

# LENTEN MID WEEK 4 – Live Stream



## **Christ Memorial Lutheran Church March 25 2020, 6:45 PM**

### **Wednesday Lenten Sermon Series 2020 - Jonah: When God Wants Your Attention**

Jonah is one of the most well-known stories of the Bible. Yet, many of us know only that there is a prophet who gets swallowed by a fish. But the story reaches far deeper and teaches us about sin and grace. Sin is when we run from God. Grace is when God runs after us. Both happen in Jonah. In this series, we will unpack these twin themes of sin and grace and discover how God has grace not only for us, but for the world.

### **Weds Lent 4 March 25, 2020 - Jonah 4 Worst Sermon Ever**

When Jonah finally makes it to Nineveh, he preaches a terrible sermon. There is no promise of grace. There is no reference to Scripture. There is only a declaration of judgment. But through Jonah's terrible sermon, God works amazing conversion. We can often feel as though their best efforts are inadequate. Tonight, we celebrate how even in our inadequacy, God's faithfulness and work shines through.



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+ PREPARATION +

**WELCOME** *If you have a prayer request; feel free to send it in anytime during the live service. Worship music playlist can be found at the end of the service. Take some time to sing together at home using these songs.*

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of God the Father, God the (+) Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(We take a moment to silently confess our sins...)*

**Pastor:** O almighty God, merciful Father:

**People:** **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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all of our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**People:** Amen. (congregation sits)

+ THE WORD +

**READING** Jonah 3:1-5 *(Jonah goes to Nineveh)*

**1** 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.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Fred Hoover**

Sermon Text: **Jonah 3:1-5**  
Sermon Theme: **Worst Sermon Ever**

**OFFERING:** *Please continue to support the Ministry at Christ Memorial with your regular offerings. This evening we will have a special offering to support Manna from Heaven Food Pantry. Please mail your offerings to the church at 89 Line Rd, Malvern PA 19355 or utilize the online bill pay option from your bank. **NEW WAY TO DONATE** – you can now donate online, Go to our webpage, [www.christmemorial.us](http://www.christmemorial.us) Page down to “Online Giving” and click “make a donation” button. That will take you to Giving Fuel where you can set up online giving.*

## PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**People:** **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.**

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** We go in peace, forgiven, renewed, and restored in Jesus.

**People:** **We go, trusting in God's redeeming love for us. Amen.**

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**Worship Music Playlist – Take some time to sing together at home using these songs.**

**“My Song Is Love Unknown”      LSB 430      <https://youtu.be/OCYyuJtUeFO>**

- 1      **My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**
- 2      **He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, My Friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!**
- 3      **Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.**
- 4      **Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.**
- 5      **They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.**
- 6      **In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.**
- 7      **Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who fell the tempter’s power  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
- 3 Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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“Your Grace Is Enough” Matt Maher <https://youtu.be/LISbMRp0Y64>

Verse 1 Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus (So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, Oh God

Chorus 1 Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2 Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Repeat Pre-Chorus  
Repeat Chorus 1 (2x)  
Repeat Pre-Chorus  
Repeat Chorus 1

Chorus 2 Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

Tag For me. It's enough for me

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**Verse 1** I was an orphan lost at the fall  
Running away when I'd hear you call  
But Father you worked your will  
I had no righteousness of my own  
I had no right to draw near your throne  
But Father you loved me still

**Chorus 1** And in love before you laid the world's foundation  
You predestined to adopt me as your own  
You have raised me up so high above my station  
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

**Verse 2** You left your home to seek out the lost  
You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus your face was set  
I worked my fingers down to the bone  
But nothing I did could ever atone  
But Jesus you paid my debt

**Chorus 2** By Your blood I have redemption and salvation  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown  
And you rose that I might be a new creation  
I am born again by grace and grace alone

**Verse 3** I was in darkness all of my life  
I never knew the day from the night  
But Spirit you made me see  
I swore I knew the way on my own  
Head full of rocks a heart made of stone  
But Spirit you moved in me

**Chorus 3** And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken  
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

**Ending** Yes, I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

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