



Ash Wednesday

Return to the
LORD your God, for he is
gracious and compassionate.

JOEL 2:13 (NIV)

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Hymn . . . “My Song is Love Unknown” #430 (1-5)

Lenten Call to Worship

Seek the Lord while He may be found.

Call upon God while He is near.

Wicked, forsake your ways!

Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

Come back to God.

Return to the Lord!

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Humble yourselves, repent and return to the Lord!

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Corporate Confession & Absolution (LSB p.290 The Address)

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 51 (front of hymnal)

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, because You hate nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent, create in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily repenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 59:12-20; 2 Corinthians 5:19-6:2

Matthew 11:20-30.

Hymn . . . “O Lord, We Praise Thee” LSB #617

Brief Thoughts on the Season of Lent

Offering

Imposition of Ashes

From dust you came to dust you shall return. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The People of God receive Jesus’ Body and Blood (for the forgiveness of their sins & to remind them that we owe everything we are and possess to Jesus who fulfilled the Father’s promises).

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Hymn . . . “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB #427