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ELCA

Ash Wednesday



February 14, 2024  
7:00 p.m.



## Prelude

## "Phosymedre"

- Edwards / R. Vaughan Williams

## Welcome to Worship

## Announcements

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Gathering Hymn

"Our Father, We Have Wandered"

ELW pg 606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

*You may be seated*

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.**

### First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

OT pg. 533

A reading from Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing

shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem** "O Most Merciful"

- Melody Schonster Herr Jesu from Munster Gesangbuch 1677

**Second Reading**

Psalm 51:1-17

NT pg. 404

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**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 judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my <sup>6</sup>mother's womb.

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

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- pen my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

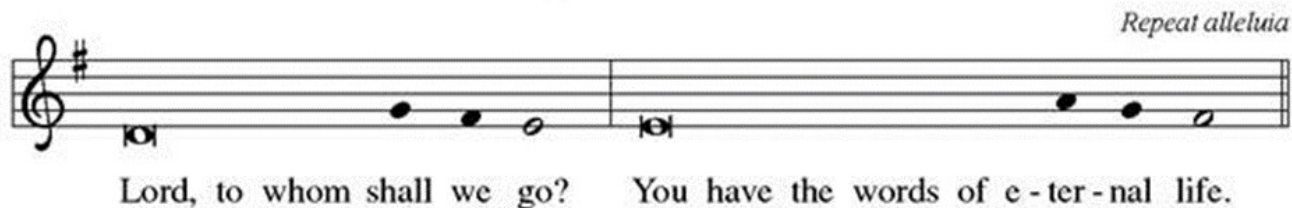
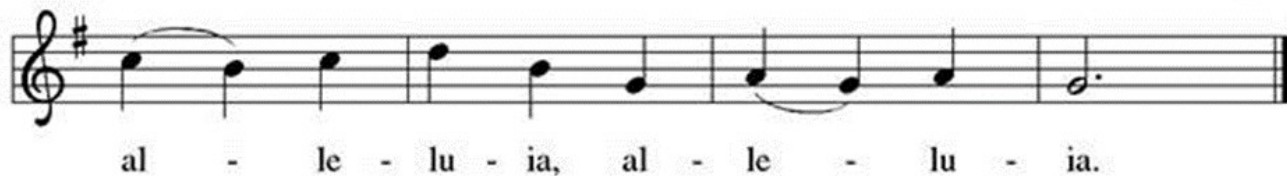
<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 102



*Repeat alleluia*

The holy gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“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. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>But 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.

<sup>16</sup>“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. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so 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.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

## Children's Message

### Sermon

Pastor Rachel Reeder

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW pg. 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## Confessions & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one god, Who writes the law on our hearts,  
Who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in god's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of god and of  
one another.

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We  
speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak  
up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For  
all these things and for sins only you know, Forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near  
to us, Breaks every snare of sin, Washes away our wrongs, And restores  
the promise of life through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Imposition of Ashes

ELW pg. 254

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.  
May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us  
that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Prayers of Intercession

...God of grace,  
**receive our prayer;**  
**Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Offertory

“Meditation on DETROIT ”

-Wold

## Offering - Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

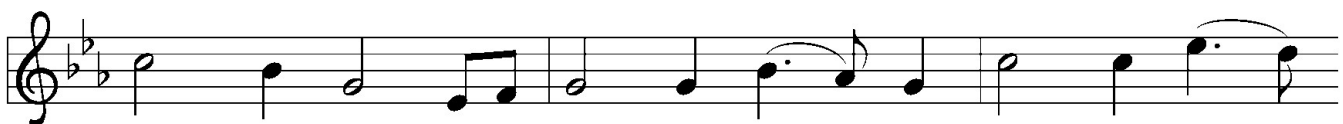
## Communion Hymn:

