



Today's Worship
at
Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Pentecost 3 – June 25, 2017

Jonah – More Than a Fish Story

Today we begin a four week sermon series on the Old Testament book of Jonah. It is not about the great fish that swallowed him. It is not Jonah's story either. It is the story of God's compassionate dealing with both his prophet Jonah, and with the ancient heathen city of Nineveh. Above all, it is the story of how God deals with us in mercy and grace.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

ALL: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
for sins of habit and sins of choice,
for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God Comes to Us in His Word
The Lord extends mercy to Jonah, to Matthew, and to us.
As a result, we can now extend mercy to others.

Jonah 1:1-16 – Running from God

Commission

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ²"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

Rebellion

³But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

Correction

⁴Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish." ⁷Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" ⁹He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land."

¹⁰This terrified them and they asked, "What have you done?" (They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.) ¹¹The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" ¹²"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

Conversion

¹³Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴Then they cried to the LORD, "O LORD, please do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, O LORD, have done as you pleased." ¹⁵Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.

Verse of the Day

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Matthew 9:9-13 - Jesus desires mercy

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and `sinners?'" ¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: `I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

We Praise God in Song

"O God, My Faithful God"

CW 459

The Message

Based on Jonah 1:1-16 on pages 2 and 3

Jonah – More Than a Fish Story Part One – Running from God

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners. He redeemed us from Satan's power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sin, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

We Praise God in Song

“Let Me Be Yours Forever”

CW 556

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

CHILDREN’S LESSON

PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

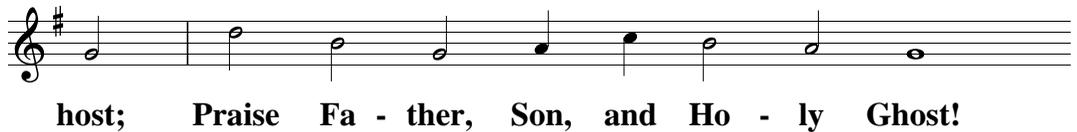
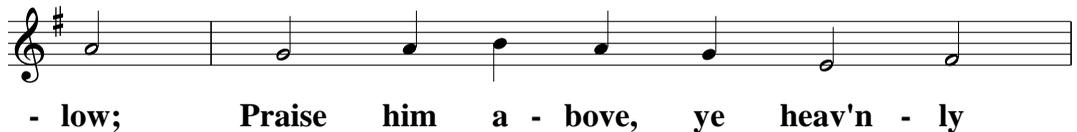
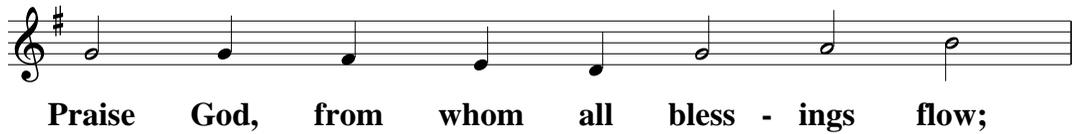
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen

We Leave with God's Blessing

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Those leading our service
Pastor Mark Voss
Musician Becki Seidl

Jonah – More Than a Fish Story

About the only thing most people know about Jonah is that he was swallowed by a large fish. Too bad, because Jonah is more than just a fish story. Jonah is about . . .

- The Lord giving people second chances
- God’s concern for believers under his care
- God’s love for the lost
- A man who was afraid, yet had the courage to preach to Israel’s most formidable enemy

Best of all, Jonah is about you and me.

June 25 – Running: Jonah 2:1-16
July 2 – Restoration: Jonah 1:17-2:10
July 9 – Resolve: Jonah 3
July 16 – Resentment: Jonah 4

Befriend a Mission

Our July mission is to raise funds for the Central Africa Medical Mission’s (CAMM) HIV Shelters. Malawi has one of the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in the world. Some of the services CAMM offers through mobile clinics is HIV testing, counseling, seeing sick patients, helping pregnant mothers, child check-ups, etc. Look for a special presentation soon on CAMM’s work and the shelters in Africa. COR would like to raise \$450 in July to help with this. There is a donation box in the narthex. Thanks!

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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