Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday

Lent • One-Year (Historic) • 2025–2026 Church Year • Purple

APPOINTED READINGS

EPISTLE (LESSON)	EPISTLE	GOSPEL
Joel 2:12-19	2 Peter 1:2-11	Matthew 6:16-21

INTROIT

Misereris omnium — Wisdom 11; Psalm 57

Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hatest none of the things which thou hast made, winking at the sins of men for the sake of repentance, and sparing them; for thou art the Lord our God. Psalm. Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me; for my soul trusteth in thee.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to thy faithful, O Lord, that they may begin the venerable solemnities of fasting with becoming piety, and perform them with secure devotion. Through our Lord, &c.

Introit and collect: Husenbeth, The Missal for the Use of the Laity (London, 1853) — Ash Wednesday, public domain (historic Western propers; not from Lutheran service books). Readings per The Lutheran Missal, “Lenten Lections” (2020).