



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY
January 22, 2012

Alleluia! Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia!

GREETINGS and WELCOME to
Brooklyn Lutheran Church.

VISITORS please sign the guest book.
Come and worship with us again soon!
Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **Large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.
We welcome children to our Worship Service. We have an area located in our fellowship hall for you to calm your child and a changing station is located in the women's restroom. The ushers will direct you.

Prayer Before Worship: Heavenly Father, I have come to worship You. Draw near to me in Your gracious Word, and assure me of Your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear Your voice and sing Your praise. Amen

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 62 (Page 88)
David expresses quiet trust in His God.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 7:29-31 (Page 1779)
God calls on believers to realize that this world is temporary

and to live their lives accordingly. Christians use the things of this world without losing sight of their heavenly goal.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 (Page 1552)

Jesus proclaims the gospel loud and clear, "Repent and believe the good news!" After this, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew to be "fishers of men." James and John also leave their nets to follow Jesus.

SERMON: Jonah 3:1-5,10 (page 1438)

Sermon Series: *Proclaimers of the Good News*

Today Jonah: Reluctant Proclaimer

1-29-12 Jesus: Proclaiming with Divine Authority
2-5—12 True Disciples: Seek, Follow, Proclaim the Good News
2-12-12 A Leper: Proclaims good news
that is not THE Good News

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for week:

"The Church Proclaims Her Hope!"

Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson, L. Gens

Today **10:00 Worship** – Ushers: L. Gens, R. Wyman
 11:15 Town Meeting
 February Newsletter deadline
 Wise Penny Work Day

Tues. 7:45 Wallyball at BP Comm. Center

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class

Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Thrivent presentation on financial issues
with representative Tim Gamrath

10:00 Worship- Ushers: L. Gens, R. Wyman
3:00 Koine Concert

Feb. 5 -11:15 Annual Meeting

We hope our members will stay for the town meeting following the Service today to get a running start at absorbing the content of the annual report in your boxes. Please study the report and prepare your questions and comments to Pastor, President Boyd, or the appropriate elder in the days ahead or at the voters' meeting.

Despite entering December well behind budget, all obligations were met, and we spent more than \$10,000 on our parking lot and walkway out front.

There is a new flower calendar. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on a Sunday, special to you, please sign your name by the date.

Koine Mission Concert next Sunday, 3pm at Bloomington Lutheran. You may have heard of "Turned On Bach" music. Well, Koine could be thought of as "Turned On Christian Worship Hymnal." They tastefully take the songs of our hymnal, and while maintaining all the lyrics and melodies, put a new twist on the sound. Good exposure to non-traditional hymn sound that will provide a whole new way of looking at the songs of our hymnal and their message.

Thanks to all donated poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas and to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations a couple of weeks ago.

\$1,000 upgrade in office technology was approved by the Council this past week. This will include a new office computer, color ink-jet printer, better networking between our three workers' computers and all printers. Funds for this will come from \$1,491 in Thrivent Choice money that BLC policy holders designated for our church during 2011. We thank Thrivent and all members who made possible these funds.

Heart in Focus Seminar, Fri-Sat, Feb. 17-18, Brooklyn Lutheran, \$20 per household: In these difficult times, many people find themselves having financial problems. We are offering a very valuable and timely help through this seminar. Approached from a Biblical viewpoint, we will study what God says about ourselves and our finances to keep our hearts in the proper focus. This seminar will include practical advice regarding reducing and eliminating credit card debt, along with retirement planning and developing a financial plan for your household. Signup is on table by bulletin board in Commons.

Carol Hess is at Maranatha. Your prayers and visits are welcomed.

February Newsletter deadline is today.

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 67; Friday Bible Class: ;
Sunday School: 5; Bible Class (up): 7, (down) 11;
Offering: \$2756.00; Whipple Memorial: \$45.00
Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,531**
Waterford: 10

Jonah – the Unwilling Servant

If we do not share God's love for the lost, we will not share His passion to save them. If we do not have confidence in God's Word to change people's hearts and lives, we will lose heart and give up before we start. Our goal in this Bible study is to learn the lessons that Jonah had to learn the hard way.

1:1-3 – Why do you think Jonah ran away from the mission God gave him?

1:4-11 – How did the circumstances aboard the ship give Jonah an opportunity to witness to those on the ship with him? What was the result?

Give examples of how God uses circumstances in Christian's lives today as opportunities to tell people about Jesus.

1:12-17 – God will accomplish His mission, but shame on us if we don't want to be involved in it! Did Jonah repent of his unwillingness to bring God's Word to the Ninevites? (see 4:1-3)

I Timothy 2:3-4 – Discuss how this passage applies to you and your congregation.

2:1-6 – Even as he prays within the fish, what does Jonah look forward to? (v4)

Why is hearing God's Word and going to church important to you?

Why do people who go to church and who study God's Word make good missionaries in their communities?

2:7-10 – Jonah confesses his faith in the Lord alone as his Savior God. How is the attitude that all religions, even non-Christian ones, can save you a hindrance to mission work?

Jonah shows renewed resolve to serve the Lord. In what area might you renew your resolve to do the Lord's work?

3:1-4 – Preaching repentance is always a message of Law and Gospel. Do you think this message would work in New York today? How about your community?

3:5-10 – Did the Ninevites really turn to God?! (see Matthew 12:41)

Evaluate this mission strategy: "Our goal is to get God's Word to as many people as we can as often as we can." How well does this resolve match that of your congregation?

Jonah 4:1-2 - Why was Jonah angry?

4:4-11 – What is the lesson God teaches Jonah with the vine and the worm that destroyed it?

Sue used to teach Sunday School, but her elementary aged son's hockey practices are on Sunday morning. What lesson does she need to learn?

Fred bought a new Suburban last summer. The gas hike has really eaten into his family budget, and he doesn't think that he will be able to increase his support for missions this year. What lesson does he need to learn?



Brooklyn Evangelical

Lutheran Church

Our Mission:

We exist to use the Gospel of Christ to win the lost and to nurture believers, all to the glory of God.



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