

# SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Ash Wednesday

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**  
**12:00 PM Worship**  
**6:00 PM Worship**

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### GATHERING

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*Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today's readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent, the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Jesus the Messiah's death and resurrection. The sign of ashes is a reminder of our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

#### INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"**      **Hymn #99**

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### INVITATION TO LENT

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We are ambassadors for Christ. God has chosen you to make an appeal on His behalf. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. "For our sake He made Him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "At an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

I invite you to enter into the disciplines of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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### CONFESS AND FORGIVENESS

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Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Please allow a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess to You and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Have mercy on us.**

We have shut our ears to Your Word and have not been true to Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us.**

We confess our past unfaithfulness, pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives. We have neglected prayer and worship and failed to share our faith in Christ.

**Have mercy on us.**



The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Please leave the Sanctuary in si*

**PSALM 51:1-4, 10-12, 15**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. "Against You, You alone have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight."

**Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

**Be merciful, O Lord, for I have sinned.**

**Pianists:**

Sierra Link (12:00 PM)

Shayla Menter (6:00 PM)



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**WORSHIP:**

**Sat 3:00 pm, Radio Broadcast on FM 107.1**

**Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am Livestream**

**David Irgens, Senior Pastor, Dan Doran, Associate Pastor**

**Katherine Altreuter, Office Administrator, Music Director**

**Cheryl Eberhardt, Education Director, Keith Muchow, Videography**

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# LENTEN SEASON 2026

***“BE WITH JESUS, BECOME LIKE JESUS, DO AS HE DID”***

## **Ash Wednesday, February 18**

12:00 PM Worship | 6:00 PM Worship

## **Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25**

12:00 PM Worship: *Service of the Word*  
1:00 PM Lunch & Practicing the Way Discussion  
5:00 PM Dinner  
6:00 PM Worship: *Holden Evening Prayer*  
7:00 PM Practicing the Way Discussion

## **Palm Sunday, March 28 – 29**

Saturday: 5:00 PM Traditional Worship  
Sunday:  
8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

## **Tuesday, March 31**

Lenten Worship & Luncheon  
12:00 PM

## **Wednesday, April 1**

Easter Prayer Vigil  
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Seder Meal  
5:30 PM

## **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

12:00 PM Worship | 6:00 PM Worship

## **Good Friday, April 3**

12:00 PM Worship | 6:00 PM Worship

## **Easter Weekend, April 4 – 5**

Saturday: 5:00 PM Traditional Worship  
Sunday:  
7:00 AM Traditional Worship | 8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
*Easter Breakfast is served from 7:30 – 11:30 AM*