

Living in Grace: Loving God & Serving Others

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

21 January 2024, 10:15 am

AS WE GATHER

When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is to repentance. Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC and CANDLE LIGHTING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

Eye Of The Storm

Bryan Fowler, Ryan Dale Stevenson

Chorus

In the eye of the storm__ You remain in control;
In the middle of the war__ You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor__ When my sails are torn;
Your love surrounds__ me__ In the eye of the storm.

Verse 1

When the solid ground is falling out
From underneath my feet,
Between the black skies and my red eyes,
I can barely see.
When I realize I've been let down
By my friends and my family,
I can feel the rain reminding me.

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Chorus

In the eye of the storm__ You remain in control;
In the middle of the war__ You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor__ When my sails are torn;
Your love surrounds__ me__ In the eye of the storm.

Verse 2

When my hopes and dreams are far from me
And I'm run-nin' out of faith,
I see the future I picture
Slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache
Are pouring down my face,
I find my peace in Jesus' name.

Chorus

In the eye of the storm__ You remain in control;
In the middle of the war__ You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor__ When my sails are torn;
Your love surrounds__ me__ In the eye of the storm.

Instrumental

Verse 3

When they let me go and I just don't know
How I'm gonna make ends meet,
I did my best now I'm scared to death,
That we're gonna lose everything.
And when a sickness takes my child away,
And there's nothin' I can do__
My only hope is to trust You.
I trust You Lord.

Chorus

In the eye of the storm__ You remain in control;
In the middle of the war__ You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor__ When my sails are torn;
Your love surrounds__ me__ In the eye of the storm. **(Repeat)**

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Mighty To Save

Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding

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Ev'ryone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations.

Chorus

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to Save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in.

Now I surrender, I surrender. **Chorus**

Bridge

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus.
Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. **Chorus 2X**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!**

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*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

**The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

Please be seated.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Please refer to the back of your service folder or to the screens overhead.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3:1-10

"The People of Nineveh Repent"

Jim Ramsey

RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 62:1-8, 11-12

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.*

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

*How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?*

**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in falsehood.**

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.*

**He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

*On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

**Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

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*Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.*

**For you will render to a man
according to his work.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

"The Time is Short"

David Cink

Please stand.

*Alleluia. From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Alleluia.*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

"Jesus Begins His Ministry"

Pastor Marty

WHAT WE BELIEVE ~ Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jane Goss

(Kindergarten – 4th grade students are excused to attend Children's Church in the ANNEX)

SONG OF THE DAY

As High As the Heavens

Don Harris and Martin J. Nystrom

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is the Father's love;
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He taken our sin from us.
For His anger lasts only a moment,
but His favor lasts for a life time;
Weeping may remain for a night,
but rejoicing comes, it comes in the morning. **(Repeat song)**

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is the Father's love;
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has He taken our sin from us.

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MESSAGE

"A Second Time, A Second Chance"

Pastor Marty Tyler

Jonah 3:5

Please stand.

REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

Having heard the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Paul reminds the people of God, "The appointed time has grown very short. The present form of this world is passing away."

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As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it." The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Let us pray. . . Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as Your people as You came to Jonah with another opportunity of sharing Your message.

Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the people of Nineveh through their repentance, and You continue to show mercy to us.

Continue to grant us the gift of a bold and confident faith in You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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OFFERTORY SONG

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

God has called us as His own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by His Spirit through the Word. Therefore, we bring to Him our prayer and praise, for in all times and in all places, He promises to hear our prayers and to answer them according to His gracious will.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith whereby we profess at this altar that our Lord Jesus Christ gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, or who are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are respectfully asked to refrain from partaking in the meal and instead may come to the altar and receive a blessing, or remain in your pew during distribution, and afterwards speak with the pastor.

Please stand.

OPENING RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Psalms 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for Your call to repentance has been made from the prophets of old, to

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John the Baptist, to Your own Son, the Holy One who has destroyed the power of sin, death and the devil. Prepare our hearts with true repentance as we receive Your gracious gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this Supper, which is a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of Sa -bā - oth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
Shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!**

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation. As You turned Your wrath away from the people of Nineveh through their repentance, You have turned Your wrath away from us through the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With repentant joy we here receive Him in the most intimate way, praising You for Your eternal gift. Hear us as we pray the prayer, He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Mathew 6:9-13

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

Amen.

Please be seated.

MY CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

I REJOICE in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior.

I REPENT of all my sins in thought, word, and deed.

I RECEIVE Christ's real body and blood, as well as the bread and wine in this Sacrament.

I RELY on our Savior's promise of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to me
through this Holy Supper.

I REAFFIRM my oneness with fellow communicants in accepting all of Christ's teaching.

