

St. James Lutheran Church
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Worship Services: Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sept. – May

ASH WEDNESDAY



March 6th

Ashes to Go: 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

“This is the kind of fast day I’m after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I’m interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting the clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You’ll call out for help and I’ll say, ‘Here I am.’ If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people’s sins, if you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. I will always show you where to go. I’ll give you a full life in the emptiest of places.”
Isaiah 58:6-12

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the six weeks before Easter. This is a time the Church set aside to remember our sinful nature, seek repentance and serve God by serving others.

On Ash Wednesday, we put ashes on our forehead is a tradition rooted in the Old Testament. “I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes” (Daniel 9:3). When the ashes are placed on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross, it is a reminder of several things:

It is a call to repentance: a physical sign that we are sinners in need of forgiveness and it reminds us that God created us from the earth and when we die, we will return to it. However, God so loves us that even when our bodies turn to the dust, our souls are meant to live forever with God. The ashes symbolize all of this.

As you journey toward Easter, Jesus is with you in whatever you encounter and that “Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5).” We may journey by way of the cross, but Easter will soon come.

Ash Wednesday worship March 6 @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday’s- March 13th –April 10th Lenten

Soup and Scripture Study 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday April 14th- 9:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday April 18th 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

April 19th noon-3:00 p.m.

Good Friday worship 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday worship 9:00 a.m.