



Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021
6:15pm



Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

In our journey of Lent this year, we are focusing on Jesus' invitation to daily discipleship. We will cover a variety of ways to deepen our faith: practicing prayer, giving generously, welcoming others, trying not to judge, and loving our enemies. Join us - and Jesus - on the journey!

We are introducing a new-to-Zumbro liturgy throughout Lent on both Wednesdays and Sundays. *Behold Our Light*, by Aaron David Miller, is a beautiful collection of songs that will be led by an ensemble. The music is lyrical and easily learned, and is a wonderful way to bring our Zumbro congregation together.

GATHERING MUSIC

KYRIE

BOB GIERE

BOB GIERE, GUITAR; RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO AND VOCALS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

CREATE IN ME

songleaders-first time **all-second time**

Cre - ate in me ___ a clean heart, oh God, ___ that I might serve ___
You; ___ Cre- ate in me ___ a clean heart, oh God, ___ that I might be re -
-newed. So fill ___ me and heal ___ me, and bring me ___ back to ___
You. ___ Cre - ate in me ___ a clean
heart, oh God, ___ that I might serve ___ You.

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PSALM 51:1-12

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**C: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

L: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
So you are justified when you speak and right in your judgement.

**C: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

L: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

VERSE

CREATE IN ME

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God, that I might serve You;
Create in me a clean heart, oh God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.
Create in me a clean heart, oh God, that I might serve You.**

THE ECHO OF ASHES

“Remember you are dust
and to dust you shall return.”

The large brown bowl
rests on a purple cloth
its roundness holding ashes
freshly burned
black and ready for wearing.

Blackened thumbs
press the ancient sign
upon the waiting foreheads.

I hear the message repeated
until it haunts and hunts me down:
remember, remember, remember,
you are dust, dust, only dust
someday only dust will remain.

The echo of the Lent-stained ashes
speaks the truth of my humanity:
the humbleness of my beginning,
the simplicity of my departure.

A few wise words
echoing through Ash Wednesday
urge me to deeper things:
renewed dedication,
constant compassion,
and mindful awareness.

I leave marveling
at how simple and sublime
is this envelope of the soul,
which one day returns
to dust, dust, only dust.

Lord, you have searched me and known me; you
 know when I sit, when I rise. You know my thoughts, you
 know my heart, you know the ways of my life. You
 know the sound of my voice, you know the words of my
 tongue; you hold me close, you guide my ways, you
 know the ways of my life.

Cantor only
 Where can I go to leave your spir - it? Where can I fall that
 you aren't near? If I say, The dark - ness will
 hide me, your bright light sets me free.

Coda
 life. You know the ways of my life. You
 know the ways of my life.

²³Then Jesus said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

TAKING UP OUR CROSS DAILY

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

LAMB OF GOD

AARON DAVID MILLER

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, have
mer-cy on us, Lamb of God.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world, grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

songleaders

ALL THINGS OF DUST TO DUST RETURN

TEXT: THOMAS H. TROEGER

Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may comprehend
that ev'ry moment here and now links me to that same end
I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire
yet by their waning light discern your own undying fire.

INVITATION TO MARK ONESELF AND OTHERS WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

L: Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Lord, mark upon my brow this sign: a stark and barren cross
reminding me that though divine you know my pain and loss,
and at the touch of dust and ash awake my heart to view
how death itself is but a flash that dies away in you.

SENDING MUSIC

ALL THINGS OF DUST TO DUST RETURN

RALPH SCHORNACK, PIANO

THIRD MODE MELODY,

THOMAS TALLIS

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**-Pastor Shelley Cunningham, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner; **PIANO**-Ralph Schornack; **GUITAR**-Bob Giere; **SONGLEADERS**-Alan Hansen, Meredith Pritchard, Janette Reeves, Ralph Schornack; Bob Giere, director

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