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## Harvest at Home

A food desert is a geographic community where it is difficult to find affordable nutritious food without having a vehicle. There is a movement to help these communities grow their own nutritious food through urban and community gardens. This movement helps communities to recognize the fertile ground beneath them and imagine the potential harvest. The communities become empowered to feed themselves.

This new awareness of unrealized harvests is evident in Luke 9 which precedes this week's gospel. In that chapter, Jesus sends out his initial harvest, the twelve, into the villages, healing and proclaiming the good news (Luke 9:1-2). Upon the twelve's return, Jesus continues to minister to the crowds and instructs his disciples not to send the crowds to find food elsewhere but to provide for the multitudes out of their unrealized harvest (Luke 9:12-17). Chapter 9 concludes with Jesus sharing that the cost of discipleship—that is, the cost of being a laborer—is to let go of everything and follow him.

Though this week's text mirrors sending the twelve, it expands to “seventy others” and continues to expand to the churches of today. Clearly, the challenge of sending out laborers should begin with an internal harvest of sorts and an imaginative recognition that God has already provided.

It wasn't too long ago that we watched with anticipation as our congregation's children journeyed through Sunday school lessons, youth groups, and summer camps. Average growing seasons hampered our ability to adequately evaluate their growth potential. As our children return after their college years, we get to joyfully reflect on their old experiences and celebrate their new experiences as we now recognize what God has produced in our gardens. Reap the fertile ground beneath the congregation and send the laborers out to reap the full harvest throughout the world.

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### **BEFORE WORSHIP**

Our Participation Card has two sides to complete. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2016

*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.*

***Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.***

### Pre-service Music

### Welcome/Worship Instructions

*Stand as you are able.*

### Gathering Music

***Shout to the Lord***

**ELW 821** (red book)

### Greeting

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

☞ Let us pray . . . O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us.

☞ **With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Sit*

### First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

📖 A reading from **Isaiah**:

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup>For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

📖 The word of the Lord.


☞ **Thanks be to God.**



<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, | all you lands;  
be joyful, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory | of God's name;  
sing the glory | of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.


<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows | down before you,  
sings to you, sings | out your name."** 

<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the | works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot,  
and there we re- | joiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>**Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. 

## Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

### A reading from **Galatians:**

<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do

not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

▣ The word of the Lord.

▣ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

▣ The Gospel according to **Luke**.

▣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse,

no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

▢ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### **Children’s Message**

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.*

### **Message**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**

***To Be Your Presence***

**ELW 546** (red book)

*Kneel or sit as you are able.*

### **The Prayers**

▢ Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

▢ Gentle grower, send your church as laborers into your harvest. Make us joyful in sharing the good news of Jesus and make the harvest plentiful. Accompany the leadership of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Sarah; our companion churches throughout the world, Peace Lutheran Church in Sparta, Wesleyan Church in Hickory Corners; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **hear our prayer.**

▢ Creating God, bring about measured and healthy growth in fields and gardens through rain, wind, and sun. Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **hear our prayer**

▢ Holy wisdom, you teach that we reap what we sow. Inspire leaders in our nation and throughout the world to sow the seeds of civility, peace, and goodwill. Protect those who serve in

the military, especially Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Andrew Crumbeck. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**A** Healer of all, we bring before you those in need of your healing presence. Do not be far off, but work your healing in the lives of all in need. We pray especially for *Carol Vos, Al Miller, Jim Burdick, Butch Tossava, Bill Halstead, Chuck and George Ulrich Jr*, Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**A** Holy friend, you call us to bear one another's burdens. Strengthen us in our commitment to the good of this congregation, our neighborhood, and our wider community. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**A** Gracious God, hear the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**A** O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☞ Amen.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Sharing the Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☞ And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)*

*Sit*

**Offering of Gifts & Music**

*Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.*

*Stand as you are able.*

**Offering Song**

*We Are an Offering*

**ELW 692** (red book)

**Offertory Prayer**

**A** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.

**☞ Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**☞ And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

## **☑ We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **☑ It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

☐ Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation everything was whole and well in your praise.

## **☑ When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.**

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death,

**☑ we await that day when all the people of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.**



- ☐ Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
- ☑ **let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.**
- ☐ Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
- ☑ **both now and forever. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation To Communion

- ☐ Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast of the Lord.

