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WEDNESDAY

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday

A Note about our Worship

“Dust you are, and to dust you shall return,” says the Word of the Lord. There is no comfort there. Dust points to death. Death points back to your sin. Sin and death, for them we are no challenge. One came Who said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me, will never die.” There is comfort!

Ash Wednesday begins a time of prayer and repentance, the season of Lent, even as we give attention to the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus.

Today also marks the beginning of our growing in faith through the study of MOSES. We will journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, through the Red Sea and to the presence of God in the Tabernacle. Our first sermon in the series focuses upon two God-fearing women, known to this day, Shiphrah and Puah. Shiphrah and Puah feared God, not Pharaoh, and so our theme, *New King, No Fear!* In the opening litany, eleven Bible verses depict godly fear and set the tone for today's worship.

Themes for the next three Saturday/Sunday services are:

God's Way: Little Things for Big Stuff (*Exodus 2:1-10*)

I Am Weak but He Is Strong (*Exodus 3:1-14*)

Behind Burdens, Faith Sees God's Heart (*Exodus 5:1-23*)



Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always,

but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Proverbs 28:14

The angel of the LORD encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Psalms 37:4

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD

than great treasure and trouble with it.

Proverbs 15:16

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

who greatly delights in his commandments!

Psalms 112:1

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 9:10

Oh, how abundant is your goodness,

which you have stored up for those who fear you.

Psalms 31:19

Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life,

**yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God,
because they fear before him.**

But it will not be well with the wicked,

because he does not fear before God.

Ecclesiastes 8:12–13

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

who walks in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

who fears the LORD.

Psalms 128:1–4

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

he also hears their cry and saves them.

Psalms 145:19

And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

Luke 1:50

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalms 103:11

A Time of Confession

Hymn

613

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

Confession and Absolution *(from Romans 7)*

Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

I know that nothing good lives in me. That is, in my sinful nature.

For I have the desire to do good, but I cannot carry it out.

For what I do is not the good I want to do.

No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

I find this law at work—

When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

At the root of my sinfulness is this truth:

I am unwilling and unable to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Hear the good news!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you."

Come and see what God has done,

how awesome are his works for us!

For you, O God, test us; you refined us like silver.

You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water.

But God has listened and heard our prayer.

He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot.

He has brought us to a place of abundance!

The LORD God who delivered Israel from the Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free. He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot.

He has brought us to a place of abundance! Amen!

Hymn

10:00am

Create in Me

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.

Choral Anthem

7:00pm

Psalm 51

Ash Wednesday Prayer

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word of the LORD

Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:8–22

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be
 2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my
 3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for-tress that with -
 4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith-ful God, for -
 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa - ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O
 prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and
 stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle
 sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my
 Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm-ly ground - ed.
 fear Sur-round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.
 sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?
 stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.
 grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

Sermon **New King, No Fear!**

Offering *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

Prayer of the Church

O Lord our God, the Father of mercies,

You have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that the wicked turn from their ways and live.

Out of Your infinite goodness, You have delivered up Your only-begotten Son to His death on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins.

For His sake, remember not our ingratitude and indifference, nor our misplaced fears, but have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins.

As Your dear Son was wounded for our transgressions and by His stripes we are healed,

let us during these days of Lent meditate upon His Passion with true repentance and sincere faith,

that His suffering and crucifixion

may be our life, victory, and everlasting peace.

Replenish us with Your Holy Spirit that, loving You with our whole hearts,

we may walk by faith according to Your Word, blameless in Your sight.

Teach us to love one another, to bear one another's burdens,

and so to follow in the way of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve and who gave His life as a ransom for many.

May the preaching of the cross be the very power of Your Gospel unto the ends of the earth, that all the nations may be delivered from the darkness of their sin and glorify Your gracious name with all Your saints in light.

Grant courage and strength to the ministers of Your Word to preach Christ and Him crucified, both in season and out of season, calling sinners to repentance and believers to rejoice in Your salvation.

May the death of Your Son be our comfort in our last hours, and let us depart in peace to rise with Him to life everlasting; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Note for those desiring to commune... Our practice of closed communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to a pastor before communing.

The Lord's Supper

Admonition to Communicants

We now come to this altar, giving us memory of the thousands of animals sacrificed in Old Testament times. This same altar points to the altar of the cross upon which our Lord was sacrificed, once for all, taking the punishment of our sins. For, "By his stripes are we healed," and "the chastisement that brought us peace was upon him." Let us then take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body

and blood, and give thanks for the incomprehensible love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell, by His blood. Come, let us receive through the bread and the wine His true body and blood, His guarantee and pledge to us.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei – Lamb of God 962

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 Your
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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Post Communion Prayer

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Holy Supper, and we ask You not to abandon Your

children but always to place in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, godly fear, love, and trust in you alone, that we may be enabled to serve You constantly even as we look forward to the day we see you face to face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn

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How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”



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