

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Jonah 1:4-6, 10-16

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. Therefore they called out to the Lord, "O Lord, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:23-32

- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships,
 doing business on the great waters;
- 24 they saw the deeds of the Lord,
 his wondrous works in the deep.
- 25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
 which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
 their courage melted away in their evil plight;
- 27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men
 and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
 and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He made the storm be still,
 and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- 30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
 and he brought them to their desired haven.
- 31 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
 for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
 and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

We say together: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end.
Amen.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:6-7

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 4:35 – 5:2

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.