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6:30pm

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(* Please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

"Élégie"
"Were nur den lieben Gott läßt walten"

(Carl Piutti)
(Helmut Walcha)

WELCOME

Pastor Amy Janssen

THE GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PSALM 51:1-17

Read responsively

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offense.

All: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

Pastor: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Pastor: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

All: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

Pastor: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

All: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Pastor: Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

All: Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.

Pastor: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

#606, st. 1,2



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:5-10

Pastor: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Good News for Sinners"

Pastor Josh Auchenbach

OFFERING

"How Beautiful"

(arr. B. Harlan)

TVLC Choir – Jennifer Wortman, directing; Woan Ching Lim, pianist

INVITATION TO LENT

Pastor: Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sin separates us from God, our neighbors and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

THE CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most holy and merciful God,

All: we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: 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.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not listened to your voice for direction in our lives.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess the sin of our unfaithfulness, pride, hypocrisy, and impatience.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our self-centered pursuits,

All: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves and our need for power and success to determine our worthiness,

All: we confess to you, Lord.

Pastor: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our apathy in the face of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: For our ungracious thoughts directed at others and the false judgments we are quick to make, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: accept our repentance, Lord.

Pastor: Restore us; heal us; recreate us.

All: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence.

POSTLUDE

"Lento"

(Frank Bridge)



Please continue to join us at **6:30pm in the Chapel on the following Wednesdays for the Holden Evening Prayer Service**. Our offering each Wednesday night in Lent will go toward ELCA World Hunger, providing needed resources for people and communities in need.

February 25 • March 4 • March 11 • March 18 • March 25

Join us for **Palm Sunday and Holy Week** to experience the events in Christ's life, leading up to Easter.

- March 28** Saturday before Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary at 5pm
- March 29** Palm Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:15am (also livestreamed) and at 10:30am
- April 2** Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm (also livestreamed)
- April 3** Good Friday Worship in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm (also livestreamed)

***There is no service on Saturday, April 4.**

Celebrate the joy of the **Resurrection on Easter Sunday**.

- April 5** Sunrise Service at the Outdoor Chapel at 6:00am
- Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary at 8:00am
- Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary at 9:15am (also livestreamed)
- Resurrection Celebration in the Sanctuary at 10:30am