

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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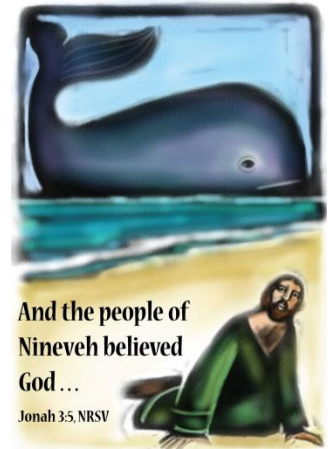
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O, How He Loves!
Midweek Series for Lent

Wednesday March 25, 2026 - Part 5
“Love So Broad” - Jonah 3:1-10

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

- P:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**
- P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to You!*
- C:** **Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!**
- P: Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.*
- C:** **They will perish, but You will remain; they will all wear out like a garment.**
- P: You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but You are the same, and Your years have no end.*
- C:** **The children of Your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before You.**
- P: The Lord be with you.*
- C:** **And also with you.**



OPENING HYMN LSB 543 “What Wondrous Love Is This” (VS 1-3)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ, we approach our Lord as those in need of forgiveness.

C: I confess, almighty God, that I have betrayed your son in many ways, seeking often the less costly road of discipleship. I have followed artificial masters and counterfeit christs. I have gone the way of comfort rather than committed, sacrificial loyalty. Father, forgive me for the sake of Jesus, who gave His very life for me. Amen.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then we will see clearly. God, grace us all with a clearer vision of the glory to come, now and especially in the hour of our death. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

COLLECT

P: O Lord, hear my prayer.

C: And let my cry come to You.

P: Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." 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. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 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.

The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 22:1-6

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED The Apostle's *Creed*. (*Please rise.*)

ALL: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
And 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

SERMON HYMN "Thieves on a Cross" (Kip Fox) – Video

SERMON "Love So Broad" - Jonah 3:1-10 Pastor Nathan

SERMON SERIES HYMN LSB 544 "O Love, How Deep" (VS 5)

**For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.**

OFFERING "It Is Well" (North Point Worship) – Video

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

CLOSING HYMN LSB 971 “There Is a Redeemer”

**There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One. Refrain**

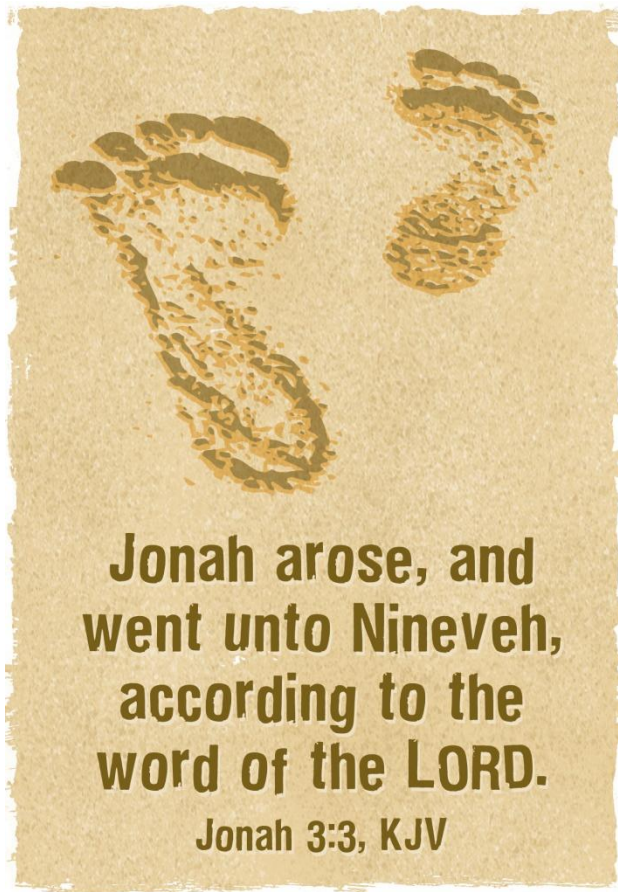
**Refrain
Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. Refrain**

**When I stand in glory,
I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place. Refrain**

SENDING

P: Go in peace as to love and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**



**Jonah arose, and
went unto Nineveh,
according to the
word of the LORD.**

Jonah 3:3, KJV