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Wednesday Evening Service (In-Person & Zoom)

September 16, 2026 – 6:30pm

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

P: Hints and whispers abound. God seeks us where we are.

C: A voice calls our name in the twilight of sleep.

P: A call seen in the outstretched hands of the poor.

C: A new dawning of insight while at prayer.

P: An internal shift of perception that is felt in the heart.

C: A joyous peace in the midst of play.

P: A lifting of a burden, a flood of tears, a bushel of laughter.

C: God is so near: guardian and friend who speaks to us.

*** Gathering Hymn 587**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*** Greeting**

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.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Jonah 3:10—4:11*

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] 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.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He 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. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then 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.

⁶ The 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. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

⁸ When 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.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then 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. ¹¹ And 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?” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

*** Words of Institution**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

**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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*** Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

*** Blessing**

P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen**

P: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*** Sending Hymn 779**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*** Dismissal**

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

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No Wednesday Services on September 23rd and 30th due to Pastor being away on vacation.
Rev. Martha Macgill will be leading our service on Sunday, September 27th.

“Last Call” to order a hymnal. We now have 33 copies donated. If you wish to donate, please let us know now! **The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal.** You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

Chicken Dinner and Talent Show at St Luke’s Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 1601 Frederick Street on October 3rd at 5:00pm. Cost: Adults to age 11: \$15.00, youth age 10-4: \$7.50, children age 3 and under free. Tickets are available by calling Carol Straw 240-803-9292. Sponsored by: The St. Luke’s Women of the ELCA

