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Coming Up at Sverdrup Lutheran Church

3/2	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
3/3	7 pm	AA Meeting
3/6	9 am 10 am/10:15 am	Worship Services — Communion Fellowship/Sunday School
3/7	2 pm	"An Altar in the World" Book Study
3/8	6:15 pm 7 pm	Exec. Council Meeting Full Council Meeting
3/9	5:30 pm 6 pm 6:45 pm	Lenten Soup Supper Lenten Group: "Pray" Choir Practice

Offering and Attendance

	Offering	Auto Giving	TOTAL	Service Group	Noisy Offering	Youth/Friends in Need	Sound System	Attendance
2/20	\$455	\$1400	\$1855	\$39		\$3.25	\$640	37
2/27	\$1645	\$385	\$2030	\$45	\$28.57	\$30	\$70	63

Visitors, please fill out the orange card in the pews and place it in the offering plate. We thank you for joining us today and please join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

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SVERDRUP LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *"O Lord, Throughout These
40 Days"* ELW #319

LITANY PSALM 51 *Verses 1-17*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ **Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ **For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.**

¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, living God, for the body and the blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor: "You are dust and to dust you shall return".

Response: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✚ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"* ELW #599

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death to life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* *ELW #187*

JESUS' WORDS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, **you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

2 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. ¹² Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³ rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. ¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the LORD, your God? among the peoples, "Where is their God?" ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged, gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. ¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, 'Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"' Page 3

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²'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. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵'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. ⁶But 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. ¹⁶'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. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so 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. ¹⁹'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Tammy

SONG OF THE DAY "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793, vs. 1-3

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy and generous host, **you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed by the Holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins, **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.**