



Keep in prayer: LeAnn Fuchs (niece of Arlene Johnson), Carl Kozlowski, Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister), Patricia A. McMahon (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Lucy Youngren (great-niece of Mavis Hawkins), Audrey Watson, Tom Gerken, the family of Gloria Issendorf, the family of John Braid, the family of Ron Hooge.

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Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 51:1-17

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

C: Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

L: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

L: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

C: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

C: Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

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

L: 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 sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

L: Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

C: Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness

L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

C: For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering.

L: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Senior Choir Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

First Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Nothing in all creation...

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Dramatization

Will Stolzenberg & Duane Holst

A Boy in the Ancient Israel

From "Broken and Beloved," Created by Rev. Dr. Char Rachuy Cox for the Nourishing Vocation with Children Project from St. Olaf College.

Sermon

Pastor Paul

Hymn of the Day

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

#609 vs 1-2,4-5

Invitation to Lent

Confession of Sin

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection.*

Most holy and merciful God,

C: We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Response: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Imposition of Ashes

Touch Me With Ashes
Our Father, We Have Wandered

Senior Choir
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P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Offering / Offertory

Our Father, We Have Wandered

arr. by Sylvia Oines

Offering Response

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Lord's Prayer

Blessing & Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this evening:

Lector: Kim Ask-Carlson

Ushers: Macie Carlson & Bill Otto

Sound/Video: Heath Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau, Randy Zanto

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