

Happening @Bethel

Here's a sampling of what's coming up at Bethel as of **7/5/26**. Check out the weekly notes insert or scan here for updated announcements & events.



Kids Carnival

Wenonga Days
JULY 25

Will you help?

We need 60+ volunteers to make this event happen! Volunteers needed for setup, run a bounce house, serve sno-cones, tear down and much more! Register ASAP and let us know how you can help. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to connect with those in our community.



Carnival located at
Rail Road Park in Battle Lake

BATTLE LAKE OUTDOOR SERVICE & TAILGATE POTLUCK



SUNDAY, JULY 26 • 10:00AM

Worship together in **one** outdoor service at the Battle Lake Campus. Potluck lunch to follow. Bring a chair and a dish to share!

Sign-up to let us know what you can bring.



LIFE Groups



Happening Now
Fergus Falls & Battle Lake

Life Groups are small, intentional gatherings of 6-10 people who meet weekly outside of Sunday services to grow together in faith. Scan the code to get connected with a group.

Download the Church Center App

- Use the Church Center app to
- Register for Groups, Events & Volunteer opportunities
 - View Church Calendar & Directory
 - Check-in for Sunday School
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A Vision to Join Jesus
in Everyday Life

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to belong.

Give
to bless.

Go
to love.

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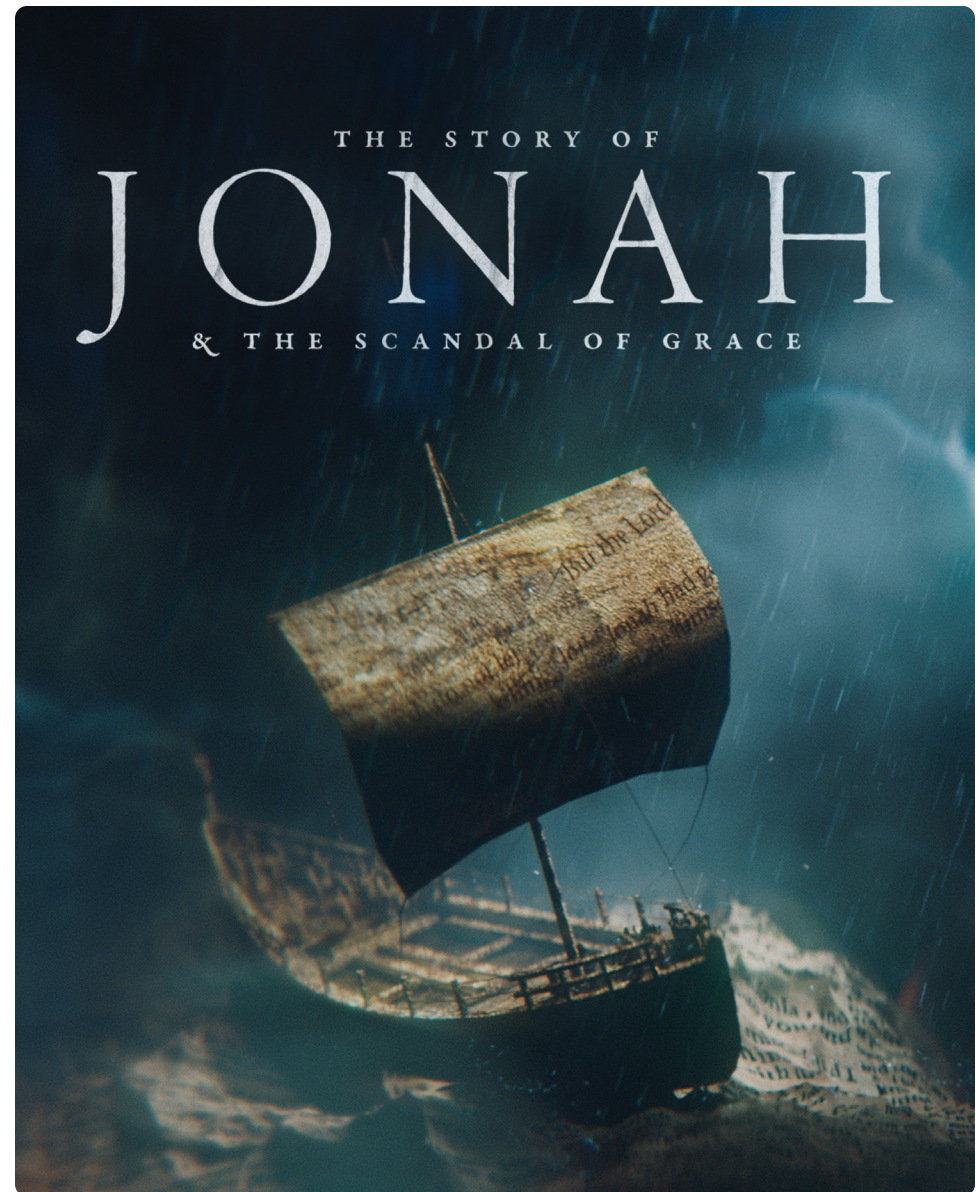
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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERIES COMPANION



WEEK 1

THE STORY OF JONAH & THE SCANDAL OF GRACE

TODAYS TEXT: Jonah 1

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

⁴ Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶ The captain went to him and said, “How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish.”

⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ So they asked him, “Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?”

⁹ He answered, “I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

¹⁰ This terrified them and they asked, “What have you done?” (They knew he was running away from the Lord, because he had already told them so.)

¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?”

¹² “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the Lord, “Please, Lord, do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased.” ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

Jonah’s Prayer

¹⁷ Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

SERMON NOTES

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever sensed God leading you in a direction you didn’t want to go? What made it difficult to obey?
2. What are some modern-day “Ninevehs”—people, places, or situations—that Christians are often tempted to avoid?
3. How have you seen God’s grace pursuing you, even during times when you were running from Him?