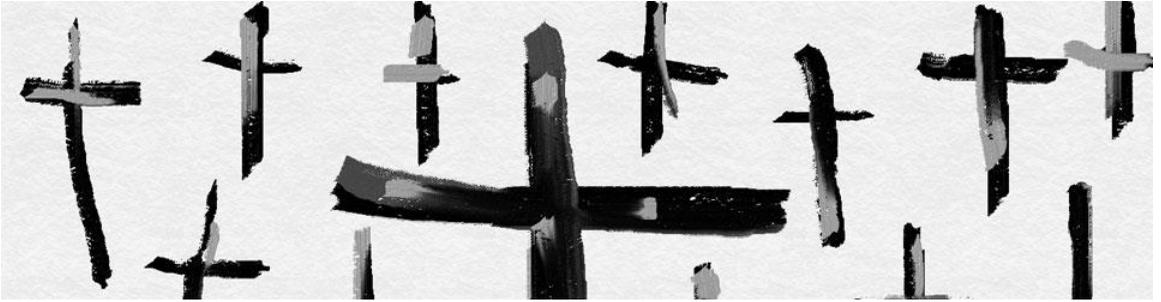
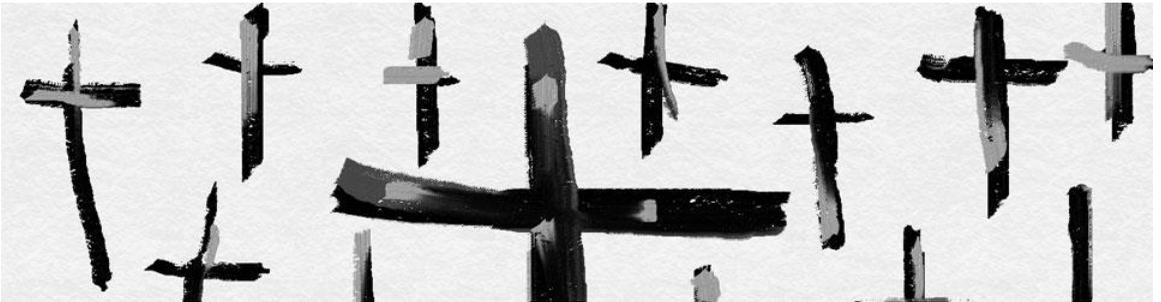


Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. -Psalm 51:10



Ash Wednesday

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

Serving Ash Wednesday—4:30 p.m.

Elder:	JJ Jones	Acolyte:	Logan Rosenthal
Asst Elder:	Bob Souza	Greeters:	Diane Perkins
Lay Readers:	JJ Jones, Monte Stoltzman		
Ushers:	John Kozlik, Monte Stoltzman		

Serving Ash Wednesday—6:30 p.m.

Elder:	Bob Souza	Acolyte:	Jay Souza
Asst Elder:	Jack Warneke	Greeters:	OPEN
Lay Readers:	Tim Faitsch, Lynn Faitsch		
Ushers:	Mike Bandman, Morrie Cook		

LENT PROPHETS

This service draws from the selected readings for the weeks of Lent, Old Testament prophets who call God's people to repent of their sins and seek His forgiveness.

Invocation and Entrance Words of Confession

based on Joel 2:12-13,15-17

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children.

C: We are gathered. Where is our God?

P: The LORD declares to you,
“Yet even now, return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

C: Will He spare us?

P: Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?

based on Ezekiel 33:7,10-11,14,16

P: It is true what you have said, but the Lord GOD declares to you:
“As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,
but that the wicked turn from his way and live.”
Turn back, repent, return to the Lord your God,
for with Him there is forgiveness and mercy and grace evermore.

**C: We turn back to You, O Lord;
we repent; we have returned to You, Our God. Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

If you desire ashes to be placed on your forehead, please approach the communion rail on either side. Pastor Squires or Pastor Barkley will put ashes on your forehead in the shape of the cross saying, “From dust you are, to dust you shall return.” You may then either kneel along the rail for personal reflection or return to your seat.



The choir will sing the anthem during this time followed by the congregation joining in the hymn.

Absolution (Assurance of Forgiveness) based on Ezekiel 33:7,10-11,14,16 and Isaiah 12:1-2

P: And the LORD declares,

“None of the sins that you have committed shall be remembered against you.

You have done what is just and right; you shall surely live.”

For the Lord grants you His righteousness; His new life is yours.

Therefore, as His called and ordained servant in Jesus Christ,

I forgive you all your sin

in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. I give thanks to You, O LORD,

because even though You were angry with me,

Your anger turned away, so that You might comfort me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:12–19 (ESV)

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation;

assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD,
weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD,
and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations.
Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?"

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,
"Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 51:1–5,10-13 (ESV)

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

Joel 2:13b

P: Return to the LORD, your God,

C: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13 (ESV)

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

Lamb of God

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

Create in Me

LSB 192

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Faith

based on the Apostles' Creed and Ezekiel 33:12-14

P: In the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed, we declare:

C: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

P: Hear this promise from the Lord:

“Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves,
and raise you from your graves, O my people.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD;

I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

C: *Amen, amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so.*

Benedicamus Domino (“Let us bless, the Lord”) & Benediction (Blessing)

based on Isaiah 12:3-6

P: With joy you have drawn water from the wells of salvation, so say:

**C: *Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name be exalted.***

***Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.***

Shout, and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

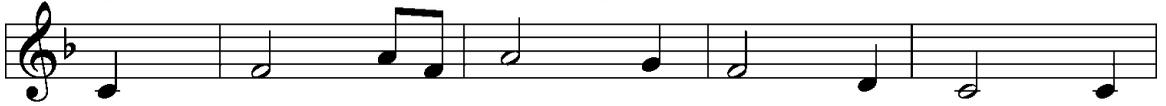
P: The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C: *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace

LSB 744 sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Announcements

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Preschool RUMMAGE SALE



Volunteers Still Needed

We have a great need for volunteers and we are asking for your help! Sign-up online at <http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2017> or on the sheets on display in the preschool hallway or by the kitchen.

Rummage Drop OFF Times

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 – 6:30 pm, 7:30 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 2

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Accepted Items

Items accepted are clothes, baby items, toys, games, knick-knacks, linens, kitchen items, books, shoes, etc. (No computers or TV's please.) If you have a larger item you wish to donate, such as furniture, we ask that you please contact the Preschool Office at (847)244-9672 or preschool@bethelgurnee.org, to make sure we can accept your donation.



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