

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Immanuel Lutheran Church – Hay Creek
24686 Old Church Road, Red Wing, MN 55066

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9, 2011

Lenten Midweek Series: Sounds of the Passion
Tonight's Focus: "Ripping Cloth"

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" #419

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Announcement of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection, the season of Lent. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. From ancient times, Lent has been observed as a period of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells continually on God's Word and draws from it life and hope. Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Collect of the Day

Psalm 51, prayed responsively (see front of the hymnal)

The Imposition of Ashes

(Ashes are an ancient and Biblical sign of repentance and mortality. Those who wish to receive the mark of ashes may come forward at this time.)

Confession

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: O Almighty God,

C: I confess to You, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

Hymn of Confession: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" #610

Announcement of Grace

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, remission of sin, and amendment of life.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Joel 2:12-19

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Lenten Response: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" #422

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Hymn of the Day: "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" #615

Homily: “Ripping Cloth”

Offering

(Tonight’s collection will be divided between our Church’s
Radio Program and District Missions)

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to
you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Abide with Me” #878

Postlude

Those Who Serve:

Preacher: Pastor Lowell S. Sorenson

Organist: Mrs. Sara Sorenson

Acolyte: Ms. Ellee Goranson