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Who to Thank

One of these things is not like the others. Did you ever sing that song when you were small? In our gospel story today, ten lepers are healed but only one turned back to Jesus, praising God. He was not like the others somehow. What did the one man see that the other nine did not? Jesus told them all to go and show themselves to the priests. That was what the law said a leper should do in order to be cleansed and declared clean. While they were on their way, all of them were healed.

We aren't told what happened to the other nine. Perhaps they went on to the priests to give God thanks there and to go through ritual cleansing. That would make sense since Jesus hadn't spoken any particular words of healing. They might have thought the reason for their healing had something to do with the priests, the rituals, and God in Jerusalem. So why did the one leper turn back to Jesus to give God thanks? He seems to be the only one who recognized that the healing power of God came through Jesus and wanted to give God thanks where credit was due—at Jesus' feet.

Jesus points out the other difference—this man was a Samaritan. The people in Samaria had once been Hebrews but over time had intermarried with other cultures and worshiped God on a different mountain than in Jerusalem. Who had the eyes of faith to see God in Jesus? The one who was different.

God sometimes heals in ways we don't expect and aren't looking for. And sometimes God works through those who are different to help us see the power of God. It is indeed right to give God thanks and praise for God's unexpected mercy and grace. Taste and see Jesus present in simple bread and wine—unexpected healing, mercy, and grace.

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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.

21th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 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

Remember and Rejoice

ELW 454 (red book)

Greeting

☐ Blessed be the Holy Trinity; one God; the only sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

☑ Amen.

Prayer of the Day

☐ Let us pray . . . Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation.

☑ **Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading:

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

☐ A reading from **2 Kings:**

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!"

¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I

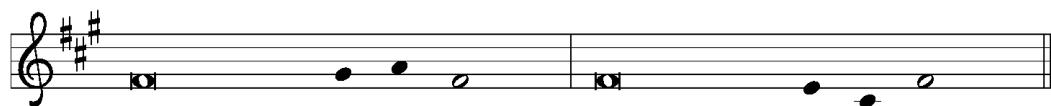
not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

▲ The word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111



I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the
LORD with my whole heart.

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them. R**

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations. R**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise en- | dures forever. R**

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, he reminds Timothy that the word of God is never shackled or confined. He encourages his young friend to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

▣ A reading from **2 Timothy**:

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

▣ The word of the Lord.

▣ Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading:

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

☞ The Gospel according to **Luke**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Message/Children's Church

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

Baptized in Water

ELW 456 (red book)

Kneel or sit as you are able.

The Prayers

☞ Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

☞ O God, we pray for the church on earth. Make us one in spirit wherever we meet and however we worship. Bring power to our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Sarah; our companion churches in Latvia, Honduras and Papua New Guinea, Sudanese Christ Lutheran Church, Seventh Day Adventist in Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ We pray for the health of the life-giving waters of creation. Guard them from misuse and pollution. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ We pray for leaders in our town, our region, our country, and across the globe. Equip them to work for justice for all people. Protect those who serve in the military, especially Myrina Clements, Kayla Pohl, Joshua Wright, Tim Krewson and Tyler Van Houten. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A We pray for those who are sick or in pain, for those who feel unclean in body or spirit, and for all in need of healing. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Greg and Danny Gillons, Wes and Opal Gillons, Al Miller, Gary Burdick and John Burdick*. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this assembly. Send your Spirit to inspire in us words and deeds of healing in our neighborhood and wider community. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

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 Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for the faithful departed, and we wait for the day when we join them in thanks and praise around your heavenly throne. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

☞ 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.

After the usher passes your pew, you are invited to drop your coins in the metal bowl at the front of the nave. These gifts are sent to Barry County Cares.

Stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

God Extends an Invitation

ELW 486 (red book)

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread,

☞ so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

☞ And also with you.

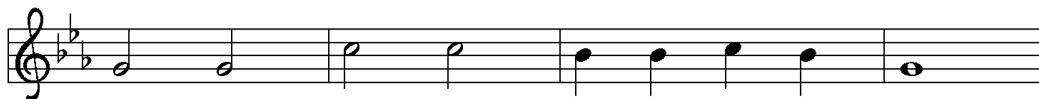
☞ Lift up your hearts.

