

**Ash Wednesday**  
**MARCH 5, 2025**



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

- Prelude
- Invocation
- Invitation to Observe Lent
- Gathering Hymn ELW 319
- Confession of Sins  
*“Stir the Ashes”*  
 7:00 pm St. John’s Chancel Choir
- Imposition of Ashes
- Announcement of Forgiveness
- Prayer of the Day
- First Bible Reading
- Psalm 51
- Second Bible Reading
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- Benediction
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- Dismissal
- Postlude



**WEEKLY WORSHIP**  
**BULLETIN FOR**  
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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this Lenten season! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord’s Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY’S THEME**

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.

**Today’s Bible Readings**

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Pew Bible p. 740
- Psalm 51 Sung Paraphrase
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Pew Bible p. 940
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pew Bible p. 787

**Today’s Message**

*“Walking With the Lord Again”*

*by Rev. Ralph Mineo*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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.**

### **PSALM RESPONSE:**



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### **OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson, Carol Snippert, Cathy Goellner, Carolyn Sturtevant

#### **Cancer treatments:**

**Friends of the congregation:** Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Derf Hopsecger, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, Heidi Sturtevant, Jill Eichner, Walter Ang, Charles Schlaufman, Rev. Bill Cox

**Cancer Friends:** Canda, Chris

**Pray for those who grieve:** Pray for the family of Willow West, two-months old, who died February 25th of SIDS. Pray for Skyler and Jacob, and Rose West, and grandparents Matt Sanders and Brenda Wurst.

*Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.*

### **"We Sing, We Serve" "We Ring, We Serve"**

St. John's choirs need **YOU**. If you would like to sing or ring just for the Lenten/Easter season we would love to have you join us. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir at 11:15 AM on Sunday mornings.