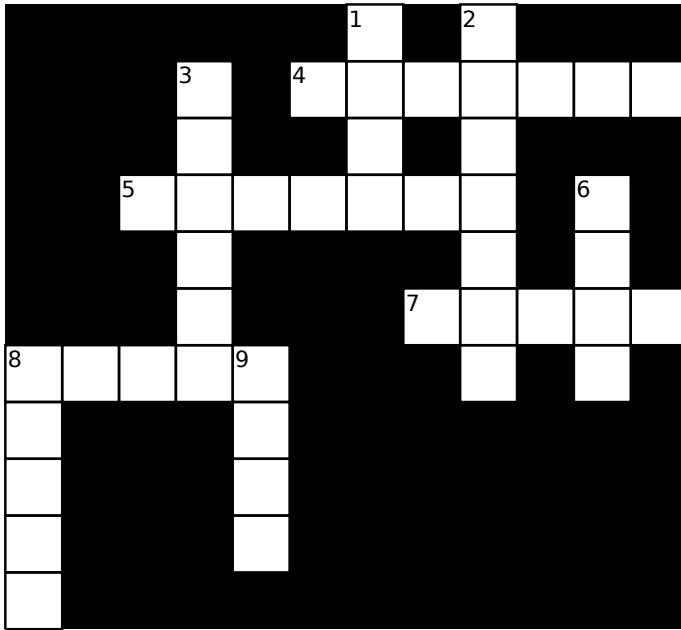


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

FOURTH WEEK OF EPIPHANY

The color for the Fourth Week of Epiphany is green.



Across

- 4 God commanded Jonah to go to _____ to preach.
5 Jonah was a _____.
7 _____ didn't want to go to Nineveh so he tried to run away.
8 Jesus rebuked the _____ and sea, & it became calm.

Down

- 1 God caused a large _____ to swallow Jonah.
2 The people in Nineveh repented so God did not _____ it.
3 The disciples were _____ and woke Jesus.
6 Jesus was in a _____ with His disciples when a storm arose.
8 We don't need to _____ or be afraid because God takes care of us.
9 The disciples said to Jesus, " _____ us, Lord!"

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the "Introit" (Psalm) for the week, which comes after the Confession & Absolution at the beginning of the service. What is it about? Listen to the Gospel Reading. What is it about? Do we need to worry about things or can we trust that God will take care of us?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:23-27

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

23 And when [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Why were the disciples afraid? What was happening?
- 2) What was Jesus doing during the storm?
- 3) What did Jesus say to the disciples after they woke him up? What did Jesus do?
- 4) We don't need to worry or be afraid of things even when things seem scary. Who is always in control of things so that we don't have to worry? Who saved us through our Baptism?

People of the Bible: Jonah

In the Old Testament reading we hear about Jonah. But who was Jonah? Jonah was a prophet and we hear about his ministry in the book of Jonah. God commanded Jonah to go to a town named Nineveh to preach God's Word so the people there would believe in God, but Jonah didn't want to go because he didn't like the people there so he tried to run away by boarding a ship. God caused a great storm on the sea and the people on the ship were afraid the ship would sink. They thought God caused the storm because of Jonah so they threw him off the ship into the sea. God caused a large fish to swallow Jonah, and he lived in the fish for three days and three nights. Jonah prayed to God and asked for mercy. Scripture tells us, "the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land." God then told Jonah again to go to Nineveh, so Jonah went this time and proclaimed God's Word to the people. The people there repented and believed in God. Because of this, God did not bring disaster to the city, but Jonah was angry because he did not like the people in Nineveh and wanted God to destroy it. God explained to him that the people there deserved His mercy too, and He was God who was in control of everything, not Jonah.

Catechism Corner – Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Draw a picture of Jesus in the boat with the disciples during the storm on the sea

