



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

CHOIR - “Wondrous Love”

We follow the Common Service on page 15.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 59:12-20

¹² For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: ¹³ rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. ¹⁴ So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. ¹⁵ Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak. ¹⁸ According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due. ¹⁹ From the west, people will fear the name of the Lord, and from the

rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along.

²⁰ “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the Lord.

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SECOND LESSON - 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2

²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1} As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. ² For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

VERSE OF THE DAY - Joel 2:13

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL - Luke 18:9-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

NICENE CREED

HYMN - 396 “In Adam We Have All Been One”

SERMON - Luke 18:9-14

“Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector)”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT - *We invite those who agree with the teachings of this church and of the WELS to partake of the true body and blood of Jesus Christ.*

We will celebrate Holy Communion at the front of the church. Stand in front of the first row of benches. Please observe social distancing by spreading out across the full width of the sanctuary. Return by the side aisles.

DISTRIBUTION

303 “With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh”

310 “I Come, O Savior, to your Table”

BLESSING

HYMN - 397 “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

OFFERING - *Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.*



Serving at Immanuel:

Organist: Jane Vacek

Altar Guild: Karen Plath **Elder:** Steve Plamann

Video: Mike Heine

Ushers: Andy Weber, Jon Hoff, Justin Black, Bruce Trick, Don Dettman, Dylan Weber, Travis Gauer, Nolan Hoff