Ash Wednesday Family Service

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH TWIN CITIES



PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

#836 (RED)

GRFFTING

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER

ANTHEM

AINA-A THAT GOOD NEWS CHERUB CHOIR AND CHORISTERS

GOSPEL MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21

Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 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. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 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. But 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. 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. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so 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. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MESSAGE KATIE CONOVER

FAMILY BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

As you come forward to receive the ashes and blessing (via the center aisle), please place your offering in the baskets provided before returning to the pew via the side aisle.

Family members will place ashes on each other's foreheads saying,

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

SONGS:

JESUS LOVES ME!

#595 (RFD)

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain

Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Refrain

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

#742 (RED)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear-all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged — take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness — take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge — take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

#751 (RED)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me. (Repeat as led)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

- Let us pray together the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us,
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#866 (RED)



SENDING

Go now to love and serve the Lord,
Go now to love and serve each other,
Go now to love and serve the Lord.

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- Please leave your offering in the baskets at the exits. -

The Lenten Sunday School "noisy offering" will be twofold: money will go towards scholarship help for kids to attend VBS this year and we will be collecting food for Simpson Food Shelf. Our neighbors just up the street are in need of children's snacks, breakfast cereals and toilet paper.

Pick up a "40 Tiny Things" devotional for your family to use during Lent.

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