

Costly Grace: *The Bold Integrity of* DIETRICH BONHOEFFER



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Fee: \$60 (lunch included)

Convener: Karin Nürnberg, CSJ

Presenter: Jonathan Rothchild, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University

Reflection by: Rev. Timothy Klinkenberg, Senior Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran theologian, minister and writer, took the highest possible risk in pre-war Nazi Germany when in 1933, he raised the first voice in the Lutheran Church to oppose Hitler's euthanasia program and the genocidal persecution of the Jews, declaring that confessing Christians must not simply "*bandage the victims under the wheel, but jam the spoke in the wheel itself.*" In addition, Bonhoeffer zealously resisted Hitler's efforts to nationalize the Lutheran Church that would conform to the goals of the Third Reich. Throughout World War II, Bonhoeffer boldly championed the Confessing Church, using his passion and his gifts to strengthen the ranks of Lutheran pastors to resist the heavy hand of Nazism. At the same time, he coordinated the efforts to ordain ministers by creating an underground Lutheran seminary. Bonhoeffer paid for his bold resistance with his life. He was hung on April 9, 1945 at the age of 39, two weeks before the fall of Berlin.

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