I RESOLVE to live a sanctified life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

What Is This Bread

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

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4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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Meekness and Majesty

Graham Kendrick

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity;
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Chorus

O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Father's pure radiance; perfect in innocence;
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suff'ring to give us life, conquering through sacrifice;
And as they crucify prays, "Father, forgive." **Chorus**

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible;
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly;
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne. **Chorus**

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Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Julia Johnstone and Daniel Towner

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace.
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.
Grace, grace, God's grace.
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. **Chorus**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Whiter than snow you may be today. **Chorus**

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face;
Will you this moment His grace receive? **Chorus**

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Feed Us Now

Robin Mann

Feed us now, Bread of life, in this Holy meal;
Let us know Your love anew; we hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of life, come and live within;
Let Your peace be ours today. Lord Jesus we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord we believe.

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God is here, O so near; nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near, in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You – on bread that is true.

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of your dear Son in, with, and under bread and wine. Strengthen our faith in You and in our love for others so that we continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. Keep us steadfast in time of suffering and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING TO DEPART

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God's grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

JoAnne Runnels

Can't somebody else do it?

Those words and thoughts often come to our minds and out of our mouths when being asked to do something we'd rather not do. It happens in our work and jobs, it happens in homes and families, and it even happens within the church. It happened to Jonah when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh. Today we heard the second time God called to Jonah, telling him to again go to a place he'd rather not go.

There are many times we hear things in Scripture we'd rather not hear when it comes to difficult things. Can't somebody else do it? Instead of that thought entering our minds, may we instead be reminded of God's continued promises and presence with us in whatever we do in faith, and wherever we are called to go—even to our own Ninevehs.

- Read and meditate upon the Book of Jonah, all four chapters.
- Is God calling you to go somewhere—to someone? Go! He is with you.
- Spend time praying specifically for the "Ninevehs" of the world.

SENDING SONG

Great Are You Lord

Steve Cook, Vikkie Cook

Holy Lord, most holy Lord,
You alone are worthy of my praise;
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,
With all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord,
Worthy of praise.
Holy and true,
Great are You, Lord,
Most holy Lord. **(Repeat song)**

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Holy Week Schedule



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14, 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the Lenten season. ***Holy Communion***



Palm Sunday

MARCH 24, 10:15am

Sunday before Easter. It is a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, observed with palm branches

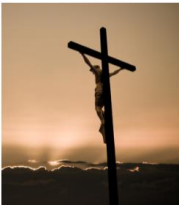


Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28, 6:00pm

Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Last Supper and foot washing, often observed with stripping of the altar.

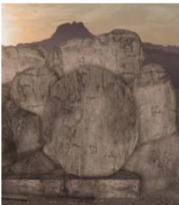
Holy Communion



Good Friday

MARCH 29, 6:00pm

Friday before Easter. It is a most solemn day as we observe the day Jesus was crucified. ***Holy Communion***



Holy Saturday

MARCH 30, 6:00pm

Saturday before Easter. It observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. It is a day of somber reflection.

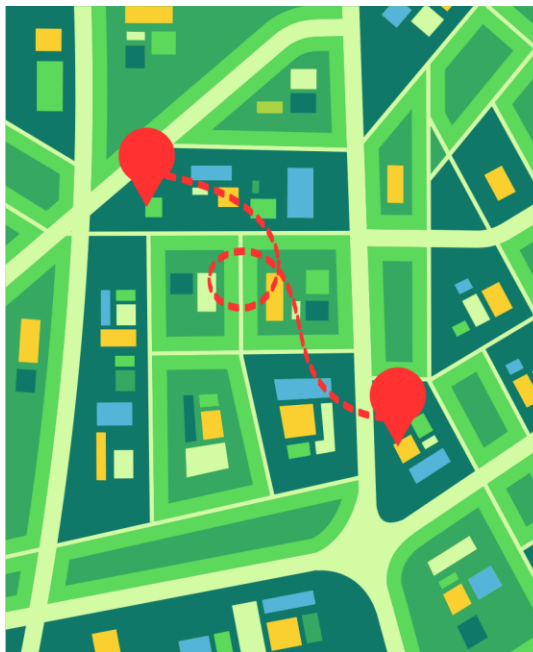


Resurrection Sunday

MARCH 31, 10:15am

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! It is a day of joyful celebrations. This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

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Moved Recently?

Please give the church office any changes in address, email or phone number.

Bible Studies & Small Groups

THE BOOK OF
JAMES
SUNDAYS AT 9AM

UN-DISTRACTED
SUNDAYS
AT 9AM

LWML STUDY
2ND TUESDAY
AT 11AM

THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
SATUDAYS
AT 10AM

PILGRIM'S
PROGRESS
THURSDAYS
AT NOON

BOOK CLUB
2ND THURSDAY
AT 3PM

YOUNG COUPLES
THURSDAYS
AT 11AM

GET INVOLVED -- JOIN A GROUP