



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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Jonah and the Whale. Ceramic wall art by Artinclay found on Esty.com

## ***Third Sunday After Epiphany***

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON** – *The time after the Epiphany signifies how the Christ among us impacts our life and world. Jonah's story reminds us that God's way will have its way. Mark's Gospel details the beginning of Christ's ministry and mission, and what it means for those who encounter Jesus. We will focus on the impact God's call has on our lives and how we respond to God's gifts and grace.*

**TODAY'S THEME** - *All the baptized have a calling in God's world. Stories of God's mission and call continue to play out the implication of our baptisms to show Christ to the world. What can it mean to "fish for people"? What can it mean if we do not believe and heed God's call?*

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP FROM HOME.**

**Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.**

*Announcements are televised or found on our website*

**Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.**

*Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.  
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

# **GOD GATHERS US**

## **PRELUDE**

## ***Unto the Hills I Lift My Eyes***

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Announcements are found on our website*

*We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P** Come pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge and strength.

**ALL** **We heed your call and we shall not be shaken.**

**P** Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**ALL** **Jesus calls us to worship.**

**P** Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**ALL** **Jesus calls us to love.**

**P** Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**ALL** **Jesus calls us to justice.**

**P** Come and follow! This Jesus is showing us the way.

**ALL** **We heed Christ's call and worship with joy! Amen.**

~ adapted from piece written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

## **OPENING SONG**

## **"Great God, Your Love has Called Us"**

**ELW 358, vs 1-3**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The lyrics are: 1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim, joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find. close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind. mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet. faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL And also with you.**

P Let us pray..... Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL Amen.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

P Come and See! God is the way of peace and wholeness.  
May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**ALL And also with you.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

Job 3:1-5, 10

**Introduction** – *The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. One point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?" Another is to get the reader to wrestle with their own need for repentance.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

R Word of God; Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### A WORD FOR ALL GOD'S KIDS

*What is Pastor cooking up today?*

**"Whoppers & Fish Tales"**



## THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark

Mark 1:14-20

**ALL** *Alleluia.* Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,\* and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!

Introduction - *Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to You O Christ.

## MESSAGE FOR ALL

*“In the Belly of the Beast”*

Pastor Dawn Roucka

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What lies do you tell yourself? Do you tell God?
- God offers magnanimous, prodigal mercy, even to us. Can you hear God calling you back from the abyss? Reaching to pull you from the brink? What does it feel like to have a God that routinely fishes you out when you call on God?
- People of God, all the baptized are called regularly to repent, turn back to God, to align with God once again. Consider what has captured your focus and carried you away from God. Spend time today considering what you need to repent from and ways you will realign your ways with God’s ways.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS****OFFERING IS WELCOMED**

P Through Jesus Christ, God has shown us what it means to love and calls us to follow his example – to love our neighbors as ourselves and continues to write the law of love on our hearts. We thank you for all your gifts that serve as generous and unwavering passion for justice and show a tenacious faith where all the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief and the outsider finds welcome.

**PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.**

You may mail offerings to Grace at 5N600 N. Hanson Road, St. Charles, IL 60175 or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website or a plate by the entryway.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**ALL Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.*

*Please respond accordingly*

P Let us pray,

**All Have mercy O God.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**(Traditional)**

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.

**(Modern)**

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.

Save us from the time of trial

And deliver us from evil.

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

## **GOD SENDS US**

## COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

P The word of God came to Jonah

**ALL The word of God comes to us:**

P Go Despite your fears  
Speak the truth of God  
Love your neighbor and your enemy  
Forgive as you have been forgiven  
Receive grace upon grace overflowing from the fullness of God.  
May Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace, now and always.

**ALL Amen!**

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# SONG

## “GO, MAKE DISCIPLES”

ELW 540



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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# DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**ALL** Thanks be to God. Amen.

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# ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSONS

January 24, 2021

*Traditionally, there are four readings weekly. We usually focus on 2 but often refer to the others so it may be helpful to have them at your fingertips. The lectionary is a three-year cycle which gets us through hearing MUCH not all of the Bible, but not always in order.*

**First Reading:** [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#) (See above)

## Psalm 62:5-12

*God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)*

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I | wait in silence;  
truly, my hope | is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance | and my honor;  
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. R**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,  
that power be- | longs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according | to their deeds. R**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and 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 possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**[Mark 1:14-20](#)** *The calling of the first disciples* - See ABOVE BULLETIN

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 24, 2020

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **AT 10 AM** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

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## Annual Meeting – January 31st

Save the date and watch for more information

Annual Meeting Reports are available at Grace **and Online**

## REAL NEWS TO USE DURING THESE TIMES

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Check out our updated website. Get ALL the news you NEED there – including our weekly services

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January 17, 2021

## **THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

### **FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

### **FOR THE WORLD**

- For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- For the healing of the divisions in our Nation and the quelling of fascism and white supremacy.

### **FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

- \* For God's Spirit to guide Pastor Dawn, Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we plan to meet regarding the future of our congregation at our Annual Meeting

### **FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Glenn Adams, son of Mark and Renee Adams      \* Lucy Adams
  - \* Adam Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren      \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- (If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

### **FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members      \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military      \* For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

### **FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT**

Kimberlee Remey, Margaret Swanson

### **FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

Donna, upon her husband Joe's death. George and Gloria Theros for the death of George's sister Linda. We grieve with them.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.*

*Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*

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### **GRACE'S MISSION IS**

To share God's GRACE with all through our rich traditions of faith, family, and community.

**Gospel** – God's love shared in all we say & do

**Respect** for all God's people & creation

**Action** – response to the Gospel

**Community** – Loving God, neighbor, & self

**Everyone** – we are all God's children