



# God's Grace to Runaways

*Four Week Series on the book of Jonah*  
**Week 3 | Mission Impossible?**

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A warm welcome to those visiting us this morning. Here at Redeemer we preach Christ crucified, whose suffering and death paid for our sins and earned for us the gift of everlasting life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Borgwardt. We pray that you return to worship with us again.

### **For Your Convenience**

- Restrooms are available and located in the Gathering Area through the double doors.
- A Mothers' Room is available in the rear of the sanctuary if your little ones need a moment.
- Children's Activity Sheets are located on the table in the gathering area.

### **Temporary Adaptations in Worship**

- Since we are in an enclosed space, we've shortened the services and reduced the singing.
- Bulletins are placed in every other pew for social distancing.
- Offerings are collected in the plate in the back of the sanctuary and will be brought forward during the Offertory.
- Worshipers will be excused from the back pews first.
- Socializing is best done outside rather than inside.
- Per the Governor's mandate, masks are to be worn inside the building.

We are thankful that these mitigation steps for the coronavirus allow the majority of our active members to worship in person, which is a gift of encouragement to one another. For those who need to postpone their return to in-person worship due to the currently high transmission rates, or especially if you need to be quarantined for now, we also Livestream the 8 am service on Youtube: Redeemer Fond du Lac. We so look forward to when you can join us in person for worship again!

### **A Prayer to Prepare for Worship**

Heavenly Father, thank you for being patient with me in my sin. Despite my constant failings, you continue to forgive for Jesus' sake. Help me to reflect patience in my own life, both in my patience with the things I endure and my hardships with others. Teach me to be patient, so that I may tell others of your patience with me. Amen.

# The Service



## OPENING HYMN

### My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (CW382 vs 1-3)

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on me  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me

blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare to make no  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly

oth - er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*To confess is to admit we're far from perfect and so, without Jesus, shouldn't be with a perfect God.*

*The pastor **absolves** us of our sins, that is, reminds us we're forgiven because of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

### **ABSOLUTION**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

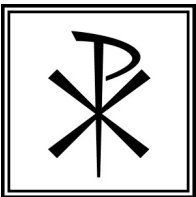
**final verse of the opening hymn**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

**C: Amen.**



## **— THE WORD —** (NIV)

***Gospel** means "Good News," and so this is a reading from the historical narratives of Jesus that tells us the good news of how Jesus came into this world to save us.*

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 21:33-43**

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.



"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

" 'The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone;  
the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

## PSALM 118

P: The Lord is my strength and my song;

**C: he has become my salvation.**

P: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

**C: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

P: I will not die but live,

**C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

**C: you have become my salvation.**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**C: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**



*Psalms have been  
used in worship by  
God's people since  
the Old Testament.*

*In Matthew 21, Jesus  
quotes Psalm 121.  
Jesus is the one the  
"builders" rejected.*

## HYMN

## Delay Not! Delay Not (CW 337 vs. 1,2,5)

\* 1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
 \* 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;  
 \* 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse

The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.  
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?

No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.  
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand —  
 A foun - tain is o - pened — how can you re - fuse?

Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.  
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?  
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

## SERMON

Jonah 3



Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup>This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup>But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten  
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of  
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

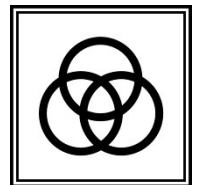
**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His  
kingdom will have no end.**



*The Nicene Creed  
is a summary of  
the Christian faith  
written in 325AD,  
used since then to  
declare together  
what we believe  
about God from  
the Bible.*

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

## **OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The **Prayer of the Church** is our biggest prayer of the day, asking God to care for us, our community, and the world.*

God our Father, you have invited us to raise our prayers to you in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, and have promised to hear and answer us with all that is best for us. Give us confidence, that we may call upon you as the people of your name, and teach us to be content with what your wisdom and love supply. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Father, bless our nation and those in authority over us, and teach us to be good and faithful citizens. Though we are quick to judge and condemn what we dislike, give us patience and wisdom, that we may encourage and support those who carry the heavy mantle of leadership. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Father, your Son has borne the weight of our sins and carried the weakness of our flesh in his body on the cross. Be with the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying in their hour of need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers spoken here*

We commend all things to your mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, trusting that you will hear us and answer us through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **Traditional Version**

*Two-thousand years ago, Jesus taught his disciples to pray with these words. We use them still today, able to call God our Father because of Jesus*

**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.**

## — THE LORD’S SUPPER —



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**DISTRIBUTION**—*Redeemer practices member communion. Please speak with pastor if you have any questions. He would love to talk with you about communion or any other teachings from God’s Word.*

### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

#### On What Has Now Been Sown (CW322)

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,  
The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -  
in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

**THIS WEEK**

Sun	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	9:15 AM	Worship/Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion
Mon	6:30 PM	Worship/Communion
Tues	7:00 AM	Faculty Meeting
Sun	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

**SERVING TODAY**

Pastor James Borgwardt  
Stephanie Ehlike, organist

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP** October 11

8:00 AM--92  
9:15 AM—55  
10:30 AM—40  
Monday-30  
Total: 217

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ron and Dianne Wendler in thanks to God at their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**NEXT STARTING POINT CLASS** will begin the first Thursday in November, the 5th, at 6:30 PM. This is our Adult Instruction Course on the main teachings of the Bible. We change the format and style from time to time, which makes it a great option for members who'd like to take the class again. And we're doing so again to make a special point of inviting members who miss our weekly Bible class. Yet the course is purposely designed for those who are interested in membership, or want to know what Redeemer teachers. Let Pastor Borgwardt know if you are interested.

**SMILES FOR SENIORS**—We have the opportunity to write letters or cards for two groups of people:

- our own homebound members, and
- residents at the Lutheran home.

The cards for those at the Lutheran Home should be in general, not going to a specific person. The two members whom we highlight this week are the Woodlands:

Enola Lepianka  
Woodlands, #101A  
77 Wisconsin American Dr.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Pat Fischer  
Woodlands, Room 121  
1446 Lynn Ave.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

There is a box in the gathering area to collect them. Our school will be helping with project too. For our members, we'll deliver them right away. For the Lutheran Home, we will be taking over the first batch, the week of Thanksgiving and then each holiday after that..

**THE FACILITY TASK FORCE** met with Excel Engineering on October 6. Excel presented ideas of how we might add a music room back to our facility, along with another pastor's office, small meeting rooms, and expansion of kitchen, commons (cafeteria), storage and Gather Area spaces. Since the Task Force wants to take its time to carefully outline a master plan for all of our facility and property needs for the next few decades, the group asked Excel to also address our long-term sanctuary needs in their next set of conceptual floor plans. The Task Force meets next on the evening of November 3rd. Jalal Khoury chairs the Task Force and serves on the Trustees Board.

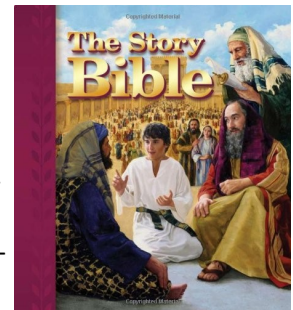
**THANK YOU** to our dozens and dozens of volunteers who have helped with our community food drive. As of Saturday afternoon, we've collected 325 paper grocery bags filled with food for the Fondy Food Pantry. Most of it has already been organized, repackaged, and ready to deliver on to the Pantry on Monday. We'll find out how much has been donated, but it's a good bet that we surpassed our 2000 lb goal. God be praised!

### WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY

**WELCOME TO VICTOBER!** Are you familiar with WLA's Victor program? Victors support WLA's ministry with a planned monthly gift. What does your Victor gift support? Your gift supports Christ-centered education for our students every day. During some of the most challenging times of young Christians' lives, they are able to be surrounded in every class with Christian teachers that teach everything in the light of God's Word. Can you join the other Victors in helping WLA carry out this mission? If you have questions, please contact Director of Mission Advancement Kevin Ehlke (kehlke@wlvikings.org) or go to wlvikings.org/victors

**WLA LAND PURCHASE**—On Wednesday, September 30, Winnebago Lutheran Academy acquired 120 acres of land west of Fond du Lac for the future relocation of the school. Situated between Hwy 23 and Hwy 000 just west of Streblov Dr., WLA is praying and planning to relocate to the new property within seven to ten years.

**BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN** - While we have no in-person Sunday School, we're providing materials for parents to teach the narratives of Scripture at home. Sign-up on the bulletin board to receive a copy next week of The Story Bible, given to you by your Church family. This excellent collection of 130 timeless and easy-to-read stories is accompanied by child-friendly and realistic illustrations. It includes some simple ques-



tions at the end to help apply the story, and a short prayer to conclude devotion time with your child. Parents love this book. For children 6-11, but can be used with younger and older children.

Our church library just exploded with the donation of 2 copies each of 124 Arch Books. These individual story books engage children in scores of narratives from the Bible. Feel free to borrow up to 10 at one time. No sign-out needed. Just bring them back to borrow 10 more.



**Helping our Heroes is a community care initiative by WELS Lutheran churches and schools in Fond du Lac County.**

**Our first goal is to show thanks to the nurses and respiratory therapists at St. Agnes Hospital for all they are doing during this difficult time. We hope to do this by giving cards of thanks and a gift card to a local restaurant to each nurse at our hospital.**

**We are asking for \$6,000 in total gifts over the next two weeks so we can thank every nurse. If we exceed \$6000, gifts will then be given to nursing staff at senior care facilities and first responders. Gifts can be given to your church. Please designate gifts given by check with the word "nurses" in the memo line.**

**You can also give online by scanning this QR Code with your phone's camera.**



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