

INTRODUCTION

Lent in many ways is a journey. We journey with our Lord to the cross and deal with the forgiveness of our sins. Each week we will hear a portion of the reading of the Passion story of our Lord, and we will reflect upon our Lord's death and what that means to sinners like you and me. That reflection is a familiar part of Lent.



THIS SEASON IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

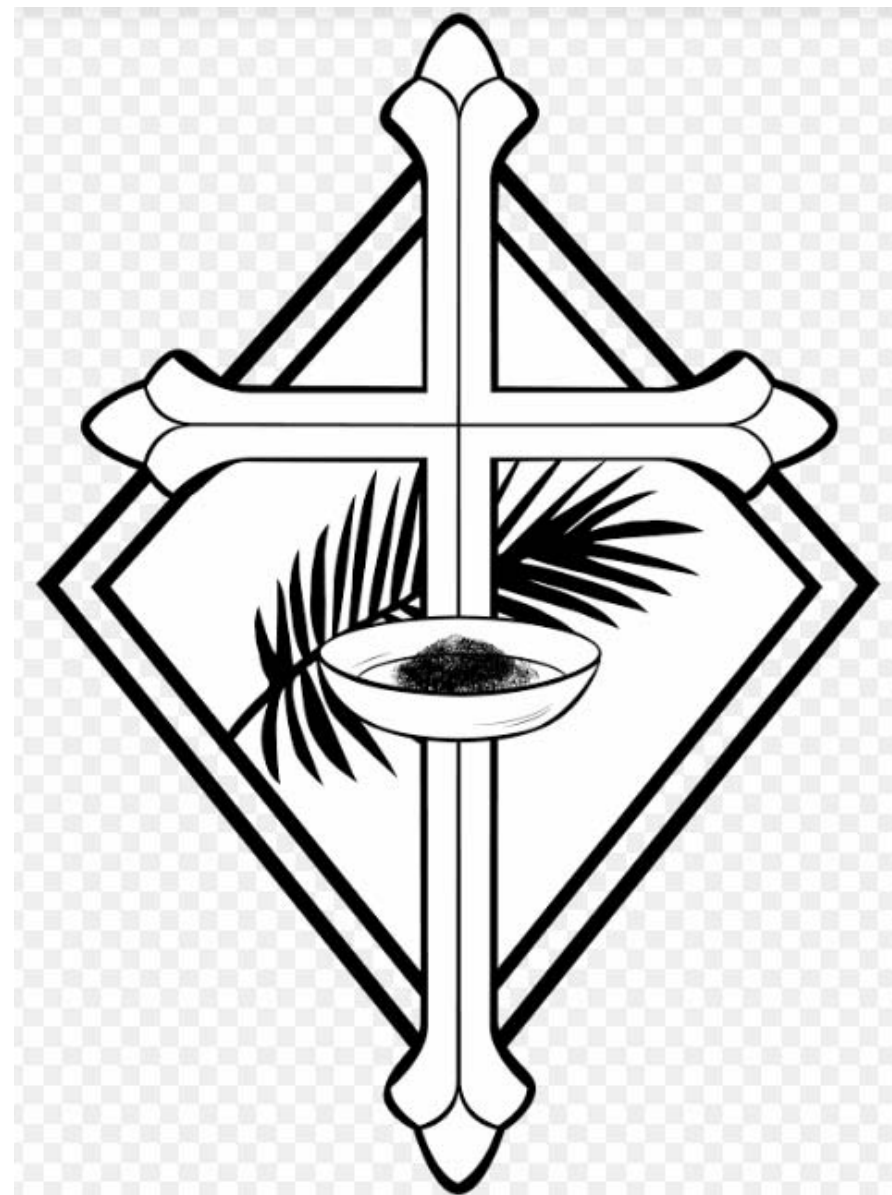
LENT is a season of intense preparation for Easter. It is also a time for deep meditation and reflection on the Word of God. We reflect on Holy Baptism and its basis in the death and Resurrection of Christ. We remember that although Baptism happened in time, still our Baptism plays a powerful and meaningful role in our everyday lives. As we daily contemplate our sins in the mirror of God's Law, we remember the covenant God made to us in Baptism: A covenant that He would be faithful in forgiving our sins unto everlasting Life.

As we daily return to Baptism in repentance and faith, we continue the cycle of the Christian life which will ultimately find its culmination in the final resurrection from the dead. *"...do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through Baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."* (**Romans 6**)

The liturgical color for the Lent season is **purple** which symbolizes penitence and self-discipline.

