

Connected Community

Summer Sermon Series on Ephesians

we will face this.
we will face this together.
we will face this by the
grace & mercy of God.

Addressing Sin With Grace

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CATECHISM SERVICE

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?

C: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?

C: **"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

Baptism Verse

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590 st. 1



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.



Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

C: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

C: **I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself?

C: **I do.**

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Absolution Verse

Jesus Sinners Will Receive

LSB 609, stanza 6



6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I



stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease



And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my



soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

Greeting, Collect (Prayer of the Day – based on Ephesians 4:24)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, thank You that through Jesus Christ you have made us to a new creation and that we have new life in You. Lord, we know that we have been created in righteousness and holiness and pray that You would help us to walk in spirit and truth. Help us to put off all our former way of life, which would quench the working of Your Spirit within. By Your grace, the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the Name of Jesus, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Luther's Morning Prayer

P: Let us pray together.

C: ***I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.***

Series Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 4:17–32(ESV)

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness

and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Song of Praise

I will Sing of the Mercies

CHORUS



I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will sing. I will

VERSE



sing of the mercies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord. With my



mouth _____ will I make known Thy faith - ful - ness, Thy faith - ful - ness. With my



mouth _____ will I make known Thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 2:13–17 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2nd chapter.

C: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

¹³He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁵And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Hymn of the Day "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

LSB 843 & 697; tune: 812



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us,
 2 How can Your par - don reach and bless The un - for -
 3 To us on earth He came to bring From sin and
 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that
 5 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re -



Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
 - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
 fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



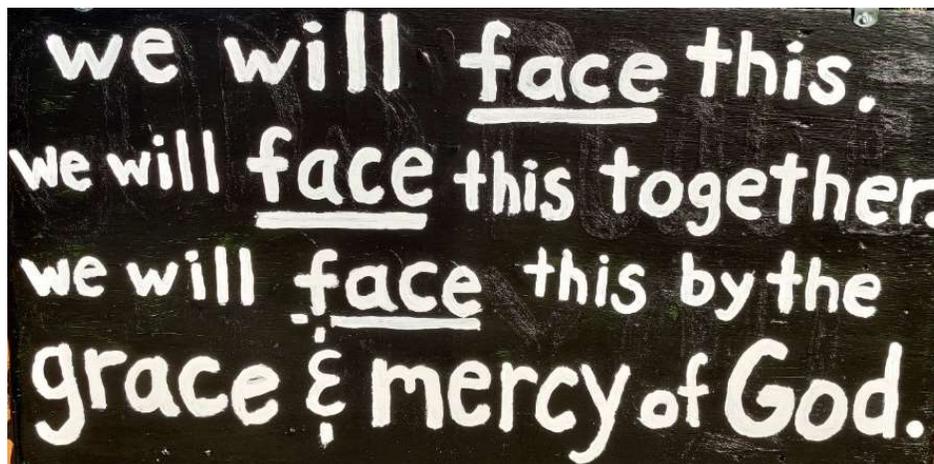
grant us grace To live the words we say.
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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Sermon

Addressing Sin with Grace

Ephesians 4:17-32



Verse of Response

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Confession of Faith *3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation*

P: What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?

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: What does this mean?

C: *I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.*

Prayers

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

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.

Closing Words Based on Luther's Small Catechism

P: We have prayed as the Lord has taught us.

We have said, "But deliver us from evil." What does this mean?

C: We pray that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us to be with Him for eternity.

P: The Church concludes the prayer saying, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen." What does this mean?

C: This means that I should be certain that these requests are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

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.

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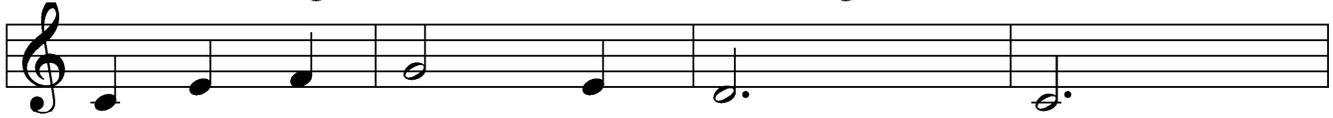
Closing Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Announcements



UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



For all in-person worship a reservation will be required.

Currently, a link to reserve in-person seats will be emailed at least one week prior to that week's service. Services will be recorded, and a link to the recorded service will be provided on Monday.

Sunday, August 22

In-Person Worship*(In Gym) – 9AM

Bethel Tailgate Party in Parking Lot 10AM-?

Sunday, August 29

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Quarterly Voters Meeting - 10AM

(No Outdoor Fellowship)

Sunday, September 5

In-Person Worship*(In Gym w/Communion) – 9AM

Outdoor Fellowship Near Gym 10-10:30AM

Contact the office if you have any questions about the schedule. Ushers, Readers, and various other volunteers are always needed for in-person worship and communion. If you are interested in volunteering for one of those roles, please contact the office at office@bethelgurnee.org.

*For in-person worship and/or communion in the gym, seating and/or communion will be physically distanced with masks required. For in-person worship there will be Live liturgy, readings, sermon, singing and prayers.

Bethel Tailgate Party!

When - The tailgate will start on August 22nd after the 9am service (so around 10am).

What do you wear - Come to the worship service dressed for the picnic. Yes, that means you can and should wear your shorts, jersey, t-shirt, and tennis shoes.

What should you bring - It's a tailgate so bring your own chairs, tables, canopies (please have a way to secure them) and grills.

What about Food - We are not sharing food and drink, so it is a bring your own event. We encourage gas grills; however, we plan on having a place for you to dump hot coals so its ok to bring those charcoal grills!

What about games - We hope to have the usual games and bingo!

If you decided today to join us, please do! Mama K's and Jimmy Johns are within walking distance, and we can grab some chairs from the fellowship hall!

