



# Faith Lutheran Church

***BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED***

***“The Wounds Of Blasphemy”***



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**February 26, 2020**

***Our Lenten Worship Series***  
***“By His Wounds We Are Healed”***

- † *Ash Wednesday, February 26 - The Wounds of Blasphemy***
- † *Wednesday, March 4 - The Wounds of Stealing***
- † *Wednesday, March 11 - The Wounds of Adultery***
- † *Wednesday, March 18 - The Wounds of Murder***
- † *Wednesday, March 25 - The Wounds of Dishonoring Authority***
- † *Wednesday, April 1 - The Wounds of Violating the Sabbath***

## ***Our Lenten Charities***

- † Wednesday, March 4 – Caritas***
- † Wednesday, March 11 – Family Promise***
- † Wednesday, March 18 – Vets Roll***
- † Wednesday, March 25 – Project 16:49***
- † Wednesday, April 1 – Lutheran Social Serv.***

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***“The Wounds Of Blasphemy”  
A Service for Ash Wednesday***

## **OPENING HYMN**

***“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”***

**O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.**

**You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust  
in God's eternal word.**

**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.**

**Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: All we like sheep have gone astray;

**C: we have all turned to our own way.**

P: And the Lord has laid on Christ,

**C: the iniquity of us all.**

P: But he was wounded for our transgressions,

**C: crushed for our iniquities.**

P: Upon him was the punishment that made  
us whole,

**C: and by his wounds we are healed.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to be the people you have called us to be and have placed our trust in false gods of our own creation.**

**We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

# ***Imposition of Ashes***

**P:** God is gracious and merciful, and he desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Old Testament

Exodus 20:1-7

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:3-7

Gospel Reading

John 10:31-39

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”***

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.**

**Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.**

**Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.**

*Sharing their  
faith story:*

*Wed., March 4  
Pat & Bernie  
Parisot*



**Offering**

## Prayers

**P:** Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God's creation. That, throughout these forty days of Lent, you may give your people the hope in Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world.

**C: Heal us, O God.**

P: That we may all turn from false gods in  
wealth, possessions, and worldly success.

**C: Heal us, O God.**

P: For all the times we have felt unwelcomed or have painfully experienced the wounds of insults and torment.

**C: Heal us, O God.**

P: That we may have the strength and compassion to be agents of your divine presence and love for all people and for all of your creation.

**C: Heal us, O God.**

**P:** That we, with all the saints who have gone before us, may trust in the strong name of the Trinity and find eternal joy in you.

**C: Heal us, O God.**

P: We commend all things into your healing,  
wounded hands.

**C: By Christ's wounds, we are healed. Amen.**

# **THE 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.**

# *Blessing*

**P:** May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

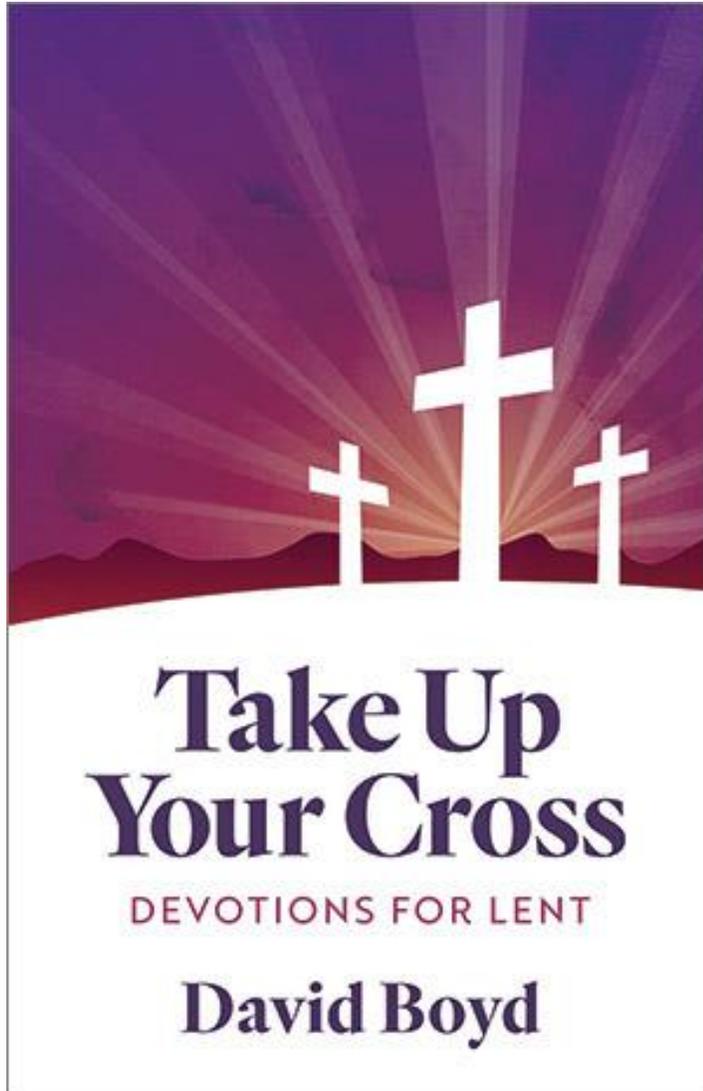
**C:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”***

**Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus,  
my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one  
who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears,  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love  
and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, your shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all, the cross.**



**For your Lenten journey, Pastor has ordered a devotional booklet for every family. Entitled “Take Up Your Cross,” the theme coordinates with our five Wednesday evening worship services during Lent.**





















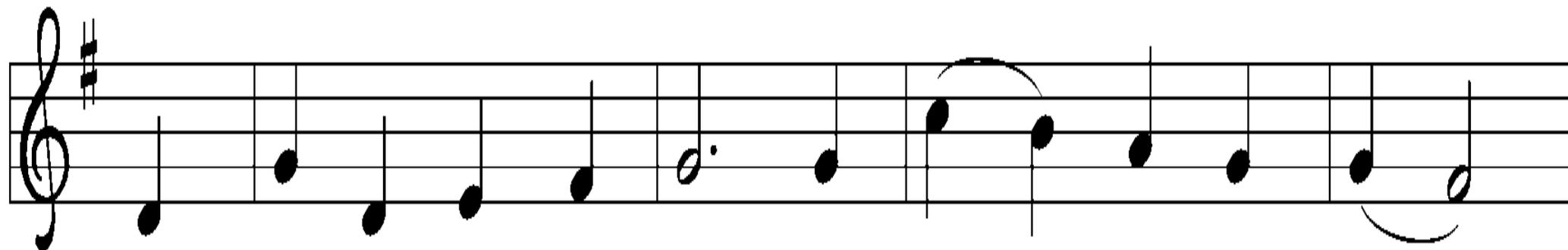








## Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!**