

# KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 12:00 & 7:00 PM



*~The Assembly gathers in Silence~*

*Before the service, you are invited to light a candle and say a prayer.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **Welcome/Bonjour Bienvenue**

*"Welcome to Ash Wednesday service. We are delighted that you have chosen to be with us as we enter into the Lenten journey.*

*This next several weeks will take us with Jesus as he goes from the Jordan River to the desert and on to Jerusalem where he spoke about peace.*

*This is the time of walking with Jesus to the place where he sacrificed for our sake. May the peace of Jesus be with us and the power of God surround us and the compassion of the Holy Spirit be in our hearts.."*

*For those viewing this service through our recording on Youtube, Please know that you may want to gather a few items for worship, a bulletin from our website, [KOGlutheran.org](http://KOGlutheran.org) or a lit candle or some celebratory food like wine/juice and some bread, etc for communion later on in this service. We are grateful that you are worshiping with us.*

Pastor: In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. **Amen**

### **Call to Awareness**

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

**People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.**

Leader: Lent calls us to live as children of God. We are to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all of God's creation and create a world where all people are equal.

**People: We are to love our neighbors.**

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

**People: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.**

*(Flames of the Spirit pg. 29)*

# Gathering Hymn      Return to the Lord †

*During this hymn you are invited forward to light a candle*



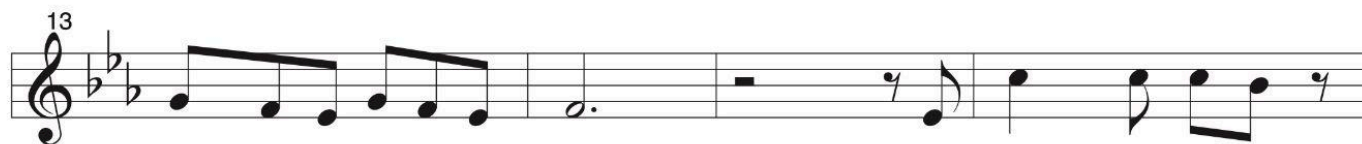
Re - turn,      Re - turn,      Re-turn to the Lord— your



God!      Re-turn,      Re - turn,      Re-turn to the Lord—your



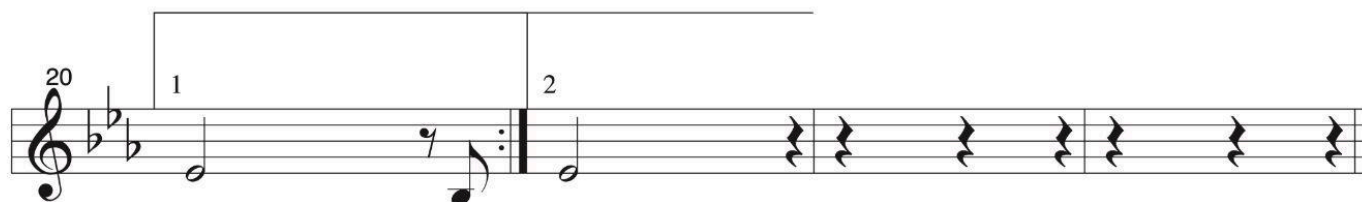
God!      For God      is gracious!      God is mer-ci-ful!      Slow to an-ger, a -



bound-ing in stead - fast love.      For God      is gracious!



God      is mer-ci-ful!      Slow      to an-ger, a - bound-ing in stead - fast



love.      Re - love.

**Confession & Forgiveness:**

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

**We surround ourselves with crosses, O God; yet we confess that we shrink back from the awareness that your glory is revealed in the criminal's cross of Jesus Christ. Help us to know your presence wherever there is suffering in our world; may we be channels of your love and healing, so that our neighbors around the world do not suffer. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Flames of the Spirit pg. 32)*

**Words of Assurance**

The good news is that we depend not on ourselves, but on the Spirit of God to give us vitality and forgiveness. All mistakes are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen**

*(Flames of the Spirit pg. 33)*

**Prayer of the Day**

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** *(Dawn Lewis)*

**Imposition of Ashes**

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

# Ashes <sup>†</sup> Steve Eulberg



1 Ash - es, ash - es, Dust to dust Moths de - vo - ur,

7 trea - sures rust. Ash - es, ash - es, Dust to

12 dust All things per - ish, Whom shall we trust? 1.  
2. The  
3.