During the penitential season of Lent we omit the *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* and the *Alleluias* from the Divine Service. They will return to use again on Easter Morning.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL 
Ash Wednesday  (**LENT Begins**) *Prepare A Fast*
Be Merciful, O LORD  February 14th, 2018 ✠ 4:30 pm



Historic Church Year Symbol for Ash Wednesday: Beginning of Lent
(A rendering of the prophet Joe 2:12-19) Declare a fast.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless you.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP Printed here and in **black** (ELH) Hymnary **p.120**

Service		
Opening Hymn	287 (6v)	Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Hymn of the Day	593+ (4v)	On My Heart Imprint Thine Image
Evening Hymn	561 (8v)	<i>Sing 1-2,7-8</i> Abide With Me, Fast Falls

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after Quinquagesima Sunday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exodus14:1-31	Exo. 15:1-21	Exo.15:22-16:36	Exo. 17:1-16	Exo. 19:1-25	Exo.20:1-23
Mark 10:1-31	Mark 10:32-52	Mark 11:1-33	Mark12:13-44	Luke 4:14-44	Luke 5:12-39

PROPERs for ASH WEDNESDAY (START LENT) **FEB 14TH**

INTROIT I will cry to God Most High, to God who performs all things for me. Yes, in the shadow of Your wings I make my refuge, until these calamities are past. Be merciful to Me, O God, be merciful to me, for my soul trusts in You. ...from Psalm 57

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made and You forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, who worthily lament our sins and acknowledge our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever, **C: ♫ A - - -men.**

GRADUAL C: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for my soul trusts in You. He will send from heaven and save me from the accusation of him who would swallow me up. ...from Psalm 103

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(printed on inside back page 6 of the bulletin)*

OT Joel 2:12-19	The Lord calls His people to <i>true</i> repentance.
Ep. II Corinthians 5:20-6:10	Do not receive God's Grace in vain.
Go. Matthew 6:16-21	Do the Father's Will for the <i>right</i> reasons.

2018-LENT MIDWEEK "SERMONS" THEME: THE BUGENHAGEN PASSION HISTORY
& THOMAS KINGO (PASSION) HYMNS

Historic Lessons for Ash * Wednesday (40 days pre-Easter)

Old Testament

Joel 2:12-19 NIV 'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' 13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity. 14 Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God. 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. 16 Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber. 17 Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, 'Spare Your people, O LORD. Do not make Your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" 18 Then the LORD will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people. 19 The LORD will reply to them: 'I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.

Epistle

II Corinthians 5:20-6:10 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 6:1 As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. 2 For He says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the Day of Salvation. 3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. 4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; 8 through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel

Matthew 6:16-21 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, Who is unseen; and your Father, Who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The VERSICLE *P: ♪ Let my prayers rise before you as incense:*

C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands-- As the ev'ning sacrifice.

The NUNC DIMITTIS ("Lord, let us Depart in Peace"...music on page 124)

C: ♪ 1. Lord, now You let Your servant ... de-part in peace:
Accord-... -ing to You Word.

2. For mine eyes have seen... Your Sal-va-tion;
Which You have prepared before the face... of all peo-ple.

3. A-- Light to light-... -en the Gen-tiles:
And the glory of Your... peo-ple Isra-el.

4. Glory be to the Father ... and to the Son / And to... the Holy Ghost;

5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and... ever shall be / Forev-... er-more, A-men.

KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord Have Mercy*) **C: ♪** Lord, have mercy upon us. -
Christ, have mercy upon us. - Lord, have mercy upon us.

The LORD'S PRAYER (*Congregation and Pastor pray together*)

C: ♪ Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hal-low-ed be- Thy Name--;
Thy Kingdom come-, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heav-en;
Give us this day our dai-ly bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not- into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever.
C: ♪ A- - -men.

The (Evening) COLLECT (*Pastor prays, Congregation: ♪ Amen*)

P: Let us pray: O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed, Give Your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your Commandments, And also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who lives -- and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever.

C: ♪ A- - -men.

The BENEDICAMUS *P: ♪ Let us bless the Lord.* **C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

The BENEDICTION *P: ♪ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.* **C: ♪ A- - -men.**

CLOSING HYMN *Abide With Me* ELH #561 vv1-2,7-8 HFLyte EVENTIDE

1. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide; - The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, - Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see. O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!

7. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

8. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes, / Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies. / Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

IN LIFE, IN DEATH, O LORD, ABIDE WITH ME! AMEN.

Silent Prayer (Candles out.) You may be seated. ~ p.5 ~

FELLOWSHIP.



I. The Service of Vespers ELH p.120



OPENING HYMN "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" ELH #287 (6 verses) JESU, KREUZ

1. Jesus, I will ponder now - On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow - For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith - May the image cherish
Of Thy suffering, pain, and death, - That I may not perish.

