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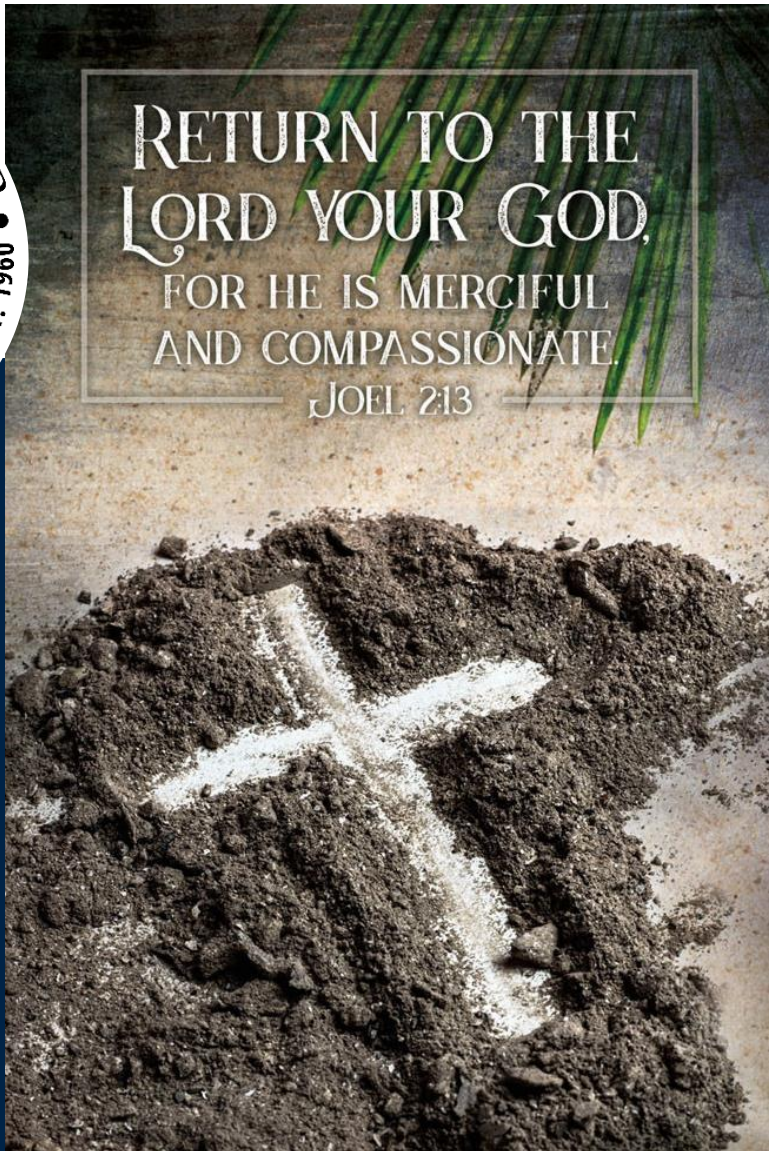
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RETURN TO THE
LORD YOUR GOD,
FOR HE IS MERCIFUL
AND COMPASSIONATE.

JOEL 2:13



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22, 2023

Return to the Lord Your God with All Your Heart, for He Has Reconciled You to Himself

On Ash Wednesday, we come down from the mountain with Jesus and set our face with His toward the cross in Jerusalem. We make our pilgrimage with Him by the way of repentance, and thus return to the dying and rising of Holy Baptism. For Christ Jesus, *“who knew no sin,”* became our sin, so that by His death we are released from sin, and in His resurrection we *“become the righteousness of God”* (2 Cor. 5:21). Since God has thereby reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, *“now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation”* (2 Cor. 6:2). He summons you to return to Him with all your heart because He is *“gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love”* (Joel 2:13). Do so in faith and confidence before Him, and pray to Him as your Father. Give to the needy from a heart of love, and fast for the sake of repentance (Matt. 6:3-4, 6, 17-18).

PLEASE NOTE - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church offers assisted listening devices for our members and guests this morning. If you would like to use one, please speak with an usher.

Guest Book: If you are a visitor, welcome! Please sign our guest book on the cabinet below the tract display in the entryway. Thank you!

SERVING AMONG US TODAY
The Elder: Dave Vetter
The Organist: Ruth Holmquist



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If you are unable to, or have trouble standing, please feel free to remain seated at the times we stand.

OPENING HYMN “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” LSB #610

(Please stand)

ASH WEDNESDAY LITANY

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

P: God the Father, in heaven.

C: have mercy.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Holy Spirit,

C: have mercy.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and Passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

C: help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore you

C: to hear us, O Lord.

P: To prosper the preaching of your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

C: we implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: To draw all to yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; And to have mercy on us all:

C: we implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: To turn our hearts to you; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: we implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: we implore you to hear us.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us your peace.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen

(Please be seated)



*If you wish to receive the Imposition of Ashes, please wait to be ushered forward.
We ask all those who wish to receive ashes to form a line in front of the communion rail.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Please stand)

INTROIT - Ps. 51:1-3, 10-12; antiphon: Ps. 51:17



The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

(Please stand)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joel 2:12-19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Ps. 6:1-10



¹O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath.
²Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | languishing;*
heal me, O LORD, for my bones are | troubled.
³My soul also is greatly | troubled.*
But you, O LORD— | how long?
⁴Turn, O LORD, deliv- | er my life;*
save me for the sake of your | steadfast love.
⁵For in death there is no remem- | brance of you;*
in Sheol who will | give you praise?
⁶I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my | bed with tears;*
I drench my couch with my | weeping.
⁷My eye wastes away be- | cause of grief;*
it grows weak because of | all my foes.
⁸Depart from me, all you workers of | evil,*
for the LORD has heard the sound of my | weeping.
⁹The LORD has | heard my plea;*
the LORD ac- | cepts my prayer.
¹⁰All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly | troubled;*
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a | moment.

EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,

⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN “Baptismal Waters Cover Me” LSB #616

SERMON “God’s Gift of Repentance” (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

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(Please stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

HYMN LSB #805

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

This afternoon/evening we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord’s Supper. As it can be received to one’s spiritual blessing or to one’s spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord’s Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That’s why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord’s Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Schuldheisz or the Elder of the Day before the service.

(If unable to kneel, please remain standing. If you take the individual cup please wait for the pastor with the common cup to say, “Take, drink,” before drinking.)

(Please stand)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 609, 617, 618

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” LSB #418

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Soup & Bread Supper

March 1st at 6pm

Don't forget to sign up!





Chili Cook-off

Fellowship with your church family!

WEDNESDAY
MARCH

29TH 6PM-
7PM

JOIN US BEFORE
OUR LAST MID-
WEEK LENT
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*Pull out your best
recipe!*