



**Ash Wednesday**  
**6 pm**  
**New Hope Lutheran Church**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**People of Grace, Lives of Grace, Words of Grace**

+WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE+

HYMN:

FROM DEPTHS OF WOE I CRY TO THEE

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1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and  
2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out  
3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in  
4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the  
5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious  
my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest  
mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His  
morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er  
bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.  
faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it  
doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.  
nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en  
Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy  
That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort  
O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it  
Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?  
strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.  
and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.  
and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.  
Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## PSALM

*Psalm 51*

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** 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.

**P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**C** Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

**P** Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You.

**C** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness.

**P** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**C** For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

**C** Do good to Zion in Your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;

**P** then will You delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## CONFESSION

**P** Let us humbly go to God, confessing our sins.

Almighty, eternal, loving Father,

**C** **we confess to You and one another not only that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions but that each failing has been a symptom of our sinful condition.**

**We have tried to overlook our faults but realize the truth of our fallenness. We have tried to do better by our own strength but have fallen back into sin again. We are helpless to change by ourselves.**

**P** We mirror the sins of our spiritual ancestor, whom You, gracious God, guided to write in the Psalms:

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**C** **and blot out all my iniquities.**

**P** Let us go to our gracious God, asking for mercy.

**C** **We are not the people You would have us be; we are not what we had hoped for; we throw ourselves on the mercy of Your holy court, asking Your forgiveness and renewal of life for the sake of our Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** God has promised to hear the penitent cries of His people and for the sake of Jesus, our Savior, grants remission of sins. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## HYMN:

## O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
 fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
 all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
 skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
 ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
 Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Joel 2:12–19***

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**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL: *Hebrews 12:2***

**P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**C** who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**EPISTLE: *2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10***

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

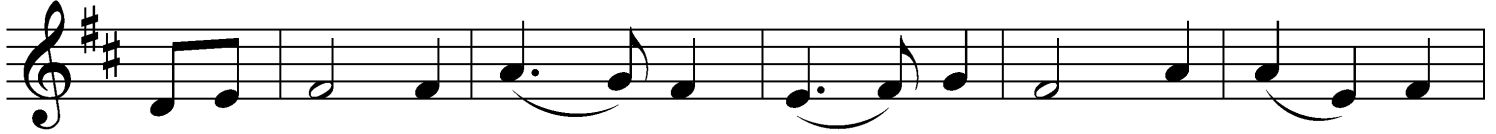
**SERMON  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*Pastor Adam Kosberg*

## HYMN:

## JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-68  
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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## LITANY

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.



**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** **have mercy.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;  
by Your holy nativity;  
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by Your agony and bloody sweat;  
by Your cross and passion;  
by Your precious death and burial;  
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death;  
and in the day of judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**

**P** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;  
to bless our prayer and meditation;  
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech You to grant us true repentance and Your Holy Spirit, that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy and that at the last we may come to Your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C** **Amen**

HYMN:

ABIDE WITH ME

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1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!

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