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# *The Messiah Messenger*

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Messiah Lutheran Church  
develops disciples who are:



*United  
with Christ*

*Transformed  
by Christ*

*Obedient  
to Christ*

We are in the business of  
making disciples...  
who make disciples.

## ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICES

1:00 &

7:00 PM



*Daily – Doggedly – Daringly*

**Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love**





# Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Last month I visited the Women's Empowerment Center, a facility of the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The WEC has been open for the last two years, and I've been there twice.

My friend Tracy invited Pastor and me to join her.

She helps the ladies in the WEC get ready to leave jail.

Pastor and I will work with Tracy to host a support group for the ladies, just like we did at the Landing, where we first met Tracy almost seven years ago.

These visits are important, because these ladies are working hard to improve themselves.

Pastor and I can help them do that.

My Jesus says, "I was in prison and you came to me."

Then He says, "As you did to one of the least of these my brothers [and sisters], you did it to me."

Whenever any of us help other people in need, my Jesus says we are doing it for Him.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,  
Gabriel



# From the Pastor



## Savior, When in Dust to Thee

*Savior, when in dust to Thee  
Low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies  
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all Thy pains and woe  
Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from Thy throne on  
high,  
Hear our penitential cry!*

*By Thy deep expiring groan,  
By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode  
Held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored,  
Mighty, re-ascended Lord,  
Bending from Thy throne on  
high,  
Hear our penitential cry!*

Robert Grant

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

“Remember that you are dust.” That’s what pastors say when they place ashes on people’s foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

Think about dust for a moment. Dust is usually something that we try to get rid of. If company is coming over, we will grab a rag to clean the dust off the furniture. We even use a product called “Endust,” which really means “end dust.”

Dust has no value to us. We want to get rid of it. We want it out of our homes.

**“Remember that you are dust.”**

Despite our feelings about dust, our God views it differently.

It is true that we share in the “dustiness” of our first father, Adam, who was formed by God from the dust of the ground.

Yet God values our dust. He doesn’t want to get rid of it. He wants it in His home.

So He sent Jesus, who suffered death for us so we could be freed from death’s curse and have a place in our Father’s house.

We still place dust and ashes on our foreheads to symbolize our repentance.

We do so, however, in the sure confidence that, although we will return to dust, on the Last Day our dust will be restored to life in the glorious resurrection of the dead.

Dust we are, and to dust we will return.

But dust we will not remain.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Engel

