

GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH
“A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS”

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ASH WEDNESDAY
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**Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.**

We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

***Be sure your cell phone is
turned off during services....
Unless you are expecting a call from GOD!***



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We prepare to Worship

There is no Prelude on this solemn day.

INTRODUCTION

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

Ash Wednesday Litany

L: Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

C: Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." And the man got up and went home.

L: And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

C: Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

L: "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

C: You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven -- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

L: So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

C: And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

L: Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals -- one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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Faith of Our Fathers

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P “Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments”. As our Lord summons us to return to him with repentant hearts, we confess our sins and sorrow over them.

C Almighty God, we are unclean before you. We are marred and marked by the filth of sin. We have turned away from you by disobeying your commandments. We have rebelled against you by seeking our own way rather than following your will. Forgive us.

P We cry out to you for mercy.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God’s mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God’s Word declares that “he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love”. In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you to remove the stain of your sin. For Christ’s sake God forgives you all your sin and renews a right spirit within you. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

When ashes are to be imposed, those who desire to receive ashes come forward. The ministers apply ashes to the forehead of each person with the words:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

After all who desire ashes have received them, the minister leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession.

P God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Holy God, Our humanity is ever present to us on this somber day. May we follow you closely in this walk towards Jerusalem and learn from the faithfulness of Jesus our savior. Amen.

PSALM 146: 1-10

R ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C ² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

R ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

C ⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

R ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

C ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

R ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C ⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**


R ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C ¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: LUKE 23: 34

³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

P The words of Jesus

C Rejoice and be glad, because great is our reward in heaven.

THE TEACHING:

“Father Forgive Them, For They Know Not What They Do” Roger Tracey

LENT

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Lamb of God

Your Only Son



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

THE PRAYERS

P We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P We all allow worries and distractions to consume us from time to time. Keep us focused on you and teach us to trust that we will be led, step by step, through all adversity and challenge. Faithful God,

C Hear our prayer.

P Help us to acknowledge our brokenness so that in acceptance we might seek transformation. On this Ash Wednesday remind us that though we are dust, we have also been created in your image. Faithful God,

C Hear our prayer.

P May the reminder of our human limitations humble us but not drive us to despair. May the frailty of this existence compel us to live each day that we are given to the fullest. Faithful God,

C Hear our prayer.

P Forgive us when we don't make time for those who truly need us, O Lord, and turn us away from our trivial concerns and towards the world around us. Bless all those in need of your healing. Faithful God,

C Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C We pray for all of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values. May God enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person.

P You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving. **You will find directions in the pew for our Text-giving option**)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of the world, + be among you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

SILENT PRAYER

No Postlude on this Solemn Day

Our midweek services for the next five Wednesday's will be at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Schedule:

April 2	Palm Sunday	7:45am & 9:30am
April 6	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 7	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
April 9	Easter Sunday	7:00am & 9:30am

Easter Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m.

TODAYS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Usher: Mike/Sandy Corless Greeter: Ted/Niki Duffy

Reader: Niki Duffy

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What about Ash Wednesday?

Do you know the symbolism of Ash Wednesday?

From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In His pain and sorrow, Job “sat among the ashes” (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).

Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and Ministers have often used the ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer’s forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.

The ashes symbolize the Christian’s intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one’s faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one’s intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service.

We urge your attendance and encourage you to invite a friend to come with you.

Announcements

We thank Roger Tracey for his message tonight, as well as Jerry Randby for leading us in worship.

LENT- Join us for this year's Lenten Series "**The Seven Last Words of Jesus**"

Wednesday, March 1st, **Today You Will Be With Me In Paradise**, Randy Ziemann

Wednesday, March 8th, **Here is your Son, Here is Your Mother**, Char Schomisch

Wednesday, March 15th, **My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?**, Jerry Randby

Wednesday, March 22nd, **I Thirst**, Shirley Ehler

Wednesday, March 29th, **It Is Finished**, Michelle Cegon

Concert Opportunities-

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1550 S 14th Ave, Yuma, is hosting a concert series.

1 concert each month. The concert for February will be February 26th, 5pm. Look forward to a performance from the Ivory Wind Duo- organ and guitar.

SOUPS ON....DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?-

As in past years, during the Lenten season various groups will prepare and serve soup from 4:30-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings before worship.

Mens Breakfast- Saturday March 4th at 8am at Daybreakers

Food Collection- Our monthly food collection for the Yuma Community food bank will be March 4th and 5th.

Potluck- After the 9:30 worship service on Sunday March 5th.

Book sale- Book Sale dates for this year are March 10th and 11th, donations are now being accepted during office hours only.

New Member Class- will begin on Saturday, March 11th at 2 pm in the FH classroom. The next two classes will be on Sunday, March 19th and 26th at 10:30 in the FH classroom. New members will be received on April 2nd at the 9:30 am worship service.

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