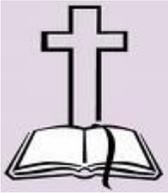


"THE MISSION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH"

2021 Lenten theme

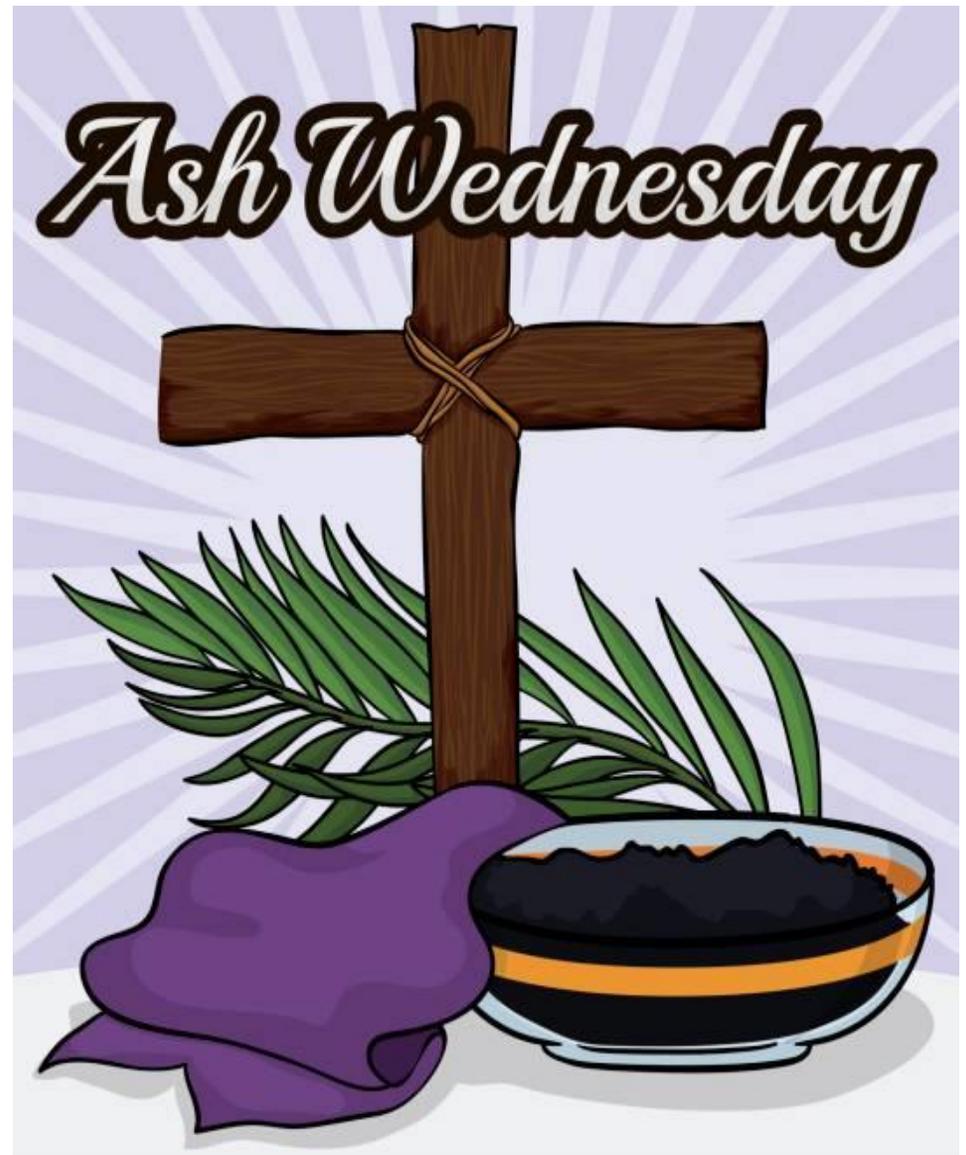


This year's Lenten season we will focus on the themes of the Workshop in Preparation for Calling a Pastor which our congregation participated in during December: "The Mission of Christ's Church". Church services will begin at 6:30pm.

- February 24 – The Church: Status Quo or Mission
- March 4 – The Church: Division or Unity
- March 11 – The Ministry of Church and Pastor
- March 17 – Church Guidance: Listen to God or Listen to Self
- March 24 – Church Decisions: Thy Will be Done or
My Will be Done

PARISH CONCERNS

- Jackie Conner, Jo Boehmer's niece, who is going through chemo for pancreatic cancer.
- Elaine Sheets, Peggy Veach's sister is having adverse effects from the CoVid vaccine and not doing so good.
- Pray for our next Pastor as they listen to God's leading and our patience to wait.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Animals that are out in the cold.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear, and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



First Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

First Lutheran Church – Putting Christ First



February 17, 2021 - 6:30 pm

Once again, we begin our Lenten journey – a journey of worship, repentance, discipleship, and cross-bearing. As Christians, this is truly our whole life’s journey. It is intensified during Lent. May the midweek evening services of this season inspire and strengthen you in following the One who leads his Church in mission: Jesus, our Savior.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Order of Service

OPENING HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days” **LBW 99**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PSALM 51: 1-9 (Read responsively by half-verse.) P. 239

CONFESSION P. 194

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward in two lines to stand before the altar. The Pastor and Lay Assistant, wearing gloves, will mark your forehead with ashes saying, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”. Return to your seat by the side aisle. The Pastor and Lay Assistant will clean their hands with Lysol wipes in preparation for the next worshiper.

ABSOLUTION P. 194

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

*LENTEN SENTENCE P. 104

*GOSPEL Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” vv. 1-3 **LBW 104**

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE PEACE

OFFERING – *We give thee but thine own, what e’re that gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as thou blessest us, To thee our first fruits give.*

*“CREATE IN ME” (back of hymnal)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER *beginning: “Blessed are you...”* P. 109

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (*prayer #33*) PP. 109-111

*THE LORD’S PRAYER P. 113

*LAMB OF GOD P.114

COMMUNION

*LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT P. 116

*BENEDICTION P. 117

*THREEFOLD AMEN

*CLOSING HYMN: “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

vv. 1, 2, & 5

LBW 278

*PASTOR: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

*CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WE WELCOME YOU to our Ash Wednesday Service, the first of six Wednesday evening Lenten gatherings. We encourage you to attend all of these services. The theme for all of the Lenten Vespers services will be:

“THE MISSION OF CHRIST’S CHURCH”



Tonight, we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children who have not received Communion instruction should stand at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing. Continuous Communion Distribution: Proceed to the communion rail when the usher indicates, moving away from the center aisle and towards the side. As soon as you have received communion, you may return to your pew, using the side aisle.