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Cross Lutheran Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10, 2016

10:30am and 6:45pm

SERVICE OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer.

***Bold Print** – indicates congregation responds as a whole*

** – indicates congregation should stand as able*

PRELUDE *It Is Well With My Soul* Philip P. Bliss

***INVOCATION**

***OPENING HYMN** *O Christ, Our Hope* ELW # 604

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PSALM 51 Read Responsively** O.T. p. 520

LESSONS Philippians 2:5-11 N.T. p. 197
 Mark 14:26-42 N.T. p. 52

THE SERMON

***HYMN** *Oh, Love, How Deep* ELW # 322

***THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

P: Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all of his creation. Our disobedience and sin keep us from realizing his purpose for us and his creation. Also, by our sin we grieve our heavenly Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor, and to turn to the Lord who has chosen us for his own, and died to set us free from our bondage to sin and death. In response to his love for us – Let us pray.

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 on 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 on us, Lord.**

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

C: **Have mercy on us, 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 towards 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.**

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.

THE ABSOLUTION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

(Penitents please follow the directions of the ushers and proceed to the altar to receive absolution.)

OFFERING (10:30am) *Be Still, My Soul* Jean Sibelius
(6:45pm) *Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart* Pashto Hymn

***THE PRAYERS**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** p. 112

***BENEDICTION** p. 115

***CLOSING HYMN** Bless Now, O God, the Journey ELW # 326

In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.

PREACHER: Pastor Robert Preuss

LITURGIST: Pastor Amy Oslund

LAY MINISTERS: Sherry Batterman (10:30) Allison Hawley March (6:45)

ACOLYTE: Tyler Pomorin (6:45)

MUSICIANS: Leah Bergman; Chelsey Christ; Hearts, Hands and Voices Choir

USHERS: The Volkens Team (10:30)

Roxy Horrisberger's Team (6:45)

GREETERS: Nola Hoveland; Marion Lindstrom (10:30); Pomorin Family (6:45)

NURSERY: *Open, but no attendant*