

February 18, 2026  
Ash Wednesday Worship  
7:00 PM



**Welcome to Worship!**  
**As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.**  
**We invite you to a time of silence and focus.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP:** It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

**WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED** in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

**WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP!** Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

"Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship. "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

**Health Practices** in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness: Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

**VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS**

**Saint Andrews livestreams and records it's worship services to YouTube.**

**Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.**

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

“Let the Peace of Christ”  
The Chancel Choir

Molly Ijames

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which you were called in one body.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which you were called, and be thankful.  
In all that you do, in deed, do all in the name of the Lord.  
Giving thanks to the Father, thanks to the Father,  
teach the Word to each other in song.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which you were called in one body.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which you were called, and be thankful.*

## WELCOME

Pastor Lara

*Please stand as you are able.*

## INVOCATION

We gather for worship in the name of the One who gave us birth, who frees us from all that binds us, ✠ and whose Spirit continues to walk with us.

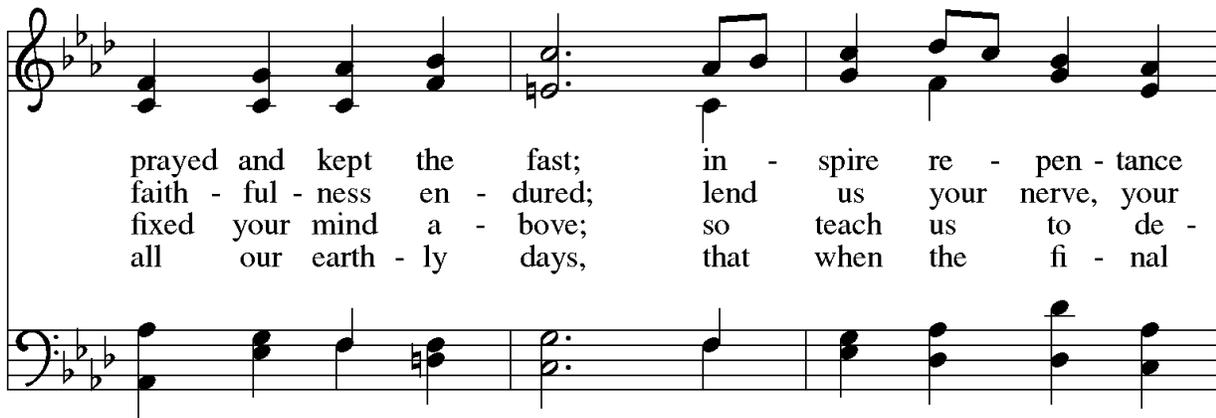
**Amen.**

HYMN

# O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### **John 6:16-40**

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with his disciples but that his disciples had gone away alone. But some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Lara

**MUSIC**

“As the Deer”  
The Bell Choir

Martin Nystrom

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, reading Psalm 51 responsively.

*Pastor reads light print; congregation reads bold print.*

*Silence for reflection.*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.

**Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us  
that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive ashes at the altar, guided by the ushers. The  
Pastor will place the sign of the cross in ashes on your forehead and say:*

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

### **ABSOLUTION**

In the mercy of Almighty God, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
you are forgiven ✝ for all your sins. This promise rests on grace and God remembers  
them no more.

**Amen.**

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want  
to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.*

### **THE PRAYERS**

After each petition, the leader will say, “Hear us, O God”.

Your response is **“your mercy is great.”**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.*

*Please remain standing.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

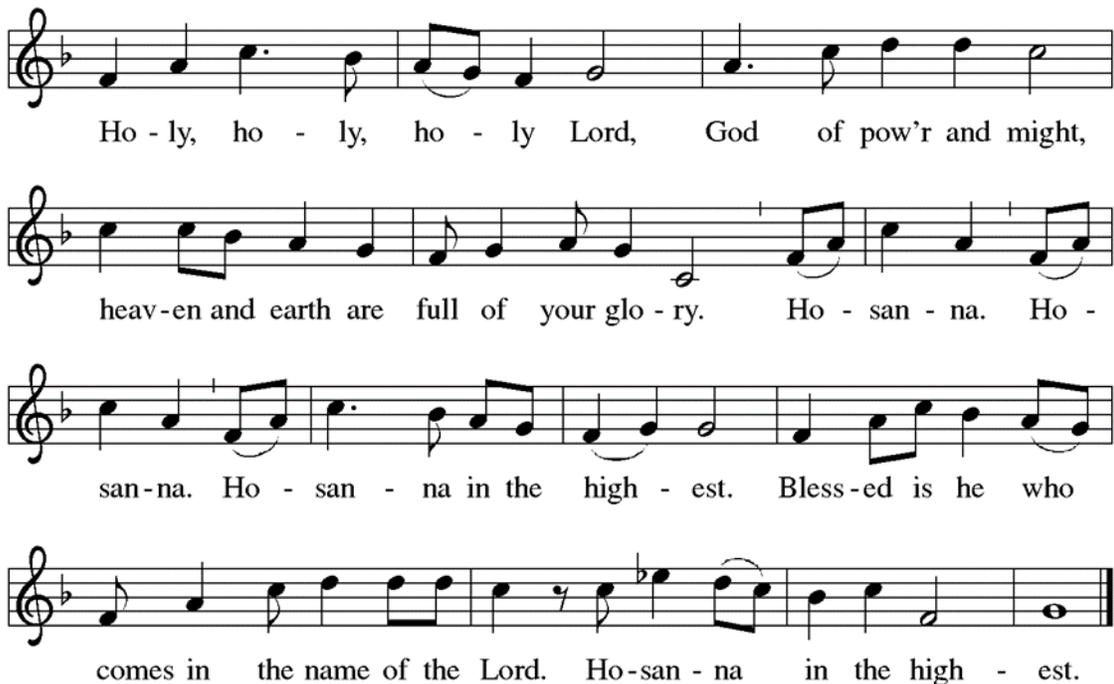
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

