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If there Is a Theme

If any theme is consistent in the New Testament it is this: to know Jesus is to know God.

The mystery of God near us begins in the first books of the Bible. Adam and Eve, barely clad in fig leaves, hear the Lord God, creator of the heavens and the earth, walking in the Garden of Eden in an evening breeze (Gen. 3:8). Jacob, on the way to an uncertain reunion with his cheated brother, Esau, wrestles all night with an unnamed man. At dawn, Jacob says of him, "I have seen God face to face" (Gen. 32:30). Three unexpected visitors appear at Abraham's tent and stay for a dinnertime birth announcement that sets old lady Sarah laughing. One of the visitors was the Lord (Gen. 18:1-15). Moses faced a hidden God in the flames of a burning bush at Horeb (Exod. 3:1-6).

And it goes on like that through the pages of scripture; curious revelations and partial glimpses of God, until . . .

Jesus goes home. There, the way he teaches and the deeds of godlike power at first astound, but then quickly offend, the people. From the moment when a baby cried in a pile of Bethlehem straw and shabby shepherds ran to make known what they had seen, until the moment a withering body, nailed to a cross, cried out one last time and a Roman soldier shuddered with the recognition that "Truly this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15:39), the face of Jesus has scrambled and scandalized all the refined and suitable images of God.

If any theme is consistent in the New Testament it is this: we meet the extraordinary God in the ordinariness of Jesus, whose power is made perfect in weakness, who is the great I AM, always the I-will-be-who-I-will-be God.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 8, 2018

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742 (red book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

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

C **And also with you.**

A As in one body we have many members,

C **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

P Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,

C **I am there among them.**

A Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

C **with humility and gentleness.**

P Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit,

C **in the unity of the Spirit's bond of peace.**

A Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,

C **for mutual upbuilding of the body of Christ**

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A Let us Pray... God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

C **Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

Sit

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

📖 A reading from **Ezekiel**:

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, un -
til you show us your mer - cy.

¹To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy. 📖

³Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

⁴too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,
and of the derision | of the proud. 📖

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

📖 A reading from **2 Corinthians**:

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Refrain

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Refrain

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

☞ 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

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
 sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

☞ Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

☞ Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, St. John Lutheran Church, Rogers City, Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☞ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

☞ The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

☞ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

☞ You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson, Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

☞ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

☞ Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind. Hear us, O God.

☞ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, including *Karl Golnek, Mary Golnek, Larry Hansen, Wendy Eifler, Kira/Jaime/Ryan/Rory/Kim, Dan Anderson, Teresa Burdick, Tim Lowe, John Glasgow, Alex, and Carl Eberhart.* Hear us, O God.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A Be attentive, gracious God, to 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.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

A With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

G **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts and 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.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

C You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- Ⓟ Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
- ☪ **Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.**
- Ⓟ Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
- ☪ **Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.**
- Ⓟ Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
- ☪ **Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.**
- Ⓟ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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. O God of resurrection and new life:
- ☪ **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.**
- Ⓟ Bless this feast.
- ☪ **Grace our table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.**
- Ⓟ Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
- ☪ **We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- Ⓟ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- ☪ **Our Father in heaven, holy 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

- Ⓟ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
- ☪ **Thanks be to God!**

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

Here is Bread

ELW 483

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

G Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

Congregational Announcements

Blessing

P God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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 Song

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 7 & 8

ELW 619 (red book)

Dismissal

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

G Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, July 8	Noisy Offering today Adult Forum between services Folk Music Rehearsal between services 9:30 a.m. Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday, July 9	Community Outreach 12 noon
Tuesday, July 10	Council 6:00 p.m.
Friday, July 13	Bells Rehearsal 3:00 pm Handbells at the Fountain in downtown Hastings 6:15 – 7:30 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Ministers	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Carol Vos	Victoria Steadman
Communion Server	Melissa Patton	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Gavin Patton	Emma Peck
Usher	Dan & Grayson Patton	Joe Longcor, Sandy Mosteller, & Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	John & Mary Kleinbrink

Chancel Team

Chris Bush and Vickey Argo

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, July 15, 2018

Assisting Ministers	Chris Bush	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Kate Watson
Lector	Jack Vos	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyliss Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Grayson Patton	Clyde Watson
Usher	Dan and Gavin Patton	Volunteers
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Melissa Patton	Eve Wright

Chancel Team

Chris Bush and Vickey Argo

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 78 Weekly Giving: **\$3,889.00** Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of refried beans, Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni, Spam canned salmon, corned beef hash, chili-no bean (yes, meat), Miracle Whip, mayo, sugar, shortening, canned frosting, juice boxes.

Interested in being a Shepherd on the Congregational Care Committee?

Please contact Sharon Varkula @ 586-943-0666.

The Grace financial reports for the period ending May 31, 2018 have been posted to the bulletin board outside the Parish office. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.
- Randy Teegardin

Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday, **July 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**

4th annual car show and church service July 29: Remember to mark your calendar for one service at 10:00 AM which will be “under the tent”. Plan to attend the GLC car show beginning at 9 am. This is open to anyone with classic or antique car, truck or motorcycle. After worship an open luncheon will be held from 11:30 to 1:30 PM for car show attendees, spectators and worshipers alike.

Noisy Offering *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 benefit Barry County Cares.*

Folk Music Rehearsal for outdoor worship is meeting today between services at 9:30 am.

Adult Forum – This week we will focus on how God’s grace changes our community. Next week will focus on how God’s grace changes our perspective.

VBS needs – a person with a sports background who loves to play and have fun! If interested, please talk to Pastor Ken about helping Joe Longcor with games. We are also in need of some crafting talent. If that’s up your alley, come show your craftiness.

Carpet Removal and Top Level of Dias – We are thankful that Ed Domke has stepped forward to help lead this project. If you are willing to be helping hands, please speak to Kim or Ed.

Worship schedule is 8:00 am and 10:45 am