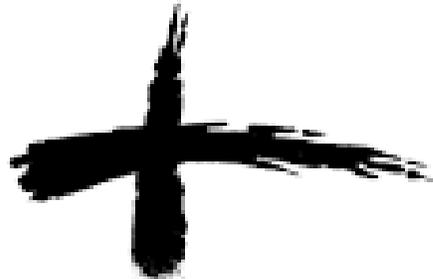




Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

**Wednesday,
March 6, 2019**

“Blessed are You”
A Service for Ash Wednesday

OPENING HYMN “*Lead Me To Calvary*”

**King of my life, I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,
lead me to Calvary.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,
tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Let me like Mary, through the gloom,
Come with a gift to Thee;
Show to me now the empty tomb,
lead me to Calvary.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

**May I be willing, Lord, to bear
daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.**

Chorus:

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.***

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

C: Amen.

P: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are those who mourn,

C: for they shall inherit the earth.

P: Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,

C: for they shall be satisfied.

P: Blessed are the merciful,

C: for they shall receive mercy.

P: Blessed are the pure in heart,

C: for they shall see God.

P: Blessed are the peacemakers,

C: for they shall be called sons of God.

P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are you

C: when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

P: We are dust, and to dust we shall return. But our God is faithful and just. When we confess our sins, he covers us in his righteousness and gives us new hope.

C: **Most merciful God, dust is our destiny. We are impure. We are at war against you and our fellow human beings in what we say, in what we think, and in what we do.**

We have even left undone the good things you have commanded us to do. We do not deserve the kingdom of heaven. Out of the depths of your perfect grace, please forgive us for the sins we have committed against you and against one another. Wash us clean and turn our rags into white robes so that we will rise from the dust of ashes to the glory of your grace.

P: Our merciful heavenly Father sent his Son Jesus, who is righteous, merciful and pure in heart. He is the one who has, by his cross, made peace between evil sinners and a righteous God. Jesus Christ rose from the dust of death to life again so that we are made to live before God in righteousness and purity.

It is by his grace that I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12-17

Epistle

1 Peter 2:4-10

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.**

**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.**

*Sharing her
faith story:
Helen
Meier*



Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response

P: Lord, because of your mercy,

C: Blessed are we.

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.

Benediction

CLOSING HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

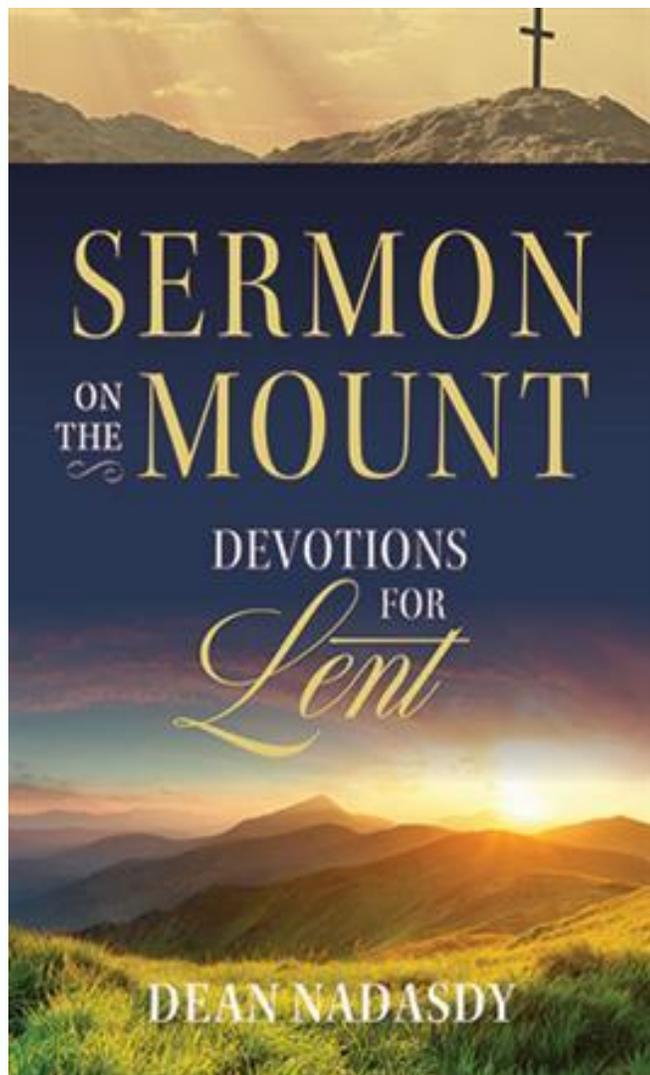
**The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.**



For your Lenten journey, Pastor has ordered a devotional booklet for every family. Entitled “Sermon on the Mount, Devotions for Lent,” the theme coordinates with our Wednesday evening worship series. We also have sticker books called “Jerusalem Journey” for children and Lenten key tags for adults.





















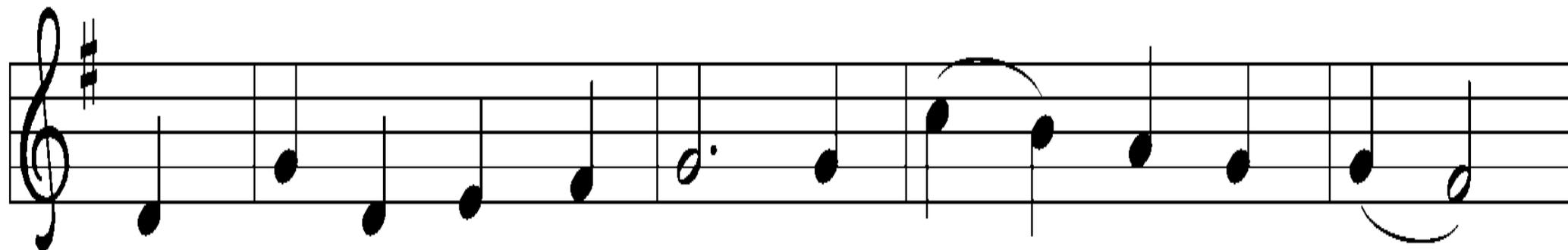








Offertory Response



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!**