



# **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Stories:**

**Jonah Goes to Nineveh**

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# ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

## FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's eternal love for us through his Son, Jesus! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

- Restrooms are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.
- If you have young children with you today, great! We encourage families to worship together. We do have a nursery area available just outside the chapel near the bathrooms, should you feel the need to step out of worship with your child for a moment. Activity sheets and bags for your child are available from the ushers as well.

## WORSHIP SERIES: BIBLE STORIES

This summer, we're going back to the Old Testament to study some Bible stories you might not have learned as a kid. We'll see prophets like Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jonah being called into service and serving with the power of God's Word. We'll see how God's people react to tragedy as we explore the lives of David at the loss of his son and Job after the loss of almost everything. We'll see Jesus, present in the lives of his people every step of the way. Ultimately, these are the stories of God's people and God's sweeping plan of how to rescue them.

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** Jesus invites us to the farmer's field and to the gardener's garden to consider the magnificent, powerful, automatic growth of plantings. He turns our eyes to compare the seed that is planted to the magnificent growth and harvest that comes from it. Nature is but a pale comparison to the powerful and abundant growth of God's kingdom. Our sermon's Bible story today, the story of Jonah, illustrates God's powerful kingdom and his Word, which brings a city to its knees in repentance and faith despite the reluctant prophet. What wonderful power God's kingdom wields! And God uses his power to give you, dear worshiper, faith, forgiveness, and salvation in Jesus' name.

## OUR HOLY COMMUNION PRACTICE

Eternal Love Lutheran Church views the Lord's Supper as a powerful disbursement of Jesus' grace. We receive it with joy and treat it with respect. Communing together signifies a oneness in faith, life, and worship. So we ask you to judge us; discover what we believe and determine if you wish to be one with us. If you are interested in taking communion in the future and are not a member of Eternal Love or of another congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to one of our pastors.

OPENING HYMN

Good News of God Above

*Christian Worship #568*



1 Good news of God a - bove Is ours to  
 2 The love of Christ pro - claim Who left his  
 3 The Lord of Glo - ry lives! From cross and  
 4 Hear now the Mas - ter's word To those who



tell a - broad, The Fa - ther's ev - er -  
 home on high; To live our hu - man  
 death and grave His own a - bun - dant  
 bear his name: "So send I you; till



last - ing love In Christ the ris - en Lord.  
 life he came, Our hu - man death to die.  
 life he gives To those he died to save.  
 all have heard, Make known, de - clare, pro - claim!"



For neigh - bors near and far The seed of  
 The Fa - ther's on - ly Son Be - came the  
 His right - eous - ness and peace De - clare from  
 Go forth in all the earth; Em - brace the



life is sown; Then spread the seed By  
 sin - ners' friend, Our lot to share, Our  
 sea to sea; His prais - es sound The  
 path he trod With Christ be - side As



word and deed To make the Sav - ior known.  
 sin to bear, And death's do - min - ion end.  
 world a - round For Christ has made us free.  
 friend and guide To bring good news of God.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*STAND*

## INVOCATION

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

M: 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.

**C: Lord of Life, I confess that I am 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. Breathe into these dry bones that I may live.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ will come again. By the death and resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ, Death has been swallowed up forever. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## GLORY BE TO GOD<sup>1</sup>

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*Luke 2:14*

*Tune: Komm, Gott Schopfer*

1. All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.
2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only son.
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray,  
You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.
4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: *Let us pray.*

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest"—today sung in metrical form—has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

## 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

*The Apostle Paul reminds us today that “we walk by faith, not by sight.” In that walk, yes, we enjoy many things in this world, but our real joy is to be with Christ.*

Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. <sup>2</sup>In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. <sup>3</sup>If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad.

STAND

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 4:

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

*God's kingdom grows with a power all its own. God's kingdom grows abundantly.*

<sup>26</sup> He said, "The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup> Then he said, "To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. <sup>32</sup> Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear.

<sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

*Christian Worship #324*

1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like  
 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.  
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

## SERMON

## Jonah 3:1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. <sup>6</sup>When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh.

By the decree of the king and his leading officials:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything. Do not let them eat food or drink water. <sup>8</sup>Instead, let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call fervently to God. Let them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent. He may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

### **Evidence of God’s Mercy:**

**The One Who Proclaims**

**The One Who Repents**

**The One Who Relents**

## OFFERING

*Those who wish to give an offering today may place it in the offering plates near the door when exiting the chapel after worship.*

*The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. However, we do ask that everyone take part in completing the connection card. Whether you are worshipping in person or watching online, please fill it out now or later at [www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship](http://www.eternal-love.org/onlineworship) or scan the provided QR code to do so now.*



## OFFERING SONG

**Compassion Hymn**

*By Keith & Kristyn Getty*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PREFACE<sup>2</sup>

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY<sup>3</sup>

*Sanctus*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Tune: Aurelia*

O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

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<sup>2</sup> The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in Christian liturgy.

<sup>3</sup> Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

*STAND*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION<sup>4</sup>

*Matthew 26:26-28*  
*1 Corinthians 11:24-25*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

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<sup>4</sup> As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart (consecrates) the bread and wine for the Lord's use.

# LAMB OF GOD<sup>5</sup>

*Agnus Dei*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



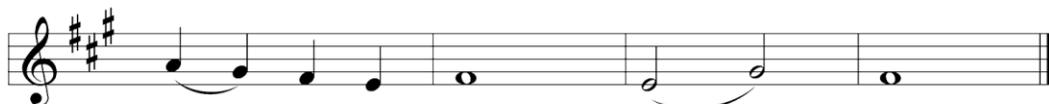
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

<sup>5</sup> Jesus is God's Lamb (*Agnus Dei*), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will  
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you  
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing  
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is



go and work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests  
 can - not preach like Paul, You can tell the love of  
 high on Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to  
 noth - ing I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are



wait - ing; Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
 Je - sus; You can say he died for all.  
 heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
 dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re -  
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the  
 With your prayers and with your of - f'ings You can  
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly; Let his



ward he of - fers thee. Who will an - swer, glad - ly  
 Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can lead the lit - tle  
 do what God de - mands; You can be like faith - ful  
 work your plea - sure be. An - swer quick - ly when he



say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me"?  
 chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
 Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
 call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"

STAND

**SONG OF SIMEON<sup>6</sup>**

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Tune: Ich Freu Mich in Dem Herren*

O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
Incarnate, saving Word -  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three-in-One  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

M: We give thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. Grant that we may live as your people now and as your guests forever at the marriage feast of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING<sup>7</sup>**

*Numbers 6:24*

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

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<sup>6</sup> The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

<sup>7</sup> The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

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Scripture Reader: Mike King (8:00 am)  
Accompanist: Lisa Neuberger

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