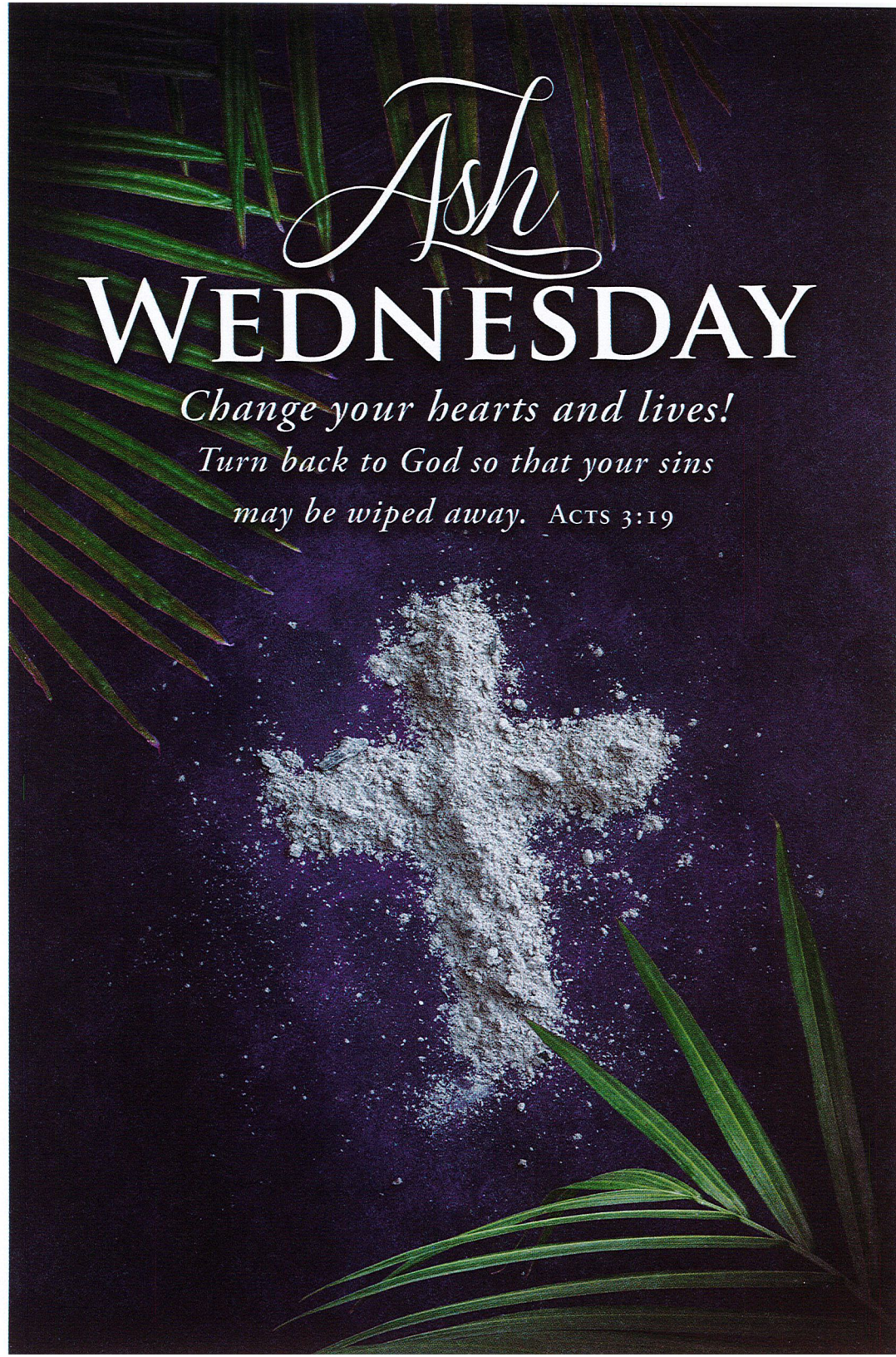


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*At Lynnwood Reformed Church, we affirm the great diversity of God's creation in our communities.
This diversity includes persons from various economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds,
gender expressions and sexual identities, and gifted with a variety of abilities.
We also believe that God's unconditional love, as demonstrated through Jesus Christ, is intended for all.
As such, all people are welcome to participate fully in the life of the church.*



LYNNWOOD REFORMED CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY ✠ FEBRUARY 22, 2023

GATHERED BY GOD

Prelude Jean La Crosse
Welcome Pastor Garret Szantner

*Song of Preparation "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings: Genesis 3:8–19; John 9:1–12

Homily "Blessed, Banished, Broken, Bruised, Beloved" Pastor Szantner

Anthem "Strength for Tomorrow, Grace for Today"

FEASTING ON GOD'S WORD AND RECEIVING ASHES

Meaning and Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Now lift up your hearts. **We lift them in praise.**

**O let us give thanks to the Lord. It is good and it is right,
our joy and our delight to give God praise at all times and in all ways!**

... we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Oh, holy are you, Lord, the God of power and might;
the angels veil their sight! Earth is aflame with the glory of your name!**

**Hosanna! Blessed is he! Christ Jesus, who is come,
the Lord's anointed one: He comes again! Hosanna, Lord, Amen.**

... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Your death, O Christ, we proclaim. Your rising celebrate!

Your coming we await, to make all things new. All glory unto you.

... Even so, come, Lord Jesus! **Alleluia! Lord! Amen!**

Story of the meal

The Bread of Life, the Cup of Salvation,
these are the gifts of God, **For us, the people of God.**

Imposition of Ashes

*You are welcome to come forward to receive the ashes on your forehead
(or hand) as a sign of our mortality and promise of God's renewal.
After receiving the ashes, proceed to receive the feast of forgiveness and new life.*

Wrapped in Love - Prayer Shawl Ministry Moment

During Lent the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to honor all those who have contributed shawls to bless others. Some of these shawls will be displayed in the pews during worship services. Please touch them and say a prayer for the person who will receive them. If you are going through a challenging time or know someone who is, please take a shawl of your choice with the prayer and card accompanying it after the service.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

*Song of Closing: "Ashes to Ashes" verses 2,3,4

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*Benediction

As we journey throughout Lent may God grant us his mercy and grace,
and fill our hearts with the promises of Easter joy!

Amen.

Go in peace.

Postlude

**indicates standing for those able*