17 Nak - ed came I from the womb  
Full are emp - tied, hol - lowed to the core  
Where is the trea - sure of your life?

21 I shall re - turn the same. God it  
To make room for more. Those who were  
That is where your heart will roam. Soft - ly and

26 is who gives to me, God it is who  
Emp - ty now ov - er - flow, God lifts up the  
Ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing Earn - est - ly beck - on - ing,

31 takes a way Bless - ed be God's name!  
low - est of the low, Bless God for - ev - er - more!  
call - ing you & me: "Re - pent, turn a - round, come home."

*D.C. al Fine*

**Isaiah 58:1-12 (CEV)**

Shout the message! Don't hold back.

Say to my people Israel: You've sinned! You've turned against Adonai.

Day after day, you worship God and seem eager to learn God's teachings.

You act like a nation that wants to do right by obeying God's laws.

You ask God about justice, and say you enjoy worshiping Adonai.

You wonder why God pays no attention when you go without eating and act humble.

But on those same days that you give up eating, you think only of yourselves and abuse your workers. You even get angry and ready to fight.

No wonder God won't listen to your prayers!

Do you think the Adonai wants you to give up eating and to act as humble as a bent-over bush? Or to dress in sackcloth and sit in ashes?

Is this really what God wants on a day of worship?

I'll tell you what it really means to worship God.

Remove the chains of prisoners who are bound unjustly. Free those who are abused! Share your food with everyone who is hungry; share your home with the poor and homeless.

Give clothes to those in need; don't turn away your relatives.

Then your light will shine like the dawning sun, and you will quickly be healed.

Your honesty will protect you as you advance, and the glory of the Adonai will defend you from behind.

When you beg the Holy One for help, God will answer, "Here I am!"

Don't mistreat others or falsely accuse them or say something cruel.

Give your food to the hungry and care for the homeless.

Then your light will shine in the dark; your darkest hour will be like the noonday sun.

God will always guide you and provide good things to eat when you are in the desert.

God will make you healthy. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water or like a stream that never runs dry.

You will rebuild those houses left in ruins for years;

you will be known as a builder and repairer of city walls and streets.

*(\*\*\* Adonai is the name of God that comes from "YHWH")*

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 51:1-17**

L: You are kind, God! Please have pity on me.

**C: You are always merciful! Please wipe away my mistakes.**

L: Wash me clean from all of my mistakes and guilt.

**C: I know about my mistakes, and I cannot forget the burden of my guilt.**

L: You are really the one who knows all that I have done;

**C: I have disobeyed you and have done wrong.**

L: So it is right and fair for you to correct and punish me.

**C: I have sinned and done wrong since the day I was born.**

L: But you want complete honesty, so teach me true wisdom.

**C: Wash me with hyssop until I am clean and whiter than snow.**

L: Let me be happy and joyful! You crushed my bones, now let them celebrate.

**C: Turn your eyes from my mistakes and cover my guilt.**

L: Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again.

**C: Don't chase me away from you or take your Holy Spirit away from me.**

L: Make me as happy as you did when you saved me; make me want to obey!

**C: I will teach sinners your Law, and they will return to you.**

L: Keep me from any deadly sin. Only you can save me!

Then I will shout and sing about your power to save.

**C: Help me to speak, and I will praise you, Lord.**

L: Offerings and sacrifices are not what you want.

**C: The way to please you is to be truly sorry deep in our hearts.**

**This is the kind of sacrifice you won't refuse.**

**2 Cor 5:20b-6:10 (CEV)**

We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God. Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so Christ could make us acceptable to God.

We work together with God, and we beg you to make good use of God's gift of undeserved grace. In the Scriptures God says,

“When the time came,

I listened to you,

and when you needed help,

I came to save you.”

That time has come. This is the day for you to be saved.

We don't want anyone to find fault with our work, and so we try hard not to cause problems. But in everything and in every way we show we truly are God's servants. We have always been patient, though we have had a lot of trouble, suffering, and hard times. We have been beaten, put in jail, and hurt in riots. We have worked hard and have gone without sleep or food. But we have kept ourselves pure and have been understanding, patient, and kind. The Holy Spirit has been with us, and our love has been real. We have spoken the truth, and God's power has worked in us. In all our struggles we have said and done only what is right.

