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Come Experience the Power of Grace

God Relented and Spared Nineveh

"When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it" (Jonah 3:10).

If you woke up in the middle of the night and looked out your window and saw your neighbor's house on fire what would you do? Would you go back to bed and hope that someone else would call the fire department to rescue your neighbors from the fire? What if these neighbors were not your favorite people? Maybe they caused a lot of trouble in the neighborhood and no one really likes them. What would you do about their house being on fire?

In this example, each of us come in contact with people who are in danger of spending eternity separated from God. Calling the fire department isn't going to help them in any way. There is only One person who can rescue a lost person from the punishment for their sins. His Name is Jesus Christ. We can call upon Him to work in the hearts of those we know who are not believers and as believers we are ambassadors with a message to share with them.

The prophets were God's ambassadors taking His message to the people. Many times the prophets' message from God was to turn from sin and return to God or face the consequences of God's punishment.

God came to Jonah a second time. God is a God of second chances. When a person sins God doesn't cast them away never to be used for His Kingdom again. Sin hinders a person's service for God but when that person repents of their sin and returns to God, He forgives them and enables them to continue to serve in His Kingdom.

One minute Jonah was at the bottom of the sea sitting in the belly of a fish. Three days later he was expelled from the fish's mouth onto the shore near Nineveh. Jonah may have looked very strange with sea weed wrapped around his head and his clothes and skin discolored. What he looked like didn't matter to him. God had given him a second chance to go to Nineveh and preach to them. He wasn't going to let anything keep him from obeying God's instructions.

Imagine that after Jonah was given a second chance to do what God told him begins moving in the direction of Nineveh as fast as he can. He finds a large city filled with people. As soon as Jonah set foot in the city he proclaimed God's Word, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned."

Jonah obeyed God and gave the people of Nineveh His message; now the results were up to God.



The people of Nineveh heard God's message and believed His Word. The people were distressed by the news they received from God's prophet Jonah. They did not want to be destroyed by God and called everyone to fast. Everyone put on sackcloth to show their grief over the news that God was going to destroy Nineveh.

Even the King of Nineveh heard the news about God's prophet and His message to Nineveh. His reaction is important. He could have been prideful and angry with the message and ordered his servants to have Jonah killed. But the king responded completely opposite of pride. He responded with humility. He took off his royal clothes and put on sackcloth and sat in the dust. He sent out a law to

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We Care and Pray for One Another

HEALTH CONCERNS:

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MILITARY:

Isaac Jackson; Tim Mace

GOD'S BLESSINGS:

We give thanks for the quilts that will be going to the Gospel Rescue Mission and ask for God's blessings on the people receiving them.

CALLED HOME:

We give prayers of sympathy and compassion to the Family and friends of Eleanor Wood, long time member of Ascension, who passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2019. We give prayers of sympathy and compassion to the family and friends of John Bock, relative of Joyce Poulsen, who passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019.

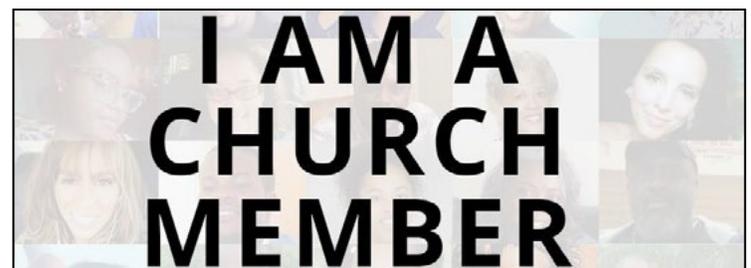
the people of Nineveh, "Everyone cannot eat or drink anything. No animals can eat or drink. Every person and animal must be covered with sackcloth. Call upon God and turn away from your evil ways and violence."

The king of Nineveh was calling upon all the people living in his city to cry out to God and turn from their wickedness. He may have heard of times when God showed compassion on His enemies. He was pleading and hoping for God to turn away His punishment and show His mercy and kindness to them.

The King of Nineveh acknowledged that his people were wicked and violent... something God already knew. The king knew the only hope he and his people had to be delivered from destruction was to call on God to have mercy. God is merciful and full of compassion. God saw what the king of Nineveh and all the people did and how they turned from their wicked ways. He had compassion upon the people and did not bring the destruction upon the city that He had planned to send.

Prayer

God of second chances, have mercy on me. By your Spirit, help me to turn from my wicked ways and acknowledge you. Help me to be your ambassador to those around me in need of Your word. I will do my best and You will do the rest! Amen.



