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3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave.* Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: When "the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD" (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "believed God," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "they turned from their evil way" and were spared "the disaster that he had said he would do to them" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "the appointed time has grown very short" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "fishers of men" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

Order of Worship Divine Service Setting 3 LSB 184

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♬Opening Hymn: "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

LSB 856

- O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You, Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new: Grant us to hear Your call To risk security And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.
- O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed, Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed: Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word. True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate: Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God: Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity, Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.
- O Christ, the_apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song, The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong: Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring, Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

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Stand

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

Introit

Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3

- From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
- P Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
- P He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

□Gloria PatriLSB 186

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

↓Kyrie LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

□ Glory be to God on high:

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IC Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . . ¹⁰When 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. ³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 1:14–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Sit

Children's Message

☐Sermon Hymn: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding; Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding. O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying; I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying. I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing; And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing. My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation, Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation. I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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Sermon "An Urgent Call"

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

JOffertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

- **IP** Bless we the Lord.
- **Thanks be to God.**
- 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, amen, amen.

Sit

JHymn to Depart: "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 735

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above, For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;

Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Vickie Greve, Delvin Mikkelson, Grady Van Cleave, Ben Lilienkamp, Josh Ruwe, Haley Brogren, Paul Biermann, Roger Fredrickson, Barbara Greve, Alvin Longe, Jess Thompson, Cheryl Suehl, Heath Greve, Nick Spahr, Karlee Janke, Amber Sperry & Ross Rastede

ANNIVERSARIES: Brian & Lori Bebee

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS WERE \$560.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we continue our new study on the book of Titus. Join us for our study of this practical book of wisdom and guidance concerning what the Christian life is to look like as lived out by congregation leaders and those of different ages. The class meets in the church basement at 9:15 a.m.

<u>WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY</u>: Our overview of the Gospel of Luke helps us to better know Jesus. We are in the Holy Week section of the Gospel as we review Luke's retelling of the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. All are welcome to join us at 9:00 a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs for this time of encouragement through God's Word.

<u>WSC SUNDAY SUPPER</u>: All students are invited to join us Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. for a free home cooked meal served at the Cup of Grace campus center. Join us for this time of food and fellowship before jumping into another week of classes.

<u>WITH SYMPATHY</u>: It has pleased almighty God to suddenly summon from this life the soul of our beloved pastor emeritus, Carl R. Lilienkamp. Pastor Lilienkamp died January 13. Funeral services for Pastor Lilienkamp were conducted January 20 at Grace. Carl's body was laid to rest to await the day of the resurrection at Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery in Columbus, Nebraska. Our deepest sympathy to Darlene and all of his family along with all others mourning this loss.

BE A PART OF CAMPUS MINISTRY: Can you help support campus ministry by preparing the food for one of our Sunday Supper meals? A sign-up list is on the bulletin board in the library area. At this point food for about 10 students is needed each week. If you have other questions, please see Dan or Bonnie Hansen.

<u>LUTHERAN HOUR:</u> "Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola -- Forgiveness is a gift Christ won for us on a cross, thousands of miles away and two thousand years ago. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: The account of Deborah serves as today's lesson, "The Palm-Tree Judge." Judge Deborah urges Barak to gather 10,000 troops to go up against Sisera's army of 900 iron chariots. When the battle turns against Sisera, he flees on foot, seeking refuge in Jael's tent. Snoozing beneath a rug, Sisera meets his end at the hand of Jael as she pegs him through his temple to the ground.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX: 2023 contributions statements have been placed in your church mailbox. Stop and pick yours up today.

CIRCUIT BIBLE INSTITUTE: The Wayne Circuit Bible Institute is planned for January 28 from 2-4 p.m. here at Grace. The presenter will be Rev. Russ Sommerfeld who is the Director of Concordia Institute for Rural and Small-Town Ministry from Concordia University of Seward, Nebraska and his topic will be "The Unchanging Message in the Changing Mission Field: A study of the Book of Acts." Bible Institutes are a time for the members and pastors from congregations of our circuit to gather for a time of intentional Bible study and to strengthen the ties between our area parishes. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Sunday, February 11th @ 5:30pm in the church basement. This coming month as we dive into a short devotional; we plan to do a soup swap. How does this work? There are plastic containers and Ziplock bags in the front of the church to fill up with soup options. How many soup options are up to you. We just ask that you bring a sample of the soup to share as well as the recipe to our Bible Study. Then we will swap away. If time allows, we will also plan to make our candles and soap. As always, bringing items is optional. This is open to all ladies and friends are always welcome. Reminder we are a low-key group so if you are unable to make it every time that's okay you are always welcome to come when it works in your schedule. Questions contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke

YOUTH GROUP (7TH-12TH GRADE) is planning to go Ice Skating in Sioux City on Sunday, January 28th. We plan to leave the church at 10:30am and be back around 4pm. The cost is \$8 per person (you may want to bring extra cash for drinks and snacks at the rink). Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Lora Heithold 402-518-0791 or Teresa Tiedtke 402-369-2653 by Wednesday, January 24th if you are planning to attend. Parents, if you are willing to drive, please let us know as well. Hope you will be able to join us on the ice.

PARTCIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

PASTORS: Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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ELDER ON DUTY: Mike Heithold (8:00) Jared Heithold (10:30)

ACOLYTES: Myles Tiedtke & Reagan Heithold (8:00)

Evan Bose & Ashlyn Trautman (10:30)

READERS: Jeanette Swanson (8:00) Jennifer Kesting (10:30)

GREETERS: LeRoy & Carol Robbert (8:00) Don & Lisa Nelson (10:30) **FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL**: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

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THIS WEEK AT CRACE

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Beverly Hansen

		THIS WEEK AT GRACE
TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY	6:00 pm.	Teachers' Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	5:00 am.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	5:00 pm.	Altar Guild
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner

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