

Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio

Pastor James L. Castello

Ash Wednesday — February 14, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Prelude *Prelude on Picardy*

Confession

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

C Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

P Merciful God,

C Forgive us. We were silent when we should have said something.

P Merciful God,

C Forgive us. We acted when we knew better.

P Merciful God,

C Forgive us. We were still when we should have moved.

P Merciful God,

C Forgive us. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P People of God, look to the Son given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of life, eternal life!

C Amen.

Hymn WOV # 733 *Our Father, We Have Wandered*

P People of God, each year we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ who overcame death and provided for us redemption of sin. Lent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter; a time for personal renewal and penitence. I

invite you, then, to self-examination, prayer and meditation upon God's word. May God bless us as we strive to walk the way of our Lord.

C Create in me a clean heart, O God.

P We begin our Lenten observation with the centuries-old symbol of ashes. By this we are reminded of our frailty and mortality and are called to humility and repentance.

C Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of mortality, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Psalm 51 will be read from the balcony

Sign Us with Ashes - Choir with Karri Ashbaugh, soloist

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of
their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?"

Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your
fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on

high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your
own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up

quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your
rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking
of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be
reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made
him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in
him we might become the righteousness of
God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge
you also not to accept the grace of God in
vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened
to you,

and on a day of salvation I have
helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now
is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no
obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault
may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as
servants of God we have commended
ourselves in every way: through great

and satisfy your needs in parched
places,

and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the
breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

A The Word of the Lord.

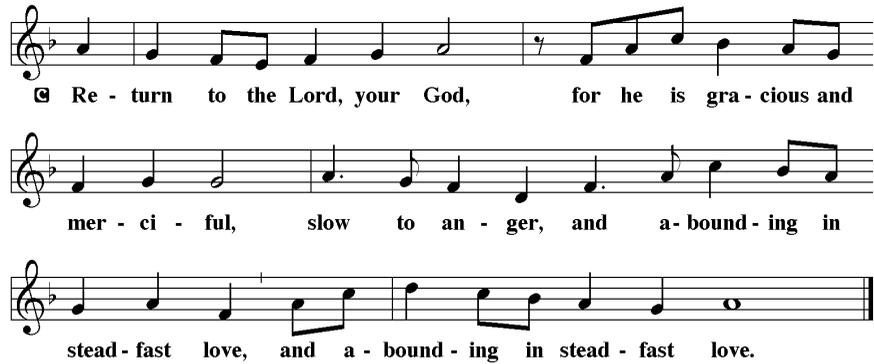
C Thanks be to God.

endurance, in afflictions, hardships,
calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots,
labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity,
knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of
spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and
the power of God; with the weapons of
righteousness for the right hand and for the
left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute
and good repute. We are treated as
impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown,
and yet are well known; as dying, and
see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not
killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
as poor, yet making many rich; as having
nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will

reward you. ¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn LBW # 306 *Chief of Sinners*

Sermon

Hymn LBW # 91 *Savior, When in Dust to You*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering *Have Mercy* -Choir

Offertory WOV # 732 *Create in Me*

Prayers of the Church

A Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Turn our lives toward you in repentance. Turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love. Turn our actions toward the world in mercy. Renew us in faith, in prayer, and in compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the world. Teach us to treasure the earth as your beloved creation. Provide plentiful and healthy homes for all creatures. Bring new life from decay. Repair what has been damaged from misuse or neglect. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the nations. Empower leaders to resist the use of power for personal gain or selfish interest. Teach us to build communities where all can live in safety and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for this assembly. Deepen our faith. Empower those who work in our community to provide food, shelter, and health care to those who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A With thanksgiving, we remember all who have died in faith. Bring us with them to the promise of unending life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for those in need. Protect those who are victimized by crime or injustice. Unburden those who are weighed down by guilt or shame. Assist those who are unemployed. Comfort those who mourn, and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Lenten Meditation -Choir

Blessing and Benediction

Hymn LBW # 305 *I Lay My Sins on Jesus*

Postlude *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

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Organist - Angela Tonjes

Altar Guild - Elaine Borstelman & Lori Sharpe