

**A Lenten
Series**

**inspired by
Bonhoeffer's
classic
book**



**Life
Together
on
Sundays**

***Alone But Strong in Fellowship,
Fellowshipping Even When Alone***

**2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018**

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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

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

<i>Elders:</i>	Mike Bandman	<i>Randy Gifford</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	JJ Jones	<i>Dave Ziegler</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Jeremy Leicht, Ashley Plapp	<i>Ruth Ziegler, Annika Chudy</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	Mike Bandman, Sue Bandman	<i>Lori Hornstra, Deb Pelletiere</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	Tera Redman, Tony Young	<i>Lance Rasmussen, Scott Gutzke</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	Tony Young, Mary Kay Anderson	<i>Ralph & Donna Danielsen, The Gutzke Family</i>
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Group 5 - ARTS (Mulley)	
<i>Feb. Altar Guild:</i>	Margie Tatgenhorst	<i>Dawn Werfelmann</i>
<i>Feb. Counters:</i>	Dave & Cheryl Ross	

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Souza Family in celebration of Jay's birthday
Dawn Werfelmann to the Glory of God

LENT LECTONARY

This service carries the themes of the Lent Lectionary—the selected readings for this season in the Church Year, as we gather in sorrow over our sin, recognize our need for a Savior, and anticipate His salvation accomplished through the cross and resurrection.

Opening Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

LSB 531



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bid; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

Hebrews 12:2

C: the author and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him

C: endured the cross, despising the shame,

P: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: Now is the time of God's favor; now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2b

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

Psalms 85:4, 4:6, 37:6, 113:7

C: that the light of Your face may shine on us.

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: and may the poor be lifted up.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

1 Peter 5:6-11, 1:3-5

P: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God
so that at the proper time he may exalt you.

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Be sober-minded; be watchful.

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering
are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

C: We humble ourselves before the Lord.

**We confess that we have sinned against heaven and earth,
against the Lord, His Creation, and one another.**

Please come to us, Lord, and forgive. Amen.

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

1 John 2:1

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Mark 10:33

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Psalms 32:1

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P: We have an advocate with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people. Amen.

Silence for meditation on our need for Christ's forgiveness.

P: At the command of the Lord, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy God the Father provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks to the Father that on Calvary He did not spare His only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. The God of all grace has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, and He Himself restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. According to his great mercy, he has caused you to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

P: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Anthem

“I’m Redeemed”

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*I’m not redeemed by silver and gold, and my salvation cannot be bought or sold;
For I’m standing on a promise secure, and I’m loved by a love sweet and pure;
I’m redeemed by Jesus’ blood, and it’s His love that I’m singing of.
Now my life’s started over again; I’ve been freed from the power of sin.*

*Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am.
I’m redeemed by Jesus’ blood, and it’s His love that I’m singing of,
Now my life’s started over again; I’ve been freed from the power of sin.*

*Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed, redeemed;
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, of the Lamb.
Redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.*

Old Testament Reading**Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 (ESV)**

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**Romans 5:1–11 (ESV)**

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38 (ESV)

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsory

John 4:23a; 3:16

P: The hour is coming, and is now here,

C: when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

P: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708 sts. 1-2



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.

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Welcoming connects people into relationship.

Sermon *“Alone But Strong in Fellowship,
Fellowshipping Even When Alone”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

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 Protestant Reich Church.

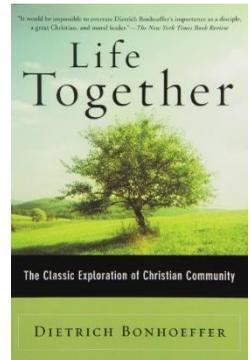
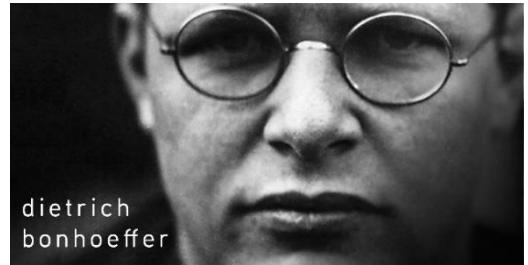
Life Together puts into words a description of what Bonhoeffer and others set to create in their Confessing Church illegal seminary at Finkenwalde: a retreat-like atmosphere built upon the best of the monastic practices.

“Let her who cannot be alone beware of community.

Because they cannot stand loneliness, they are driven to seek the company of other people. There are Christians, too, who cannot endure being alone...running away from themselves...misusing [the fellowship] as a diversion.... Only in aloneness do we learn to live rightly in the fellowship.

“Let him who is not in community beware of being alone. Into community you were called, the call was not meant for you aloneIf you scorn the fellowship of the brethren, you reject the call of Jesus Christ, and thus your solitude can only be hurtful to you.... Only in the fellowship do we learn to be rightly alone” (pp.76-78).

–Dietrich Bonhoeffer (*Life Together*)



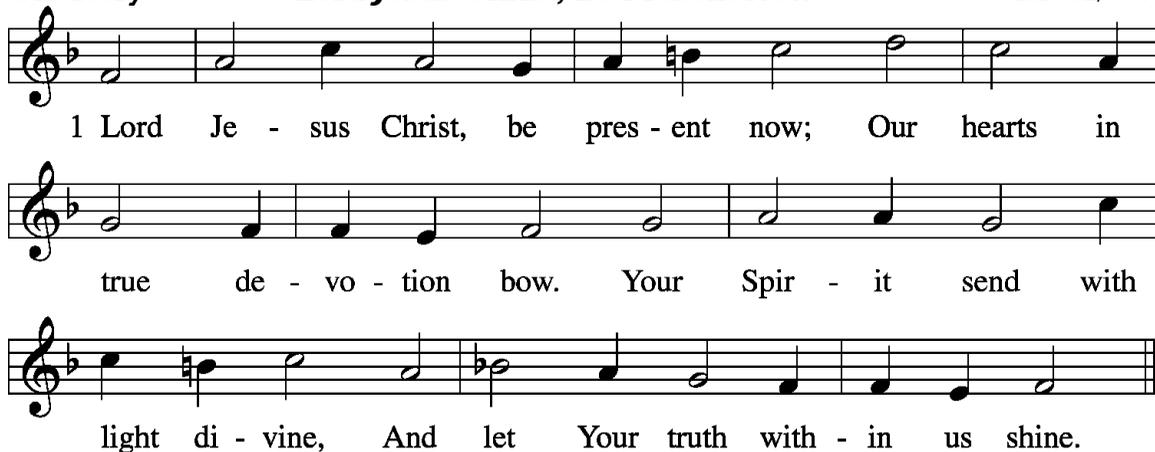
Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902, st. 1



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

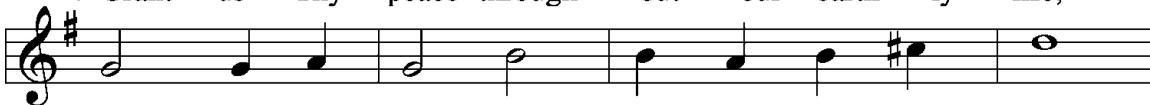
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn**Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

LSB 917



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

Announcements**Acknowledgments**

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