corinthians 5 :20-6 :10

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**\*HYMN 544**

*Bless the Lord*

BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)

(SING THE HYMN THREE TIMES)

**INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### LITANY OF CONFESSION

**All:** Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,  
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.

One: 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.

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

One: We have not listened 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.

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

One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:  
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**All:** we confess to you, O God.

One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways  
and our exploitation of other people,

**All:** we confess to you, O God.

One: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy  
of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**All:** we confess to you, O God.

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**All:** we confess to you, O God.

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**All:** we confess to you, O God.

One: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done.  
For our neglect of human need and suffering  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**All: accept our repentance, O God.**

One: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our  
neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those  
who differ from us,

**All: accept our repentance, O God.**

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**All: accept our repentance, O God.**

One: Restore us, O God,

**All: and let your anger depart from us.**

One: Favorably hear us, O God,

**All: for your mercy is great. Amen.**

#### CEREMONY OF ASHES

*During the imposition of ashes, the ministers will say  
"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

*Congregants may reply,*

***"In life and in death, I belong to God,"*** or may remain silent.

*During the ceremony, while seated, please join  
in singing Hymns 215 and 216.*

#### PRAYER

\* **HYMN 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: May the work of God's salvation be accomplished in us,

**All: that we may show forth God's glory in the world.**

One: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

**All: may God bring us with all the saints  
to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

One: The blessing of God who hears when we call,

**All: the grace of Christ who reconciles us,**

One: and the power of the Holy Spirit who sustains us,  
remain with us in these Lenten days,

**All: and for all our days, and forevermore. Amen.**

*WORSHIPERS ARE ASKED TO DEPART QUIETLY.*