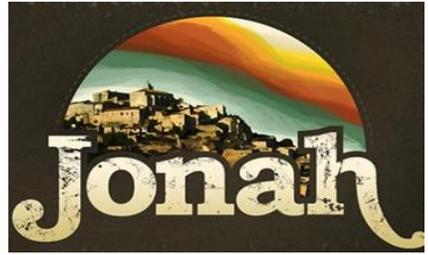




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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We gather to be strengthened through the study of God's Word.

Families, Friends, and Guests of Zion. We welcome you. Please know that your safety is very important to us as we gather to worship Almighty God in-person (or online). *Please observe proper social distancing. Approach wearing your mask (and we require that anyone 2 years old and up should do so) with a servant-like attitude that looks out for the best of others. We will instruct you on how to best enter and exit the worship space before and after service. Restrooms are available through the atrium space (to your left and down the hall, notice flow patterns through atrium doorways) and are cleaned before and after each service as is the worship space.* Our prayer is: the worship environment we create together allows us to be one and worship God freely and safely even in adverse times like this. Welcome!

As we gather. "The Word of the Lord came to Jonah..." Perhaps the most surprising element of this narrative was who it was that God chose to send to the city of Nineveh. It was "Jonah son of Amittai" In many ways, Jonah was the exact opposite of what God had called him to do and he was the exact opposite of someone who would have neatly fit into the mold of a missionary to the pagan nation of Assyria. So he ran. Ever felt that way? Like Jonah we may run and run from God. But He continues to vary His strategies and extend His grace and mercy again and again in ways we neither understand nor deserve. And that is the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ calling us back.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Worship

*That's Why We Praise Him
Tremble*

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word *(see opposite or screens or Bibles)*

*Jonah 1:1-3
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35*

What We Believe

Apostles' Creed

Today's Message

Offering

(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!)

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song

Stand in Your Love

**Words of our Lord/
Reception/ Sending Prayer**

Dismissal *(From the back to the front)*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 1:1-3

(Jonah runs from God.)

Now 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 down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

(If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.)

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

(How often must I forgive my brother?)

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served today...

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Children's Msg.	Chris Graves	Elder	John Berndt

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