



**1st Sunday
in Lent**

**February 14
2016**

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Service Note: Individual Absolution (Forgiveness) Available

After we join in the general confession, those who desire may receive Individual Absolution. Please approach the communion rail on either side. You may kneel if you desire. Pastor Squires and Pastor Barkley will place their hands on your head and speak the Absolution (Forgiveness) of your sins, the words of God the Father to you. You may then either kneel along the rail for personal reflection or return to your seat. During that time, our organist, Karen Leicht, will play to aid your time of reflection and meditation.

We thank Bethel member, Pastor Andy Barkley, for graciously helping us today.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 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

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: Paul DeLassus
Comm/Asst. Elder: Matt Messmer
Acolytes: Ellie Maag, Lauren Best
Ushers: JJ Jones, Don Heidlauf
Bill Ratzburg
Lay Readers: Karla Stewart, Karen Kozlik
Greeters: OPEN, Carla Thompson

Fellowship: Frendreis, DeLassus, Gerkin
Feb. Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
Feb. Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Paul DeLassus
Jack Warneke
Jessica Chudy, Kelly Kruse
Lance Rasmussen, Karen Kailer

Monte Stoltzman, Jake Stoltzman
Cook & Marilyn Westendorf,
Karla Stewart & Dylan Love

Dawn Werfelmann
Carol Cook

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Karen Kailer in celebration of her birthday (2/14).

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.

Anthem

8:00 am ***"The Greatest Thing in All My Life"*** ***Junior Choir***
10:45 am ***"This Little Light of Mine" and "Shake the Salt"*** ***Cherub Choir***

Entrance Words and Invocation

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.

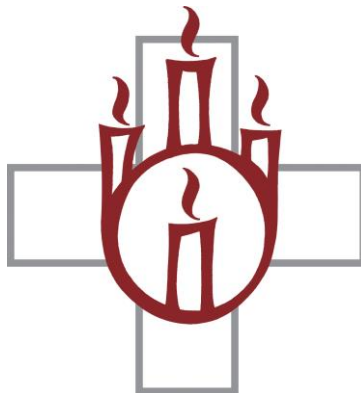
**C: We are gathered.
Where is our God?**

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: He has sent this blessing upon us. Amen.



Opening Hymn

“As Surely As I Live,” God Said

LSB 614; tune: 580, sts. 1-2,5-8



1 “As sure - ly as I live,” God said, “I would not
 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: “Go forth and
 5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are His who
 6 When min - i - sters lay on their hands, Ab - solved by
 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For ab - so
 8 Praise God the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho - ly



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from
 preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My
 died that we might live; The min - i - ster whom
 Christ the sin - ner stands; He who by grace the
 - lu - tion full and free, In which You show Your
 Spir - it, Three in One, As was, is now, and



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days.”
 par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.
 Christ has sent Is but His hum - ble in - stru - ment.
 Word be - lieves The pur - chase of His blood re - ceives.
 rich - est grace; From false in - dul - gence guard our race.
 so shall be World with - out end, e - ter - nal - ly!

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

LSB Agenda 20, alt.

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and inheritors of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive one another in the Name of Jesus as brothers and sisters in Christ, so that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

LSB 151

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

P: We have come together today to hear God's Word, pray to Him and praise Him, and receive the gifts of His forgiveness. So let us first admit that we're not worthy of His love. Let us confess to God and confess to each other that we've sinned. We are sinners in what we think, what we do, what we don't do, and there's no way out of this by our own actions. All we can do as God's people is to seek His mercy and forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

C: O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.

Luke 18:13

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

LSB 184

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.



Those who desire may receive Individual Absolution.
Please approach the communion rail on either side.
You may kneel if you desire.

Before and after you approach the altar, while others are at the altar, please use this time for silent reflection, meditation, and prayer.
You may choose to read today's Introit on the next page to help guide your time. Refrain from chatting with your neighbors.

Individual Absolution

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

John 20:19-23

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.

New Testament Reading

Romans 10:8b–13(ESV)

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1–13 (ESV)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.””

⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,” ¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.””

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Children’s Message

Verse for the Season

Joel 2:13b

LSB 157

**Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.**

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Sermon

Lenten Verse

Joel 2:13b

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

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

LSB 500 sts. 1, 3

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

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.

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, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 521 sts. 1, 3-4, 6



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

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Announcements



*Join us on Wednesday evenings
during lent for
soup and salad before church.*

Soup suppers begin at 5:15 p.m. with serving going until about 6:15 p.m. Different groups host them. A free will donation is accepted. This year the donations will help support the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July.

Hosts for the 2016 suppers are:

Feb. 17 - Church Council

Feb. 24 - Board of Christian Ed & Sunday School Teachers

March 2 - YFM and Youth

March 9 - Volunteers headed by Kathy Schwartz

March 16 - Choir

Bon Appétit!

SAVE THE DATE:



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Summit #2

Sunday, March 13 ~ Noon-4PM.

The goal for Summit #2 will be to walk away with 2-3 specific ways to focus on developing our initiatives. This might include the sketching out of plans to develop current mission activities, the beginning of describing a new staff position, etc.

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