

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN:** [ELW#51 - "O Day of Rest and Gladness"](#)

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** [Glory to God in the Highest](#)



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## JONAH

L A reading of the Book of Jonah: <sup>1:1</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup>But Jonah set out 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 his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up; call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

<sup>7</sup>The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup>"I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup>Then the men were even more 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 so.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. <sup>14</sup>Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup>So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

<sup>17</sup>But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

L <sup>2:1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying,  
“I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

C <sup>3</sup>**You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows passed over me.**

L <sup>4</sup>Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight;  
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?’

C <sup>5</sup>**The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped around my head <sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains.**

L I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God.

C <sup>7</sup>**As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord,  
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.**

L <sup>8</sup>Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty.

C <sup>9</sup>**But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”**

L <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out onto the dry land.

<sup>3:1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

<sup>8</sup>Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to

God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands.  
9Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

4:1But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. 3And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” 5Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

9But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” 10Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#767 - “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”](#)

SERMON: ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING\*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*

RESPONSE: "[Create in Me](#)"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the

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- L Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

- L Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders (local church leaders may be named). Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

- L Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

- L Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation’s veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts (current places of war and conflict may be named) and pursue peace. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

- L Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill, especially Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Lydia Hendersen, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,



**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

**P** 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.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** [ELW#716 – “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, 17 November 2024, 5:00 pm, “The Europa Imaging System on the Europa Clipper Mission” – Lecture by Ed Hawkins

- Sunday, 11/24/2024 – World Hunger Sunday and Congregational Meeting
- Saturday, 12/7/2024, 10 am – Putting up the greens
- Sunday, 12/8/2024 5pm – 7pm - Family Craft Night
- Tuesday, 12/24/2024 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

\*Offering to be sent to  
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**Upcoming Worship Notes**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Preaching Texts</b>           | <b>Worship Leader</b> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| November 17 | Isaiah 6:1-8                     | Ron                   |
| November 24 | Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-28; 31:31-34 | Monica                |
| December 1  | Daniel 6:6-27                    | Heidi and Bob         |
| December 8  | Joel 2:12-13, 28-29              | Julie and Dave        |
| December 15 | Isaiah 61:1-11                   | Ron                   |

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