



February 18, 2026

*Ash Wednesday: Dying to Sin,
Living in Forgiveness*

*“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast
love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my
transgressions.” Psalm 51:1*

Opening Hymn ... "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" LSB 419

Confession and Absolution

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. David the psalmist writes, "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1). In humble repentance, we seek the blessing of God and forgiveness for our sins.
- C: Almighty God, we confess that we have turned away from your Word and from your will for our lives. Instead of following your ways, we listen to the temptations of the world around us and seek to live according to our own sinful desires. We do not love others as we should. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. Create in us new hearts and willing spirits to glorify you and serve others in your name.**
- P: The psalmist writes, "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my sins to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:5). God has had mercy on us, sending his Son to suffer the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins and forgiving us for Jesus' sake. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord Jesus...and accept our grateful praise, dear Savior. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

P: Confronted by his own sin ...Jesus took onto himself the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins.

(You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive the mark of ashes.)

Hymn ... "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" LSB 606

Old Testament Reading ... Psalm 51:1-12

Epistle Reading ... Colossians 1:13-20

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Hymn. . . “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB* 609; vrs. 1-2

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB* 609;
vrs. 3-4

Nicene Creed

Offering and Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayers

P: (after each petition)... Lord, create in each of us a clean heart.

C: **Restore to us the joy of the salvation that we have through faith in your name.**

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Communion / Distribution Hymns:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB* 420

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB* 425

Benediction

Create In Me *LSB* 192 

☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn ... “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” *LSB* 611; vrs. 1-2

Midweek Lenten & Holy Week

Ash Wednesday, February 18

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Soup & Pie

hosted by LWML

Wednesday, February 25

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Soup & Sandwiches

hosted by Bibi's Hope

Wednesday, March 4

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Hot Dogs & Loose

Meats

hosted by KinderCottage Preschool

Wednesday, March 11

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Spaghetti

hosted by Confirmation

Wednesday, March 18

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Taco Bar

hosted by High School

Wednesday, March 25

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

*Meal: Lasagna

hosted by Handbells / Choir

Palm Sunday, March 29

Worship 6:30 PM Thursday,

March 26; 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Sunday, March 29

Maundy Thursday, April 2

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3

11:30 AM & 7 PM Worship

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Worship with Holy

Communion

7:30-10 AM Redeemer Youth

serve Easter Breakfast