



*Ash
Wednesday
February 14
2018*

*Being privileged to
bear with
other disciples
means being able to
preserve community
with them
through forgiveness
in Christ.*

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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 TODAY

Elder: Mike Bandman

Asst Elder: Dave Ziegler

Ushers: Tony Young, OPEN

Lay Readers: Andy Barkley, Karen Kozlik

Acolyte: Jude Squires

Greeter: Sue Bandman

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 congregational hymn.

Anthem

“Brighter Than Snow” (Psalm 51)

Adult Choir

Wash me and I'll be brighter than snow....

Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness.

Wash me and I'll be brighter, brighter than snow.

...Create a clean heart in me, O Lord, renew, my spirit...

...Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness...

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.

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: 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.

Series Reading from 1 Peter

1 Peter 2:13–25 (ESV)

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and

are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴**He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.** By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

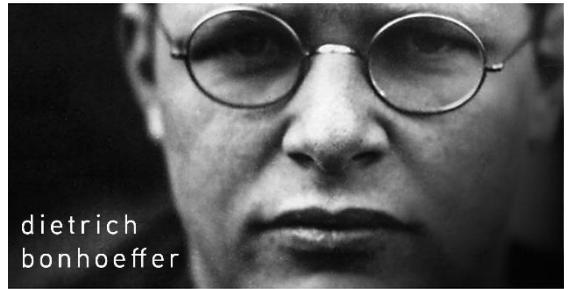


pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Sermon **“He Bore Your Sins So That You May Bear With One Another”**

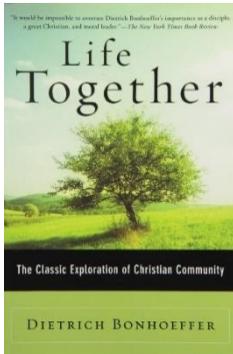
1 Peter 2:13-25

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was executed in a Nazi prison on April 9, 1945, for his role in a conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler and bring the Second World War to an end. His involvement in the conspiracy was grounded in his conviction that discipleship to Jesus Christ required Christians to stand in solidarity with the oppressed by standing for and with the oppressed against the oppressor.



Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor. He became part of the Confessing Church, a movement within the German Protestant churches, that resisted the Nazi State's move to bring all of the churches under one banner to be known as the Protestant Reich Church.

Life Together puts into words a description of what Bonhoeffer and others set to create in their Confessing Church illegal seminary at Finkenwalde. The retreat-like atmosphere at the seminary built upon an appreciation for the best of the monastic practices. The outcome is a book that raises up the vision of what it means to be the Church, to be disciples of Jesus who are drawn together in Community around God's Word.



...in sin, community with God and with each other is broken. Here, because of the other [person's sin], Christians suffer the breaking of the community with the other [person which had been] established in Jesus Christ. But here, too, it is only in bearing with the other [person] that the great grace of God becomes fully apparent. Not despising sinners, but being privileged to bear with them, means not having to give them up for lost, being able to accept them and able to preserve community with them through forgiveness [in Christ]....

As Christ bore with us and accepted us as sinners, so we in his community may bear with sinners and accept them into the community of Jesus Christ through the forgiveness of sins...[Since] each individual's sin burdens the whole community and indicts it, the community of faith rejoices amid all the pain inflicted on it by the sin of the other, and in spite of the burden placed on it, [the community/congregation] rejoices in being deemed [by God] worthy of bearing with and forgiving sin (pp.102, 103).

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

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847; tune: 417



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Announcements

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Bethel Preschool

RUMMAGE SALE



The preschool has a great need for volunteers and we are asking for your help!
The Rummage Sale is the preschool's major annual fundraiser.

There are many ways to pitch in:

- **Sunday, February 25** starting at noon after late service: set up tables
- **Monday, February 26 - Friday March 2** - pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage
- **Saturday, March 3 - Rummage Sale Day!** Lots of ways to help! We'll need cashiers, baggers, people to carry items, people to fold and organize, people to direct shoppers, and a clean - up crew at the end of the day.

There is a delicious, free lunch provided for all workers on Saturday. Please consider signing up to help. Our volunteers are critical and make a huge impact to the success of the sale!

Sign up online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/preschoolrummage2018>
or on the sign-up sheets on display in the preschool hallway.

Drop-off Rummage - Deadline Thursday Evening, March 1

Begins Sunday **February 25** at noon after late service. Continues

Monday - Thursday from: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. each evening.
(NOT available from 3:00-6:00 p.m. each day and the door to the gym will be locked.)

Accepted Items

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 the item.