

Ash Wednesday  
February 18, 2026  
Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm



PLEASE ENTER IN SILENCE FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Prelude

Gathering Hymn

Psalm 51

MARTIN'S RIDGE



1. O faith-ful God, have mer-cy on your ser-vant here;  
2. I know my deeds, I know my faults and fail-ings well;  
3. You long for truth, for wis-dom dwell-ing deep with-in;



in your love, re-mem-ber not my sins. In the  
I have sinned and bro-ken faith with you. For the  
teach my heart to long for wis-dom, too: Wash me



wa-ters of your grace, wash me clean of all dis-grace;  
wrong that I have done, my trans-gres-sions, ev-'ry one,  
clean and give me voice, so these bones you crushed re-joice;



raise me up to life from death and fear.  
God your judg-ment would be just and true.  
turn my heart from sin to life in you.



4. Cre-ate in me a clean and right-eous heart, O God, put a



will-ing spir-it in my soul. Let me sing with joy a-new the sal-



va-tion found in you, sing-ing praise to you who made me whole.

### **Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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.**

### **First Reading: Joel 2:12-13**

A reading from the prophet Joel

Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love,  
and relenting from punishment.

Holy Word. Holy wisdom

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 14:15-24**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you O Lord**

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, “Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ Another said, ‘I

have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’ ”

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

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day                      *Build a Longer Table ~ ACS 1062*

### Confession of Sin

*You may sit or stand for confession*

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

Most holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,**  
**and before the whole company of heaven,**  
**that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault,**  
**by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

### **Imposition of Ashes and Forgiveness of Sin**

*Please come forward to receive the ashes.*

*After all who wish to receive ashes, we say:*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

**Musical Offering**    Make Us Faithful Servants (A Song for Lent) ~ Orin Johnson

**Offertory Hymn**    Bless Now, O God, the Journey ~ ELW 326 (vs. 1-2)

### **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 ...  
join their unending hymn

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 in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily 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. Amen.**

### **Holy Communion**

*You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

### **Communion Hymn**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ~ ELW 611*

### **Sending Prayer**

Merciful God, **accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*All Things of Dust to Dust Return ~ ACS 920*

### **Dismissal**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
render no one evil for evil; strengthen that 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.**

**PLEASE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE**



## MISSION STATEMENT

As God's forgiven people:  
We welcome all in Christ's love.  
We grow together in faith and life.  
We go out to love and serve others.



## Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church!

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another. We recognize that each person is a unique creation made in the image of God and we commit ourselves to treat each individual with respect and dignity and to welcome them with radical hospitality. Therefore, we commit to the continuing work of anti-racism, liberation, and social justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of all people. This includes sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all who have experienced exclusion or abuse because of race, ability, body type, culture, nation of origin, or economic status. We affirm the sacredness of those who struggle, whether it be with addiction, physical or mental health, or the things that seek to divide us from each other. **Know that you are accepted and affirmed just as you are, no matter where you are in your lifelong faith journey.**

We believe that through our open welcome we all grow in faith and love, and we invite everyone to participate as volunteers and leaders in our community. We need each other. It is by being in community together that we know God is here.

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### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday - Friday**

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### **After Hours**

In case of emergency  
or pastoral need:

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