## **THE 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 today 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, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.*

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.*

*Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.*

*If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together. God, our provider,  
**you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.*

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

## **SENDING**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:**

Rev. Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*  
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*  
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*  
Doug Johnson, *Assisting Minister*  
Soren Lester, *Acolyte*  
Art Gurtel and Mark Davis, *Ushers*  
JoAn Eklof and Karin Eklof, *Altar Guild*  
Kurt Lutterman, *Livestream video*  
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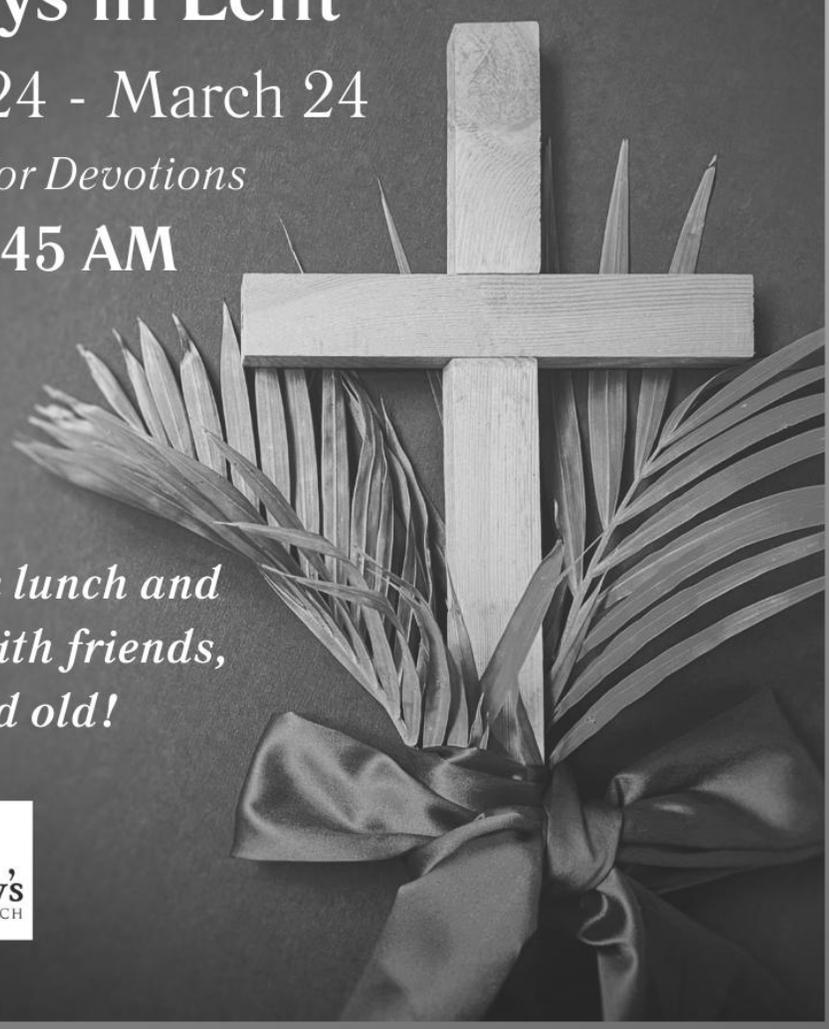
# Tuesdays in Lent

February 24 - March 24

*Gather for Devotions*

**11:45 AM**

*Bring a sack lunch and  
stay to eat with friends,  
new and old!*



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**Joan Tweten**, Kitchen Team

**We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.  
All are welcome!**



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