Whether we were honored or dishonored or praised or cursed, we always told the truth about ourselves. But some people said we did not. We are unknown to others, but well known to you. We seem to be dying, and yet we are still alive. We have been punished, but never killed, and we are always happy, even in times of suffering. Although we are poor, we have made many people rich. And though we own nothing, everything is ours.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Choir: Remember That You Are Dust ACS #919**



**Matthew 6:1-6, 12-21 (CEV)**

When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Creator in heaven. When you give to the poor, don't blow a loud horn. That's what show-offs do in the synagogues and on the street corners, because they are always looking for praise. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

When you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. God knows what is done in secret and will reward you.

When you pray, don't be like those show-offs who love to stand up and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners. They do this just to look good. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

When you pray, go into a room alone and close the door. Pray to God in private. God knows what is done in private and will reward you.

Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.

Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.

If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, God in heaven will forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, God will not forgive your mistakes.

When you go without eating, don't try to look gloomy as those show-offs do when they go without eating. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

Instead, comb your hair and wash your face. Then others won't know you are going without eating. But God sees what is done in private, and God will reward you.

Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

L: This is the Holy Gospel

**C: Praise to you, Christ**

**Homily**

**Hymn of the Day**      **When in Dust to You**      **ELW #601**

*Please help us reduce waste and cost by finding this hymn in the red hymnal or the screens.*



- 1 Sav - ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom - age due;
- 2 By your help - less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
- 3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
- 4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,



when, re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes;  
 by your days of deep dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,  
 by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,  
 by the vault whose dark a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf - fered once for us be - low,  
 by the dread, mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r,  
 by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice,  
 oh, from earth to heav'n re - stored, might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord,



bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 turn, oh, turn a fa - v'ring eye; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 lis - ten to our hum - ble sigh; hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
 bend - ing from your throne on high, hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Humbly, we come to your altar and seek your face, your voice and your words of healing. We humbly seek your grace and mercy.

*A brief silence.*

God of our journeys, we pray for the church as the season of Lent begins. Guide your people in spiritual practices and preparation for baptism. Strengthen communities of faith in discipleship and witness for the sake of the gospel.

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for the earth. As you once brought forth life from the dust, breathe healing and renewal into all places where ecosystems are stretched and strained. Nurture organic cycles of life, death, and rebirth.

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, we pray for an end to wars and occupations that reduce communities to ash. Turn leaders away from fearful decision-making, and lead all people into the justice and compassion of your reign.

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

God of the suffering, we pray for all who live with any pain. I invite you to say the names aloud or silently. (provide time for names to be said). Comfort people living with chronic or terminal illnesses, addictions, or anxiety. Grant that all who dwell in the dust of grief may know your presence there.

God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

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God of community, we pray for those who accompany the dying: for first responders, health care and hospice workers, chaplains, and those who facilitate burials of the dead. Sustain them as they serve their neighbors in life and death with dignity and care.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the cross, we give thanks for those who have completed their lives on earth and have returned to you. Strengthen us with the promise that within the ashes of death are the seeds of resurrection life.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**AMEN** (*Dawn Lewis*)

### **Offering- Special Music**

#### **Offering Prayer**

Most gracious Provider, the work of your hands is immense, and the treasures you provide to us expansive. We open our hearts to the world you give us. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing our time, talents and treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.** (*Dawn Lewis*)

#### **Holy Communion**

Pastor: All who hunger and thirst, come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the streams of life.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 in remembrance of me.