*“Just As I Am, without One Plea”*

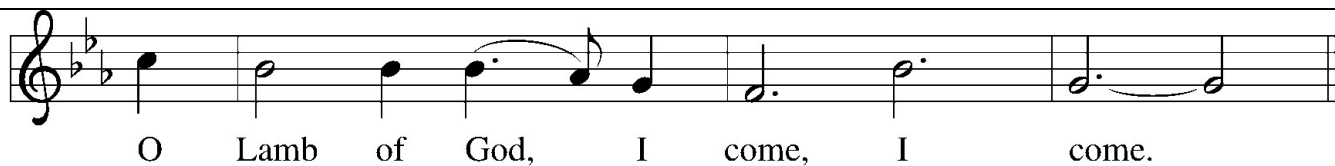
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1	Just	as	I	am,	with - out	one plea,	but	that	thy	blood	was
2	Just	as	I	am,	though	tossed	a - bout	with	man - y_a	con - flict,	
3	Just	as	I	am,	thou	wilt	re - ceive,	wilt	wel - come,	par - don,	
4	Just	as	I	am;	thy	love	un - known	has	bro - ken	ev - 'ry	



shed	for	me,	and	that	thou	bidd'st	me	come	to	thee,
man - y_a	doubt,	fight - ings	and	fears	with - in,	with - out,				
cleanse,	re - lieve;	be - cause	thy	prom - ise	I	be - lieve,				
bar - rier	down;	now	to	be	thine,	yea,	thine	a - lone,		



## Great Thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

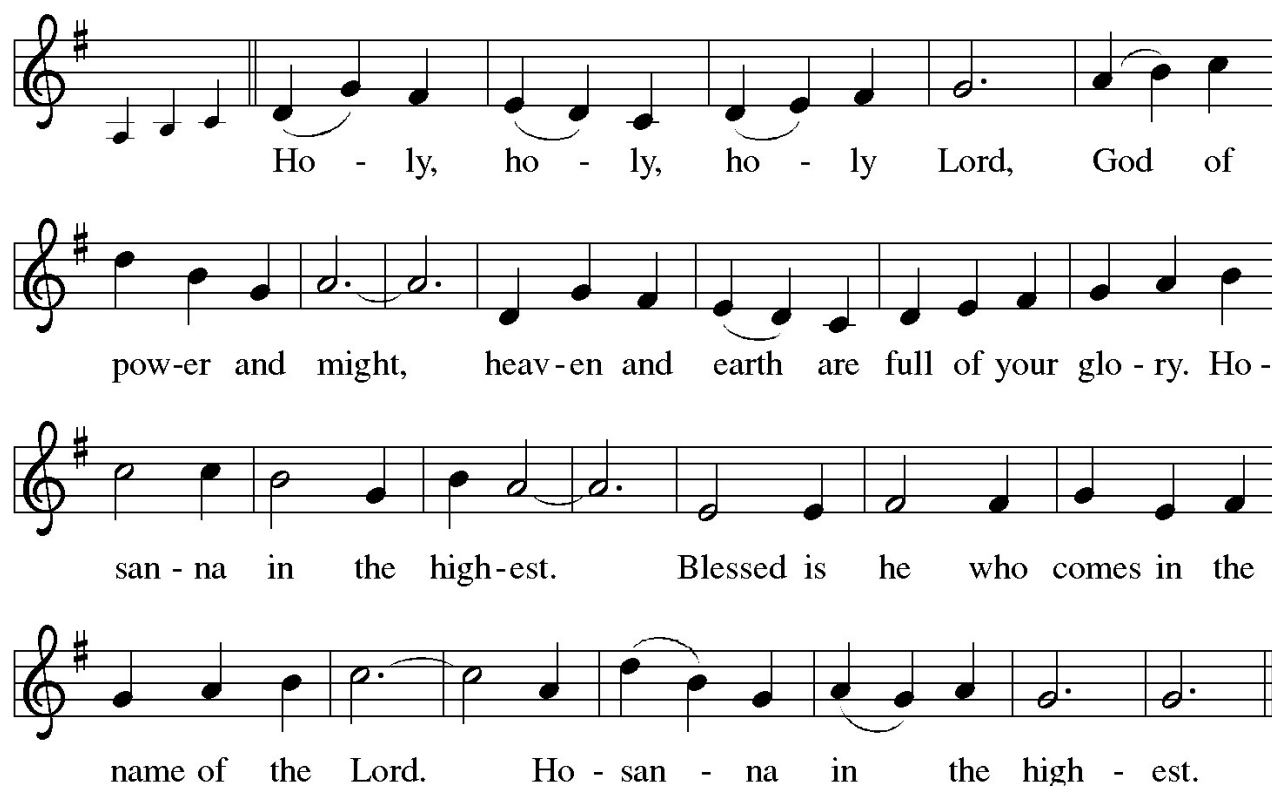
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW pg. 173



Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

**10 who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
\_\_\_\_\_ us from evil. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

ELW p. 174

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Please rise as you are able

## Sending Hymn

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me "

ELW pg. 599



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.  
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

## Postlude

"We Walk by Faith" -

Setting Powell



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<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<i>Diane Brown</i>	<i>needed</i>
<b>Sound /IT</b>	<i>Tom Olsen Jack Caballero</i>	<i>Tom Olsen Jack Caballero</i>
<b>Coffee &amp; Tea &amp; Clean Up</b>	-	<i>Victors</i>
<i>Treats</i>	-	<i>Victors</i>
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# Life in Christ

## Church as a VERB – WORSHIP

**In person worship** each Sunday at 9am.

**Online Worship** is available every Sunday through our website at [www.firstlutheranredlands.org](http://www.firstlutheranredlands.org).