2. Make me see Thy great distress, - Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness - And Thy crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, - Spear and nails, did wound Thee,
How for man Thou died, O God, - Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone - Make me see Thy Passion,
But its cause to me make known - And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin - Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This indeed the cause hath been - Of Thy crucifixion.

4. Grant that I Thy Passion view - With repentant grieving
Nor Thee crucify anew - By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun - Every sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son - Suffered without measure?

5. If my sins give me alarm - And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm, - Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee - And Thy holy Passion.
If His Son so loveth me, - God must have compassion.

6. Grant that I may willingly - Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee, - Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give Thee love for love! - Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heaven above - Sing Thy praise forever. Amen.



The INVOCATION (Congregation please rise if you are able.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: Makes haste O God, to deliver me. C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken spirit and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the beginning, is now, And every shall be; forevermore. Amen.**

The CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

CORPORATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Use ELH p.130-132 Form II)

P: I now ask you, in the presence of God, Who searches the heart:

*Do you sincerely **confess** that you have sinned against God and deserve His
wrath and punishment?*

C: I do so confess.

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P: Truly you should confess, for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

*Do you heartily **repent** of all your sins committed in thought, word and deed?*

C: I do repent.

P: Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

*Do you sincerely **believe** that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?*

C: I do so believe.

*P: Truly you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should **not** perish, but have everlasting life*

*Do you **promise** that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?*

C: I do so promise.

P: Truly you should promise, for Christ our Lord says: "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Finally, Do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C: I do so believe.

P: Truly you should believe, for Christ our Lord says: "Whoever hears you, hears Me" and "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them."

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The ABSOLUTION (Form II. ELH p.132)

P: Upon this your confession, By the authority of God and my holy office I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May He Who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

The INTROIT (Spoken by the Pastor – see page 1 for words.)

The VERSICLES ELH, p.120

P: ♪ O Lord, open my lips. C: ♪ And my mouth will show forth Your praise.

P: ♪ Make haste, O God, to deliver me. C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

The GLORIA PATRI

**C: ♪ 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, for-ev-er-more.
A-men. (No Alleluia - Lent)**

The COLLECT (Prayer for Ash Wednesday, words on page 1 – Pastor prays.)

C: Amen. (after the Collect...) **The congregation may be seated.**

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II. The Service of The Word – 5. The Lection p.121

Historic Lessons for Ash ✠ Wednesday (40 days before Easter)

OLD TESTAMENT: Joel 2:12-19 Lord calls His people to true repentance.

EPISTLE: II Corinthians 5:20-6:10 Do not receive God's Grace in vain.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:16-21 Do the Father's Will for the right reasons.

RESPONSORY (After the readings)

P: ♪ O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

APOSTLES' CREED (Confession of Faith, on ELH p.46) All say together:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into Hell; the Third Day he Rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints,
the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life ✠ everlasting.**

Amen. Δ (Congregation may be seated for the next hymn.)

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SERMON HYMN *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image* ELH #593+ (245 verses!)

1. O ye highest Heavens, listen, Hear the angels' anthem swell!

People without number, listen, All who on the earth do dwell!

Listen, all who now can hear; Every heart and mind, draw near;

All with breath and life, draw near Him, Now prepare yourselves to hear Him.

2. Jesus, O our Jesus, singeth! More than angels' joyous mirth!

Every angel voice now ceaseth! Jesus' voice must now be heard!

Heaven joins in harmony With the blessed melody;

Jesus' voice and heart are crying, Ere He faces death and sighing.

... 8. Sing, my soul, and let them hear thee! Ne'er forget those pious tears!

Jesus' spirit yet shall cheer thee, Though the song tell Adam's fears!

Sing still more of Jesus' pain Of His Cross, His bloody stain,

Sing and trust, and e'er remember, Singing, thou shalt Heaven enter.

**... 15. On my heart imprint Thine Image, Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,
That life's riches, care, and pleasures Have no power Thee to efface.**

**This the superscription be: Jesus, Crucified for me,
Is my Life, my Hope's Foundation, And my Glory and Salvation. A--men.**

SERMON (Introduction to) 2018 Midweeks: **BUGENHAGEN PASSION HISTORY &**

HYMNS ON THE PASSION [BY THOMAS KINGO]

**WHICH CAN BE USED IN THE CONGREGATIONS DURING LENT AT THE WEEKLY SERVICE
AND/OR DAYS OF PRAYER ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM OF EACH PLACE.**

After the Sermon **The OFFERING** (We gather our offerings for the LORD)

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