



Midweek Messenger

Messiah Lutheran Church + Mauldin, SC

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

People of Messiah:

I count Ash Wednesday among the heaviest days on the liturgical and secular calendars. On the heels of the excessive celebrations of “Shrove Tuesday,” we return to Mother Church on Wednesday to hear reminders of what the end will mean for all of us... We’re dust.

There’s no silver lining around the Ash Wednesday narrative. All the appointed readings for the day speak of our brokenness, our mortality, and our inability to overcome our inevitable appointment at the cemetery. We’re dust. So, why do we bother to worship? Why would we voluntarily praise God on the heaviest of days if there’s no good news to claim when we step into the sanctuary? Do I really need the church to remind me - **YOU’RE DUST**- if I’ve already experienced the sting of death in my own setting in life?

There is, of course, more to the story. If our dustiness is the only takeaway from Ash Wednesday, then perhaps we’ve overlooked what God can do with a little dust an infusion of Sprit. Create, transform, make new, resurrect. *Remember that you are dust, and from dust you shall arise.*

By Grace.

Peace,

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This Week at Messiah

Wednesday, March 6:

Bible Study @ 9:30 am

Ash Wednesday Midday Worship @ Noon

Ash Wednesday Evening Worship @ 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 10:

Worship @ 8, 9, and 11:00 am

Sunday School @ 10:15 am

Confirmation @ 2:30 pm

High School Youth @ 6 pm

Sunday Readings:

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13,

Luke 4:1-13