**Flower Chart for 2024** is in the Narthex. Sign up if there is a week you would like to purchase flowers for the back altar

## Church as a VERB – LEARN

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** — Each week at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.

**Adult Forum** — will return in February

## Church as a VERB – PLAY

**COMIC Quilters** — are back to regular Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

## Church as a VERB – SERVE

**Drop in the Ocean Bags** — available to pick up in Narthex or church office. Bags are to be distributed to the homeless. Please assist by taking as many as you would like to give out.

**Redland Family Services**—For the remainder of February, please consider donating Peanut Butter and Jelly. For March, please donate pasta sauce and boxed noodles.

## This Week at First

<b>Thursday 2/15</b>	11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
<b>Saturday 2/17</b>	10:00 AM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
	6:00 PM	AA Care and Share - PH
<b>Sunday 2/18</b>	9:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship - Sanctuary/PH
<b>Wednesday 2/21</b>	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
	3:00 PM	Youth Hope Dinner

With a new church administrative assistant onboard, please be sure to add times and locations to all items placed on the church master calendar as not everybody knows “how it’s always been done.”

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## ELCA PRAYER VENTURES – Feb 2024

14 Ash Wednesday “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them” (Matthew 6:1). Reflect on who we are to God — fragile, imperfect beings and loved children who stand before God with humility and gratitude.

15 Joy and sorrow are both intrinsic to being human. Pray that we might feel each of them as deeply, in the world and in our lives.

16 Pray that, during Lent, we will lean into God’s grace and mercy with humility, trusting the promise that the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ win us a place in the kingdom of God.

17 Pray that, as bold disciples of Christ, we will be unashamed of our faith, confident in God’s promises, comfortable telling our faith story and quick to respect and serve those in need.

18 “God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth” (Genesis 9:12-13). Give thanks and praise to God for this promise of love and forgiveness.

## Remember in prayer...

***“Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs:”***

**Healing and strength:** Gabriella; Bill, friend of the Finks; Gloria, BB Quinones mom; Paul & Pam, friends of the Swensons; family of the Havards, Richie and Richard, Megan & Tim; family of James Folmer at his passing; Jim Lehner; and Debbie Belmudez, brought to prayer by Maria & Craig Baker .

**Thanksgiving:** Prayers of thanks for Pastor Rachael's new grandson

**Continuing prayers for:** brother of Ginger Close, Walter; Mac & Donna Barnes; Wayne Barnhart; Scott Huseth; Jan Jacobsen; Jan Martus; Jim Lehner; Nancy Sturlaugson; Richard Thibedeau; Lynda Wandler; Spencer, friend of the Fredrickson's; Bill, Nancy, and Tammy - family of Paces; and let us also pray for all those who suffer from pain, and those who suffer from addiction.

**Our homebound:** Arlene Coleman; Betty Frannea; Kay and John McMunn; Carlton Peterson.

\*\* Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

\*\* The people of Israel and Palestine.

\*\* Peace.

***Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”***

***\*\* The prayer list is refreshed each week using the “Welcome to Worship” slips.***

***If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips  
or contact the Pastor or church office. Most requests will remain on the list for 2-3  
weeks. Please advise if you would prefer they remain longer.\*\****



## Lent

**Wednesdays**, beginning next Wednesday, February 21st and continuing through March 27th there will be a potluck Soup Supper and worship service starting at 6pm. Please bring soup, bread, or a dessert to share. Following the meal we will worship using Holden Evening Prayer.

**Wednesdays** February 21 & 28; March 6, 13, 20 & 27

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

**Palm Sunday**, March 24th: 9:00 am

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28th: 7:00 pm

**Good Friday**, March 29th: 7:00 pm

To be Announced

**Easter Sunday: 9:00 am**

& Regular Sunday Worship: 9:00 am