

WELCOME

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
SAT. JANUARY 20/SUN. JANUARY 21, 2024

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE



AS WE GATHER

Can't somebody else do it? Those words and thoughts often come to our minds and out of our mouths when being asked to do something we'd rather not do. It happened to Jonah when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh. Today we hear the second time God called to Jonah, telling him to again go to a place he'd rather not go. There are many times we hear things in Scripture we'd rather not hear when it comes to difficult things. One is to be his voice of defense for those who cannot defend themselves. May we be reminded of God's continued promises and presence with us wherever we are called to go—even to our own Ninevehs.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “Onward, Christian Soldiers”
LSB 662

**1. Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**2. Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**3. Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

**4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.**

Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt. Public domain
ST. GERTRUDE 65 65 65 D Matt. 16:18; Ps. 145:13; Eph. 4:4–6; 6:10–18

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Jonah 3:2, 10; 1*

Corinthians 7:

29, 31; Mark 1:15, 17

Pastor: Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time. So God spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, “go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” Paul reminds the people of God, “The appointed time has grown very short . . . The present form of this world is passing away.”

People: As God did with the Ninevites, He has shown mercy to us in our humble repentance.

Pastor: And still to this day, Jesus calls to us that “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

People: Help us Lord, to drop our nets and follow You. We are Your servants and citizens of Your kingdom.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done

and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

(LSB p. 152)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

(LSB, p. 154)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**People: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty
God and Father: We worship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You
alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You are the Creator and Sustainer of life, and You have magnificently made us creatures with mind, body and soul, created to work in perfect harmony. We thank and praise You that, though these have been corrupted through the fall into sin, through the resurrection of Your beloved Son and through Holy Baptism You have revealed that You have fully and

wonderfully redeemed us in mind, body and soul,
which will once again be in the perfect harmony
You intended on the day of resurrection; through the
same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 (Jonah goes to Nineveh.)

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 127

(Men = odd-numbered; Women = even-numbered)

¹Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

²It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

⁵Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the So and to
the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Stead/Kirkpatrick

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

(Faithful living with time given)

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe

that Jesus is the

Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14–20 (Jesus calls the first disciples.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are Called to Stand Together” *LSB 828*

- 1. We are called to stand together
With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets
In the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured
Now we find fulfilled at last!**

- 2. Those whom Jesus called apostles
Journeyed with Him side by side,
Heard His teaching, felt His power,
Saw the way He lived and died;
Then the news of resurrection
They delivered far and wide.**

- 3. Through the intervening ages
Round the world the Gospel spread:
Faithful heralds took the message,
Guided where the Spirit led;
So the body grew in stature,
Serving Christ, the living head.**

**4. Now in many tongues and cultures
Songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior
Honor Him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance
Ev'ry day their prayers they bring.**

**5. To each coming generation
Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended,
Till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united
Under Christ's eternal reign!**

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87 Hebrews 11; Luke 24:48; Matt. 28:19–20; 2 Tim. 4:1–5

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth.**

I believe 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Our Father, honor and glory, thanks and praise belong to You, for You have made human life in Your image. You adopt and adore us each just as we are for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Grant us this grace also to receive every neighbor as

a gift and privilege notwithstanding appearance or ability. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gladden and embolden us to proclaim Your goodness and put it into practice, speaking truth that advocates against violence and death and showing love that assists survival and welfare as agents of Your promised joy and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Graciously restrain the deception and selfishness that pressure many into viewing death as a solution to suffering. Bring an end to abortion, assisted suicide, embryocide, and all discrimination against the worth of any person. And enlighten our citizens and inspire our officials to enact policies and practices that protect and defend the vulnerable.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless the medical arts and their practitioners as ambassadors of Your healing always to care and never to kill. Keep their minds and hands free from every unholy cultural pressure. As it pleases You,

move everyone involved in intentionally ending human life to abandon and oppose these evils. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Surround each of us with a healthy home and settle us in happy families according to Your good and gracious will. Accept our gratitude for the birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate. Direct all hearts to wait upon Your abundance, assured that You will meet every bodily need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Warm and soften the spirits of those who slander, persecute, and oppress, that they may experience Your loving-kindness alongside us. Absolve and relieve anyone broken by the abortion of his or her own child. By Your mercy for our mistakes, bid us behold the sanctity of our own lives until we love one another as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bring forth in us the life and Spirit of our Shepherd and Savior Jesus to put away the desires and priorities of the flesh. Intervene and undertake on behalf of those beset by the afflictions of our fallen race and the burdens of this broken world (especially _____). And drive the devil far from everyone considering abortion or contemplating physician-assisted suicide. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give answer to the ones who cry out awaiting adoption, facing surprise pregnancy, experiencing infertility, or enduring terminal diagnosis. Form in us a patient faith that leans upon Your presence and power at the hour of our dying. With Your Son, the angels, and all the saints, welcome us into the everlasting communion of Your heavenly kingdom, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB, p. 161)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you**

for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1

Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(LSB, p. 163)

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*

- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol

- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“What Is the World to Me”

(LSB 730)

**1. What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!**

**2. The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.**

What is the world to me!

**3. The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!**

**4. What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!**

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WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT 67 67 66 66 1 John 2:15–17; Phil. 3:7–9; Ps. 73:25;
Rom. 12:**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(LSB, p. 164)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Psalm 136:1

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You,
almighty God, that You have refreshed us
through this salutary gift, and we implore
You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith
toward You and in fervent love toward one
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠
give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Our Help in Ages Past”

“O God,
LSB 733

- 1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:**
- 2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**
- 3. Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.**

**6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!**

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ST. ANNE C M Psalm 90; 2 Cor. 4:16–18; Rom. 8:18; Ps. 46:1–3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** Scheduled services will be held in spite of inclement weather. Please use your best judgment to determine if you can safely attend.
- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Rev. Maurice Lind
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Maddie Herrera
Ushers: Gail Feick & Mary Ann Platz
Fellowship: Phyllis Klen

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Erna Wishnew
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Emma Pferdmeniges
Ushers: Paul & Carol Trettin
Fellowship: Beth Schneider

BIRTHDAYS

1/21 Debbie LaMere
1/21 Amanda Siemers
1/22 Linda Tieman
1/26 Gary Estes
1/27 Ken Stade

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week

1/22/24 – 1/28/24

Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study “Persecution”
Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Women of Hope Meeting
Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
**10:20am Bible Study “Luther’s
Preface to Small Catechism”
and Children’s Sunday School**