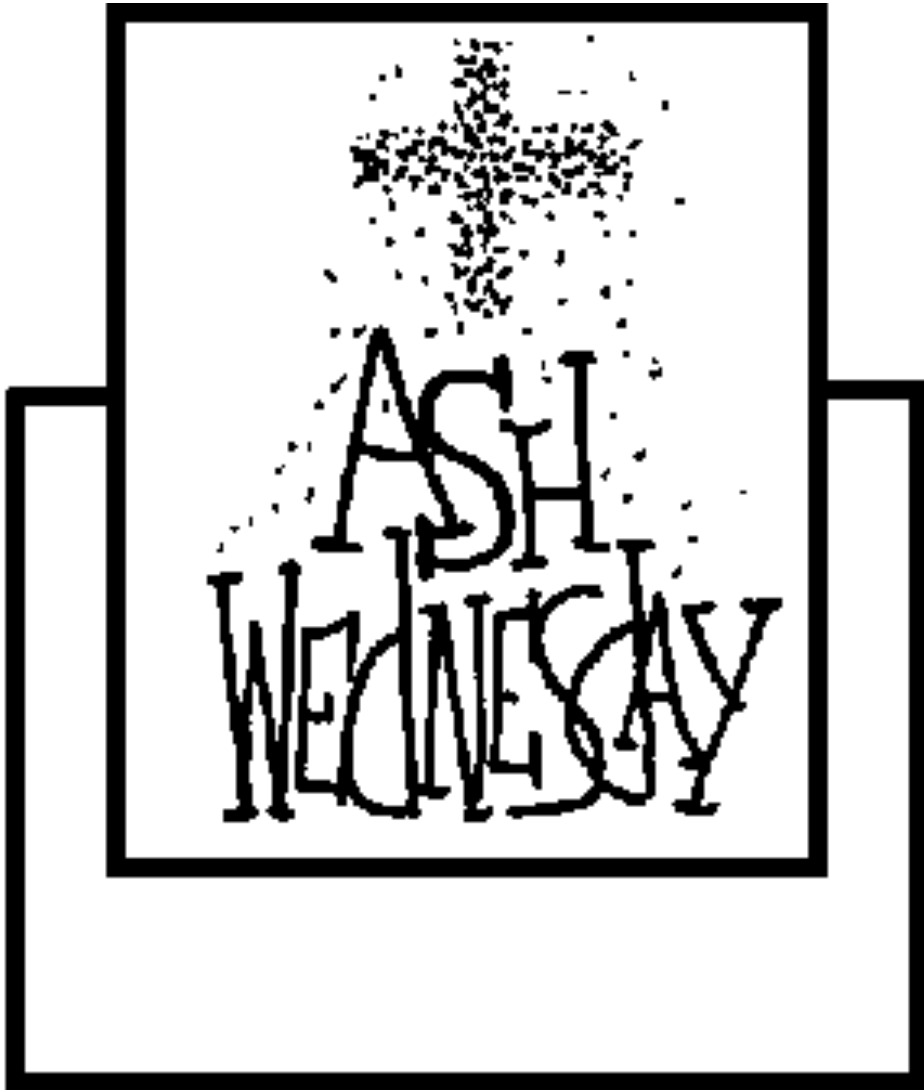


# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

## ASH WEDNESDAY

*The color for Ash Wednesday is black or purple.*



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### **What to listen for during the service?**

What does the Ash Wednesday service focus on? What are we confessing during the service?

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:16-21

*(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)*

16 "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What is fasting?
- 2) A hypocrite is the name for a "play actor." Why do the hypocrites want others to see their fasting?
- 3) Why does Jesus tell them when they fast to fast in "secret"?
- 4) What does Jesus say is the most important thing to "treasure"?
- 5) What are these "treasures" and how do we get them?

### Draw a picture of how your church altar looks today



## People of the Bible: Pharisees

In the New Testament we often hear about the Pharisees. But who were the Pharisees? The Pharisees followed the Jewish Law and bragged about how they could follow it perfectly. The word "Pharisee" comes from the Hebrew language meaning "set apart." The Pharisees thought they controlled the church, and felt they were better than others who didn't follow the Law like they did. They felt "set apart." They thought if they kept all the right rules, this would save them. The Pharisees didn't like Jesus because of His proclamation of the Gospel and that the Law cannot save. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and no one else can keep it perfectly. Jesus often rebuked the Pharisees for trying to save themselves through the Law. The Pharisees saw Jesus as a threat to their dedication to the Law and wanted to silence Him. Jesus continued to proclaim the Gospel and salvation through faith in Him.

### Hymn of the Day – "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

### Word Scramble

- atsf \_\_\_\_\_
- yrpoeihct \_\_\_\_\_
- ecerts \_\_\_\_\_
- hiaserPes \_\_\_\_\_
- retuaerss \_\_\_\_\_
- esiwJh awL \_\_\_\_\_
- sAh desyendWa \_\_\_\_\_