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Sunday School & Bible Classes . . . 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 25, 2009 -- 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE – Chorale: “In Peace and Joy I Go My Way” – J. S. Bach

GREETING

Order of Confession and Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

PSALM 51 (read responsively)

(page 329 in front of hymnal)

THE EXHORTATION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters: God created us . . . in your Lenten discipline.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

THE CONFESSION - Kneel -

P: Most Holy and merciful Father;

C: We confess to You and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

P: We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord.

P: We have been deaf to Your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord.

P: We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives.

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

C: We confess to You, Lord.

P: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: For our waste and pollution of Your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for Your mercy is great. Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES - - *“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”*
(Those who will receive ashes are to come to the baptismal font. When all have finished we continue with the following:)

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation.

C: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and Passion of Your Son, our Lord,

C: Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Savior, When in Dust to You”

LW 93

Service of the Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Joel 2:12-19

EPISTLE LESSON - 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

GOSPEL LESSON - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

HYMN OF THE DAY – *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

LW 94

SERMON - 2 Corinthians 5:15 ff.

Service of Holy Communion

OFFERING IS RECEIVED – 7:00 p.m. – Sr. Choir: “Were You There?” - Burleigh

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

