

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (ESV)

3 Then 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.” ³ So 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. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And 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. ¹⁰ 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.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (ESV)

²⁹ This 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, ³⁰ 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 goods, ³¹ 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 (ESV)

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



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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

As we Gather ~ *The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name.* 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).

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A/V	Summer Little
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Ushers	Dave Hutfilz and Dave Little
Altar Guild	Diane Schultz & Suzanne Schultz

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: January 21- Raegyn Mayer, Carmen Rowe, Bruce Tessin; January 23- Gracen McMahan; January 24-Duane Neuenfeldt (his 80th); January 25-Lindsey Grillo; January 26-Bill Beyersdorf, Aaron Brown; January 27- Jerry Neuenfeldt, Jacob Valliere.

Today's Memory Verse ~ "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6

The Potluck Brunch scheduled for last Sunday will be held on January 28. All are welcome to join us following the service.

Shut in Address List ~ A list of addresses of our shut ins is available in the narthex. Feel free to drop them a card of encouragement, thinking of you, or just a general greeting that may brighten their day. If you have any additions or corrections to addresses contact the church office.



Thank you for all the Christmas wishes and gifts. We appreciate your kindness and generosity! -- Pastor and Pam Warsinski



"He's today's greeter."