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WHAT'S AHEAD @SPL

March 13th *Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm*
 Midweek Lenten Worship (through April 10th)

March 14th
 LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Panera (4-8pm)

March 17th *Mission: Texas is taking place June 1-8, 2019*
 Mission: Texas Interest Meeting (9:15am)

March 23rd
 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference (9am-4:55pm, Springfield)

April 6th *Register & Get Your Ticket at spldecatur.org/women*
 SPL Women "Going Beyond" with Priscilla Shirer Simulcast
 LSA Annual Dinner Auction (Mt. Zion Convention Center)

April 9th
 LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Panda Express (4-9pm)

April 13th
 THE HUNT Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt (10am-12pm)

April 18th-19th
 Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Tasting (6:30pm)
 Good Friday Worship (1:00pm & 7:00pm)

April 21st
 Easter Sunday Worship (6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am)

April 28th
 Confirmation Sunday (10:30am)

May 4th
 Healing Service with Pastor Paul Teske at SPL (6:00pm)

May 6th
 LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Buffalo Wild Wings (5-9pm)

June 9th
 SPL Family Meeting - Semi-Annual Voters Meeting (11:45am)

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All About Hymn

6:30 PM WORSHIP
ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6, 2019
 PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY
 PASTOR MARK GEARIG
 PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER



Preparing for Worship

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent. We will spend the coming days journeying together as we follow Jesus toward the cross; toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. This day marks the beginning of this Lenten journey.

We gather today to acknowledge our sin, to acknowledge our mortality. We come to glimpse the Christ who offers forgiveness, who offers everlasting life and to learn from the unique perspective of the eyewitnesses of Jesus' suffering and death.

As part of today's worship, you can experience the imposition of ashes. This practice may not be familiar to everyone. Ashes have been used in Christian churches to mark the beginning of Lent since at least the 10th Century, and ashes are mentioned in scripture as a symbol of purification and repentance.

We offer the imposition of ashes today as a physical reminder of our mortality and sin; an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. After the confession of sins, you will be invited to come forward if you wish to participate in the imposition of ashes. When you come, the mark of ashes will be placed on your forehead. After you come in repentance you can then walk to the second station to receive the joy of forgiveness in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Begin this time of worship by focusing your mind and heart on God's presence with you and within this place.

Welcome

Invocation



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Opening Praise *Savior When In Dust to Thee*
LSB #419 v. 1-3

Gospel Reading *Mark 14:17-31*

Confession of Sins *Psalms 51:1-7, 10*

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! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Words of Institution

Receiving the Ashes and Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on this page. We encourage families to commune together.

Ashes (SPL Adult Choir)

O Come to the Altar

Resurrecting

Do You Know

Message Hymn *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*
LSB #451 v. 1-3

Message *"All About Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*
Pastor Bill Gruening

Offering *What Sacred Fountain (Adult Choir)*

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the Offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle. Our staff will pray over any items you include in the prayer portion located on the back of your card.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song *In Christ Alone*
v. 1, 2

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (*They are not merely symbolically present.*)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

Jesus All About Hymn

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

LSB #451

1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
by his Son God now has spoken:
'tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear him groaning,
was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning,
foes insulting his distress;
many hands were raised to wound him,
none would interpose to save;
but the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that Justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
nor suppose the evil great
here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation,
here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation,
his the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on him their hope have built.

WEEKLY LENTEN WORSHIP

Thank you for coming to worship with us on Ash Wednesday! You can make a new worship habit by coming each week throughout this season of Lent. We offer worship on Wednesdays at 12:15pm (traditional) and 6:30pm (contemporary, family-friendly), through April 10th. Dinner is served at 5:30pm in the dining room each week, provided by a ministry area. Gather here and make dinner and worship part of your family's weekly habit!