

JONAH

Midweek Sermon Series



MIDWEEK OF EPIPHANY 7

Wednesday, 26 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.

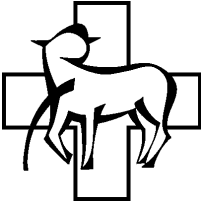
A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of 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

“As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered” *LSB 612*

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 4

¹But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ²And he prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?”

⁵Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 192

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Grant That Balm and Healing” LSB 421

SERMON

Jonah 4

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OFFERTORY

LSB 192

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OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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LORD’S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

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AGNUS DEI

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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

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

HYMN TO DEPART

“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” LSB 698

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NEWS & NOTES – 23 FEBRUARY A+D 2025

MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES continue this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. During the month of February, we are going through the Old Testament book of Jonah and will conclude our series this Wednesday, February 26th.

LENTEN SUPPERS & SERVICES BEGIN ON MARCH 5TH. Join us at 6:00 P.M. for each of the Wednesdays in Lent for a supper hosted by the various groups of our congregation. Our Midweek Lenten Divine Services will follow at 7:00 P.M. On March 5th, the Ladies' Guild will host supper and the service will be our Ash Wednesday Divine Service with option Imposition of Ashes.

THE LADIES' GUILD IN-GATHERING for Walk of Life Pregnancy Services continues through the end of February. Members are encouraged to bring in baby items and place them in the cradle in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS are needed for next Sunday and other Sundays over the next several months. See the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Kiosk if you would like help.

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 VII: Joseph's brothers aborted him well after his birth because they thought him a threat. History eventually disclosed the Heavenly Father's design: a life-giving mission they didn't see (Genesis 45:7-8). The same holds true in the surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses we encounter. So Christians practice servanthood to apparently burdensome persons (Luke 6:29), because like mercy from God makes our lives possible.

"HANDMADE BY THE ONE TRUE GOD AND DESIGNED IN HIS IMAGE, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP NOTES: Luke 6:30–31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u>
<i>Week of 2/23</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed	Maridol Bey	NEEDED
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Dustin Sotka & Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Maridol Bey	N/A
<i>Week of 3/2</i>				
Sun., 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Will Patton	Lisa Swanson	Youth Group
Weds., 7:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson	N/A

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (23)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (24)		
Tuesday (25)		
Wednesday (26)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	5:30 P.M.	Confirmation
	7:00 P.M.	Midweek Divine Service
Thursday (27)	9:30 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (28)		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday (1)		
Sunday (2)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$16,265.83	\$16,265.83
Expenses:	\$17,298.08	\$17,298.08
Difference:	-\$1,032.25	-\$1,032.25

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Feb. 16 th , 10:00 A.M.	88	74
Weds., Feb. 19 th , 7:00 P.M.	14	14