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Epiphany Lutheran Church Offers "Drive-Thru Ashes, Prayers and a Cuppa Joe to Go"

Germantown, Tennessee, USA – Memphis-area commuters can receive "Ashes, Prayers and a Cuppa Joe to Go" on Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019, from 6:30 am-8 am, at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 7887 Poplar Avenue in Germantown. Commuters can "drive-thru" the church's circular entrance and remain in their vehicle to receive ashes and a blessing from Epiphany pastor Reverend Monica Weber, as well as a free 'cuppa joe' from an Epiphany volunteer.

"We want to give God's busy people a meaningful but convenient way to participate in the Christian observance of Ash Wednesday, to demonstrate our congregation's hospitality as a sign of the repentance, reconciliation and generosity that Jesus calls us to during the season of Lent," says Pastor Weber. "Even if you don't observe Ash Wednesday, join us for a hot cup of coffee on your morning commute."

In addition to the drive-thru ashes observance, Epiphany Lutheran Church will conduct two Ash Wednesday worship services on March 6 in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel, 7887 Poplar Avenue, Germantown. At noon, all are welcome to receive ashes, a Christian practice since the ninth century signifying mortality and penitence. The pastor traces ashes on a worshiper's forehead in the shape of a cross and offers a blessing.

At 6 pm on March 6, Epiphany will hold a traditional Ash Wednesday worship service which also includes the imposition of ashes as well as Holy Communion.

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About Epiphany Lutheran Church: Epiphany Lutheran Church worships every Sunday at 10:00 am in Schaeffer Memorial Chapel at Kingsway Christian Church, 7887 Poplar Avenue in Germantown (right next to Whole Foods). Epiphany's Community Garden, tended by volunteers, provided 1,800 pounds of produce in 2018 to the Collierville Food Pantry, Page Robbins Adult Day Center, Trinity Ministries and other area organizations. Epiphany Lutheran is a member congregation of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). For more information, contact Pastor Monica Weber, (901) 861-6227, or visit www.epiphanylu.org.

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