

JONAH

Midweek Sermon Series



MIDWEEK OF EPIPHANY 4

Wednesday, 5 February A+D 2025 • 7:00 P.M.



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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

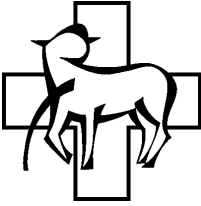
A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign” LSB 832

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 1

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”

³But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

⁷And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to

him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” ¹³Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 192

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” LSB 915

SERMON

Jonah 1

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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| PREFACE | LSB 194 |
| SANCTUS | LSB 195 |
| LORD'S PRAYER | LSB 196 |
| THE WORDS OF OUR LORD | LSB 197 |
| PAX DOMINI | LSB 197 |
| AGNUS DEI | LSB 198 |

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

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| NUNC DIMITTIS | LSB 199 |
| THANKSGIVING | LSB 200 |
| SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS | LSB 201 |
| BENEDICTION | LSB 202 |
| HYMN TO DEPART | <i>"Jesus, Lead Thou On" LSB 718</i> |

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NEWS & NOTES FOR 2 FEBRUARY A+D 2025

WE WELCOME KEYLYN REED as our new office secretary, taking over for Claire Rhode who is stepping away from the position. Keylyn's hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. If you need to reach Keylyn for anything, you can still email secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org or call the church office at (906) 774-1844.

MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES will resume this Wednesday, February 5th, at 7:00 P.M. During the month of February, we will go through the Old Testament book of Jonah.

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!!! Youth Bowling Party, Sunday, February 16th from 3:00-5:00 P.M. at Recreation Lanes in Iron Mountain!!! Free to all MS/HS youth. Come hang out with your friends and enjoy some bowling and pizza. Any questions, see Dave or Kim McFarland.

WE NEED YOUR REFUNDABLE BOTTLES/CANS AND YOUR RECEIPTS! Our Redeemer Youth is collecting refundable bottles and cans for upcoming youth events. Also, we are collecting Super One and Tadych's Marketplace receipts. White buckets for collecting the receipts are located just inside the Fellowship Hall entrance. For every receipt, 1% of every \$1 goes towards Our Redeemer Youth. Thank you for your support!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Epiphany IV: Ever since sinfulness first afflicted creation, labor and delivery sheds a mother's blood. The Law of the Lord laments that this echo and threat of death operates right where human life emerges from. So He intervenes with atonement to preserve that precious life. And Jesus embodies this opposition to abortion from the very beginning (Luke 2:22-24).

"ALL LIFE IS SACRED. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well' (Psalm 139:14)." *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *Luke 4:34 – "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God."* The demon that Jesus drives out knows who He is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God will not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life: trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn't necessarily lead anywhere — but a living faith in the Lord Jesus leads to a life build on Him and walking in His footsteps.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

| | <u>MUSIC</u> | <u>ELDERS</u> | <u>ALTAR GUILD</u> | <u>FELLOWSHIP</u> |
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| <i>Week of 2/2</i> | | | | |
| Sun., 10:00 A.M. | Bruce Rasmussen | Will Patton | Jenna Long | Youth Group |
| Weds., 7:00 P.M. | Dustin Sotka & Digital Music | Eric Rhode | Jenna Long | N/A |
| <i>Week of 2/9</i> | | | | |
| Sun., 10:00 A.M. | Bruce Rasmussen & Choir | Rob Kuehl | Sue Rochon | NEEDED |
| Weds., 7:00 P.M. | Dustin Sotka & Digital Music | Jim Sleik | Sue Rochon | N/A |

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday (2) | 8:45 A.M. | Education Hour |
| | 10:00 A.M. | Divine Service |
| | 11:30 A.M. | Coffee & Fellowship |
| Monday (3) | | |
| Tuesday (4) | 6:30 P.M. | Board of Elders |
| Wednesday (5) | 5:30 P.M. | Choir Practice |
| | 5:30 P.M. | Confirmation |
| | 7:00 P.M. | Midweek Divine Service |
| Thursday (6) | 9:30 A.M. | Bible Study |
| Friday (7) | | <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> |
| Saturday (8) | 9:00 A.M. | Altar Guild Meeting |
| Sunday (9) | 8:45 A.M. | Education Hour |
| | 10:00 A.M. | Divine Service |
| | 11:30 A.M. | Coffee & Fellowship |

ATTENDANCE REPORT

| <u>SERVICE</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>COMMUNION</u> |
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| Sun., Jan. 26 th , 10:00 A.M. | 93 | 78 |
| Weds., Jan. 29 th , 7:00 P.M. | *** NO SERVICE *** | |