#### *Communion at Grace*

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

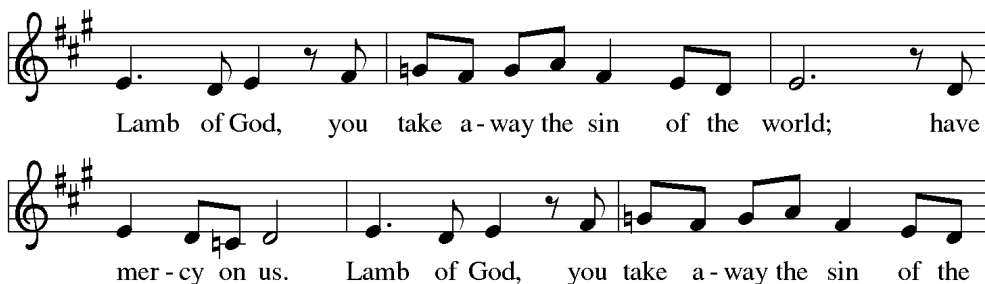
✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

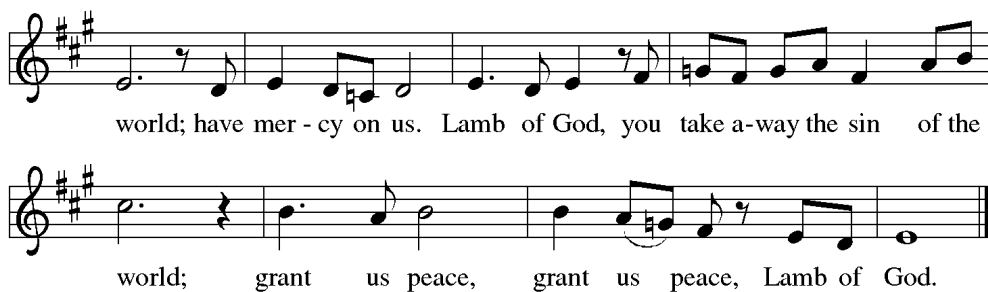
✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

*Sit*

### *Lamb of God*





*Now Behold the Lamb*

**ELW 341** (red book)

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

**ELW 542**

*Here is Bread*

**ELW 483**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray . . . O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

**G** Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Sit*

### **Announcements**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Blessing**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

*All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.*

**Sending Hymn**

*We All Are One in Mission*

**ELW 576** (red book)

### **Sending**

**A** Alleluia. Proclaim the good news.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*We depart for study, service and fellowship.*

## Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 80

Weekly Giving: \$1,944.00

Budget

Amount: \$4,233.32

### Stewardship Committee Calendar

1. Annual meeting ~ July 10

**Handbells/Chimes Ringing** – Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, new ringer basics workshop, 3-4:15 pm  
Practice/dinner 4:15-6:00 pm @ Grace, 6:30-8:00 pm ring at the Courthouse lawn. The July calendar has the wrong date listed, please make the correction.

**One Service Sunday** - July 10<sup>th</sup> is a one service Sunday, with service held at 10:00 am, and the Annual Meeting held at 11:00 am.

**Annual Reports** are available in your mailbox.

**Executive Board Meeting** – Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Pastor's office

**Worship Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room

**Wednesday Prayer Group** – Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. All are encouraged to pray, even if you are unable to attend

**Barry County Cares** is currently in need of items for their Personal/Household items pantry, which depletes quickly. Items requested are: hand lotion, deodorant, razors/shaving cream, shampoo/conditioner, Kleenex, paper towels, dish detergent and laundry detergent. Please remember those less fortunate the next time you do your shopping. Donations can be dropped off in the box next to Pastor Paul's office.

### Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:00am
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Lorie Gladyness	Traci Wales
<b>Cantor</b>	Steve Kaiser	Vickey Argo
<b>Lector</b>	Carl Schoessel	Carla Neil
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jana Bishop	Diane Neeb
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Gavin Patton	Gabe Barnaart
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark/Jana Bishop	Doug/Diane Neeb
	Tom/Cheryl Drumm	Dave Neeb, Ed Domke
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Steve/Peg Kaiser	Eve Wright
<b>Nursery</b>	Chris Bush	Steve & Connor Wales
<b>Chancel Team</b>	Kay Howell	Chris Bush

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, July 10, 2016

<b>Assisting Ministers</b>		Vickey Argo
<b>Cantor</b>		Jack Vos
<b>Lector</b>		Carol Vos
<b>Communion Server</b>		Sandy Mosteller
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>		Emmalee Peck
<b>Ushers</b>		Mark Anton, Gwen Hansen
		Joe Longcor, Sandy Mosteller
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>		Ingrid Morgan, Kristi Winick
<b>Nursery</b>		Cheryl Drumm
<b>Chancel Team</b>	Kay Howell	Chris Bush

### THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>Today, July 3</b>	Worship at 8:00 & 10:00 am
<b>Tuesday, July 5</b>	Executive Committee 5:30 pm
	Worship Committee 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday, July 6</b>	Prayer Group 6:00 pm
<b>Thursday, July 7</b>	VBS staff orientation 6:30-8:30 pm
<b>Saturday, July 9</b>	High School youth group Chicago trip 6:30 am
<b>Sunday, July 10</b>	Worship at 10:00 am only
	Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00 am