

ST PAUL EV LUTHERAN CHURCH
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
March 5th, 2025

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*please stand

Opening Music

Invocation

A LITANY OF CONFESSION

*Pastor: O God our Father, we want to remember Jesus. Especially we want to remember how Jesus lived his life in complete obedience to you with true compassion for humanity. Help us to bring our hearts and minds, as he brought his, for you to see. We are not like him, who had nothing to be ashamed of, but we are sorry for anything in us that is wrong, and we pray that you would have mercy on us, for Jesus Sake.

Congregation – Amen

SIT FOR CONFESSION

P: If we are to do better today and tomorrow, we need to be forgiven for the blunders we have already made. And so, for all our faults we know of, and for mistakes we made because we did not know:

Congregation – We ask for forgiveness

Pastor: For the times when we have hurt anyone, and for the times when we have been too careless to be kind:

Congregation: Forgive us

Pastor: For the hasty words our tongues have spoken, and for the other lies we helped to spread by keeping silence when the truth was twisted:

Congregation: Forgive us

Pastor: But we do not ask, Dear Lord, to be forgiven only. We want to be better than we have been before. We remember Jesus, who gave his body, mind, and soul for God to use.

Congregation: Help us to put away our complacency.

Pastor: By his strength, Jesus can make us strong.

Congregation: Lord, help us to follow Jesus.

Pastor: By his truth, Jesus can keep us faithful.

Congregation: Help us to take up the Cross.

Imposition of Ashes

*This is a sign of frailty, repentance and renewal.
(Please come forward at the direction of the Pastor)*

Hymn “Were You There” (Verses 1) Hymn 353

Scripture Passage

Romans 8:18-27

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that^[h] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Lenten Message “The Cross Walk of Pain” Pastor John

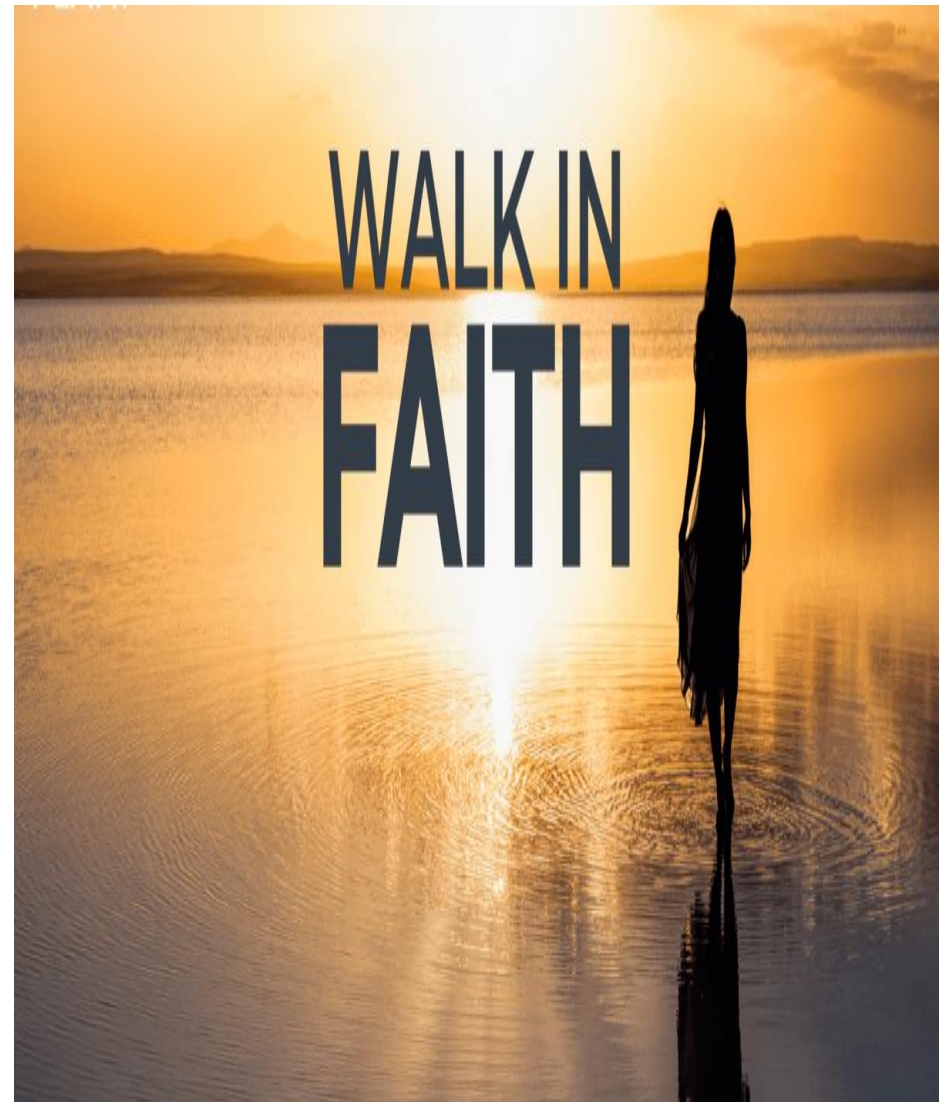
*Hymn “Rise Up O Saints of God” (1 & 5) Hymn 669

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Music



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