New Member Welcome

Saturday, May 18

Grace Hall (following the Worship Service)

Come visit with our Pastor

Learn about Ascension

and our community of faith

Questions and RSVP, 742-2882



SUMMER CAMP



Ascension Lutheran Church and School are holding camps for ages 3-4 through the preschool and children 5 years-old (by June 1, 2019) through children going into 6th grade in the fall of 2019. Information and registration can be found at the following links:

Preschool (3-4 yo):

<http://ascensiontucson.org/school.html>

Older children:

<http://ascensiontucson.org/summer-camp.html>

Employment opportunities for those that qualify, can be found at:

<http://ascensiontucson.org/camp-employment.html>

Volunteer opportunities are also available at the link shown above.



Praise the Lord!

Giving Thanks for Donors who have adopted keys on our new organ. Thanks to our musicians at the Hymn Sing and general donors, from the original cost \$26,971 bill, we now owe only \$7441.75. You can still become an investor in the music of Ascension. Make a gift in honor of a mother, graduate, or confirmand.



With the help of a Thrivent Action Team grant, 25 pairs of brand new shoes were purchased to supplement the other gently-used shoes, clothing and snacks for the Amnesty Families at St. Mark's Presbyterian. The items were delivered on Thursday, as some ChristCare members served an afternoon shift entertaining the children.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Jubilate)

Isaiah 40:25–31 or Lamentations 3:22–33

1 Peter 2:11–20 or 1 John 3:1–3

John 16:16–22

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. *“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him”* (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. *“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me”* (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. *“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength”* (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. *“And no one will take your joy from you”* (John 16:22).



ChristCare
Group Ministry

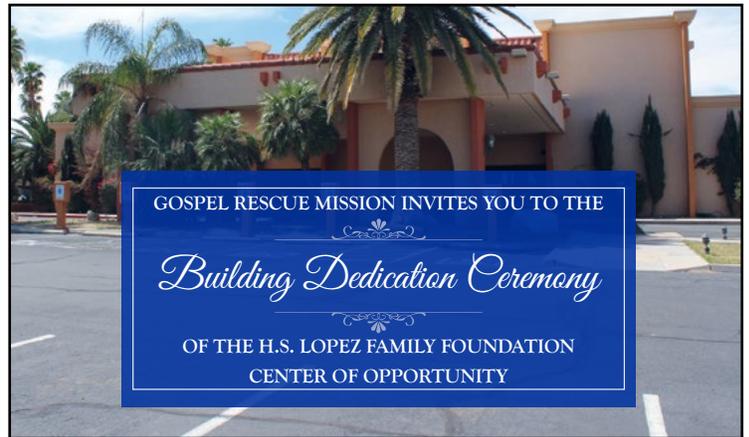
Bourg ChristCare
group meeting
May 19 from 4:30-6:30pm.
Learn the Bible in 24 hours.
6695 W Redhawk Pl,
Marana; 832.515.5232;
bdbourg@gmail.com.

Glow Golf?

Join Callie for a round of indoor glow in the dark mini golf on Saturday, June 1 at Glow Zone. We will meet at Ascension at 12:30pm. The cost is \$10per youth. Please RSVP to Callie at c.baker@alcs-az.org by May 28.



We will also be meeting up with youth from Christ Lutheran in Vail. Let's get to know some fellow Lutheran youth and show them our golf skills. It's bound to be a great time! Friends encouraged and welcome. Permission slips required.



GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION INVITES YOU TO THE

Building Dedication Ceremony

OF THE H.S. LOPEZ FAMILY FOUNDATION
CENTER OF OPPORTUNITY

The long wait is finally over. The Center of Opportunity is finished and ready to begin transforming lives! We hope you will be able to attend our exclusive Building Dedication Ceremony and help us bless this groundbreaking step forward for the homeless and hurting we serve in Tucson. Come and witness what God has made possible thanks to your generous support!

You are cordially invited to attend the

Building Dedication Ceremony

of the

H.S. Lopez Family Foundation
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Saturday • May 18, 2019 • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4550 S. Palo Verde Road • Tucson, AZ 85714



Tours will be available and refreshments will be served.



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Center & Family Diaper Bank
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11A-1P

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• and gently used infant clothing!

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THE FAMILY MOVIE



Join us in the ROC for Movie Mania as we munch on snacks and watch How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World, Saturday, May 25 beginning at 2pm. Feel Free to bring pillows and blankets to get cozy. RSVP to Callie at c.baker@alcs-az.org by May 23.

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