



# ASH WEDNESDAY

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

GENESIS 3:19

✦ Please stand as you are able.    WOV: *With One Voice*, the blue hymn book.  
LBW: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the green hymn book.

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Prelude Music

Alyssa Fearing

✦ The Invocation            *A humble request for the LORD to be among us.*

Confession and Forgiveness

PASTOR: LORD God, have mercy on us as we confess our sins. We have failed You. We have fallen short of Your plans for us.

**ALL: We are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

PASTOR: You created us to live, but we choose the way of death.

**ALL: We are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

PASTOR: You formed humanity from the earth, breathing into us Your gift of eternal life. But when offered an alternative, we chose sin and welcomed this world's brokenness. The evils of sickness, suffering, and mortality would not exist without our sins.

**ALL: We are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

PASTOR: People of the earth, hear me! God came as Jesus Christ to bring you new life. He brought our sins to the cross, and they died there with Him. After three days, He rose again, defeating death and promising an eternal life to everyone who knows and follows Him. Along with Jesus Himself, you have been raised to new life! That is why we worship Him on this holy night.

A Prayer for the Season of Lent

**ALL: Loving God, be with us. Keep us strong as we endure the shadowy desert of Lent, as we eagerly wait to celebrate Your cross and empty grave. As we receive the sign of ashes tonight, a reminder of our sin and death, may we also be marked with the forgiven life You so freely offer us. Amen.**

♪ Opening Hymn "Glory Be to Jesus"

#095 LBW

Scripture Reading

*Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17*

Skit Sermon “My Name is Dirt”

♪ Our Offering of Worship “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” #098 LBW

The Marking of Ashes

Prayers of the People

PASTOR: LORD, in Your mercy...

**ALL: ...hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

Benediction

*A word of blessing.*

♪ Closing Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #482 LBW

Postlude Music

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we seek to make the Kingdom of God real and present in our  
world through ongoing worship, witness, and service.