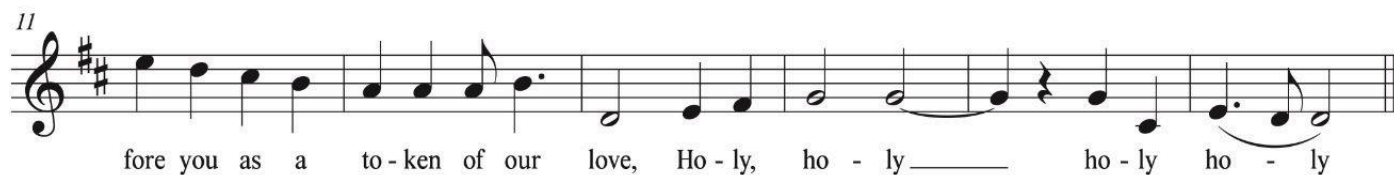
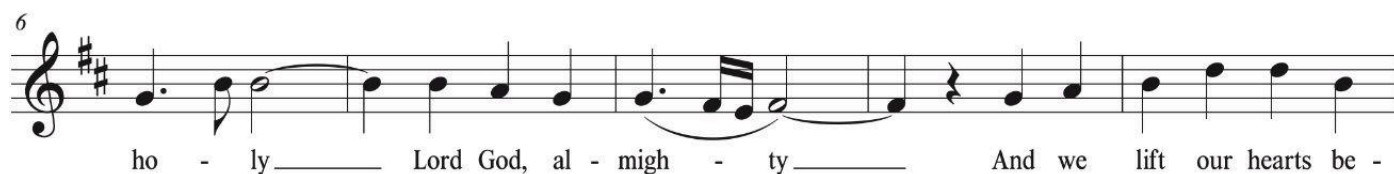
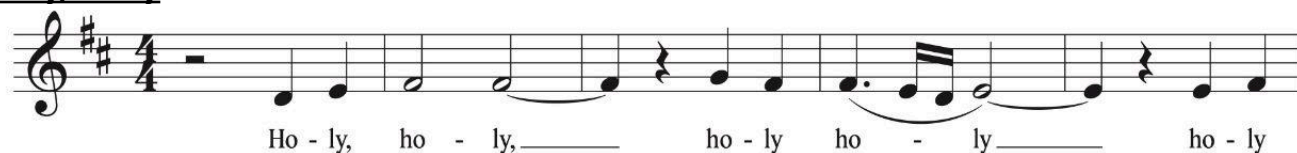
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## Holy, Holy, Holy †



**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom and the power and the  
glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**AMEN**

**Notre Pere**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre  
comme au ciel.**

**Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de  
ce jour.**

**Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux  
qui nous ont offensés.**

**Et ne nous laisses pas entrer en  
tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.**

**Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,  
la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des  
siècles. Amen**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Pastor: This is the Holy meal that Jesus gave us. It is for all people**

*There are two communion stations for bread and wine. If gluten free, please ask for a GF wafer. Dip your bread into the wine (red) or grape juice (white), whatever makes you most comfortable.*

Communion of the People**This Is My Body** †


1

Es-te es mi cuer-po, es-ta es mi san-gre, da-do por ti,  
This— is my bod - y, this— is my blood,— giv-en for you,

7

da-do por ti, Grac - cias a Dios, Gra - cias a Dios,  
giv - en for you, Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God,

13

Gra - cias a Dios, Gra - cias a Dios.  
Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God.

Concluding Prayer

Gracious host, you washed the feet of your disciples and fed them with bread and wine. Let our own light shine like the dawning sun and help us as we head into these forty days with you. We know you will always provide good things to us. Send us forth to lead others through these days and empower us to love one another, share our bounty and praise your name. **Amen.** (*Dawn Lewis*)

Blessing

You have formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. As we begin this Lenten journey, remind us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. In your love, we are more than dust—we are your beloved, always held in your grace. May this cross of ashes be a sign of hope and a mark of belonging to you, your promise of mercy. Go forth knowing you are created in love, redeemed by grace and sustained by the Spirit, now and always.

**AMEN** (*Dawn Lewis*)

# Sending Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk With Me ELW # 325



Please help us reduce waste and cost by finding this hymn in the red hymnal or the screens.

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.



**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God**

**French:** Allez en paix. Prenez soin des autres comme Dieu prend soin de vous.  
**Dieu soit loué.**

*~You are invited to exit in reflective silence~*

**Postlude****Worship Volunteers:**

**Greeters (noon):** : Mark & Julie Drew, Marilyn Falk

**Greeters (7PM):** : Diane Weber, Patty Larson

**Ushers (noon):** Coletta Hill, Shirley Dodson

**Ushers (7PM):** Lisa Kraft, Jack & Becky Newberry

**Lector (noon):** Mark Drew

**Lector (7PM)** Gabrielle Applequest

**Assisting Minister (noon)** Gretchen Bingea

**Assisting Minister (7PM):** Todd Kraft

**AV Pilots (noon :** Becky Newberry, Joel Tompkins

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Lawson Rocke, Hudson Rocke

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