☞ **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:



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
 Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ Holy God, Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and you fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

☑ **You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.**

☞ 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 life given for us and his rising from the grave,

☑ **we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.**

☞ By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

☑ **strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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:

☐ Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

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



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
 grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Baptized in Water

ELW 456 (red book)

This is the Spirit's Entry Now

ELW 448

Wade in the Water

ELW 459

Stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

☞ Let us pray . . . We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ.

☞ **Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Stand as you are able

Blessing and Sending of CROP Walkers

☞ Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God's blessing as we send these servants on the Barry County CROP Walk. Let us pray... Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

☞ **Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, and especially of those in need. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people.**

☞ Bless those who go out from here to walk for us and on behalf of the poor. Prosper the work of their hands.

☞ **May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people. To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

☐ God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

☑ **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

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453 (red book)

Sending

☐ Go in peace. Remember the poor.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

If you forgot to place your Participation Card in the offering plate, you can still drop it off in the basket outside the sanctuary.

Stewardship Information

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of sugar and canned pasta, ie, spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc. Donations can be placed in the box outside Pastor Paul's office.

Worshippers last week: 109

Weekly Giving: \$4,735.00

Budget

Amount: \$4,226.98

Children at the 10:45 service will be invited to participate in Children's Church after the Children's Sermon. They will return with the leader at the time of the Passing of the Peace.

Noisy Offering is scheduled for today. It falls on the second Sunday of every month.

Women of Faith – Tuesday, **October 11**, 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

GraceGram articles for November are due no later than **October 17**. Please send your articles to parishadmin@grace-hastings.org

Trunk-O-Treat - We are planning a return performance of this important outreach program on **October 31**. Hundreds of children and their parents graciously enter our building, giving us the opportunity to welcome them, give them free gifts, and send them on their way with the blessing of the Body of Christ. We invite you to donate bags and bags of candy so that the kids have a pleasant welcome to our generosity. Bring your donated candy to church and place in the decorated plastic container in the gathering area.

Pasty Sale – Saturday, **November 12**. Sign-up sheet is on the wall outside of Pastor Paul's office, for baked pasties \$7/each, or unbaked pasties \$6/each. There is also a sign-up sheet for helping with the preparation, cutting, making & baking of the pasties. See the sheet for times and dates. Grace is hoping to pre-sell up to 450 pasties this year with the funds going to support Grace youth activities, so tell your friends, tell your neighbors and get those pre-orders in!

Today's Worship Leaders

8:00 am

10:00am

Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Steve Kaiser	Vickey Argo
Lector	Carl Schoessel	Carla Neil
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Jack Barnaart
Usher	Dan/Melissa Patton	Gary/Lisa Golnek
	Gavin & Molly Patton	Joe Longcor, Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Steve/Peg Kaiser	Ingrid Morgan, Kristi Winick
Nursery	Volunteers	Children's Church Eve Wright, Shayna Gibbons
Chancel Team	Jeanette Ulrich	Mary Kleinbrink

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, October 16, 2016

Assisting Ministers	Barry Wood	Phil Poholski
Cantor	Mark Anton	Kate Watson
Lector	Mary Kuhlman	Kristi Winick
Communion Server	Mark Anton	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Katie Pohl	Hope Peck
Usher	Mark Anton	Mark Anton, volunteers
	John Burdick, Kay Marsh	Sandy Mosteller
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom/Cheryl Drum	John/Mary Kleinbrink
Nursery	Volunteers	Children's Church Traci Wales, Kristi Winick
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, October 9

Adult Forum – Parables 9:30 am
 Children's Church 10:45 am
 New Member Class 12:00 pm
 CROP Walk 1:00-4:00 pm
 HS & MS Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm

Monday, October 10

Adult Forum 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 11

Women of Faith 6:30-8:00 pm
 Brothers of Grace 7:00-8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 12

Prayer group 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 19

Clapper Kids 3:45-5:00 pm
 Grace Notes 5:45-7:00 pm