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Sight Restored and Renewed

A blind man was making a scene and yelling at Jesus. The crowds tried to quiet him because he was acting out and flouting social customs. The man was a beggar and only supposed to be a spectator, not a participant. That didn't stop the blind man, however; his faith was too strong and his need too great.

Bartimaeus was physically blind, but the crowds could not see either. Bartimaeus was a beggar, living on the streets, and the crowds didn't think he should bother Jesus. But Jesus thought otherwise, and he got the crowds to change their attitudes by having them physically help Bartimaeus and see him as a precious child of God, equally deserving of Jesus' love and healing.

Sometimes we are more like Bartimaeus, in need of healing and eager to follow Jesus. And sometimes we are more like the crowds, at first dismissing those who do not fit into our normal ways of life, but then, through the love of Jesus, seeing that they too are precious, faithful children of God. The amazing thing about this healing is that it involved participation from everyone. Someone from the crowd told Bartimaeus that Jesus was there. Bartimaeus had the courage and faith to ask Jesus for help. Once Jesus became aware of the beggar's need, and the crowd's disdain, he asked the crowd to bring the blind man forward. By involving everyone Jesus was able to restore sight to more than just the beggar.

May we look with restored and renewed sight, seeing those we have previously dismissed because they were different or did not fit our ideas about who is worthy of help, and see them anew as precious, faithful children of God, equally deserving of Christ's love and healing.

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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.

Reformation Sunday

October 28, 2018

Today the church remembers with thanksgiving the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation. We rightly celebrate the Reformation not when we glory in the events of the past, but rather when we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit!" The church is always in need of reform, always in need of dying again in Christ and being raised from the dead, so that it might be truly free. We celebrate our apostolic faith as we grow in the Spirit.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Stand as you are able.

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P The grace of eternal God, the holy and living One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you all.

G **And also with you.**

A Blessed be God,

G **and blessed be the kingdom, now and forever.**

P There is one Body and one Spirit;

G **there is one hope in God's call to us;**

A One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

G **One God of all.**

P Blessed be God who sustains and protects the Holy Church.

G **Blessed be God who guides and confirms us in faith. Amen. Alleluia!**

Hymn of Celebration

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray, Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.

G **Pour out your Holy Spirit on all your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Sit

I

A VOICE OF CELEBRATION

Psalm 118:1, 5-8, 13-16, 19-23, 26-29

☐ A reading from **Psalm 118**.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good. God's mercy endures forever. ⁵In distress I called to the LORD, who answered by setting me free. ⁶The LORD is with me; I shall not fear; what can anyone do to me? ⁷The LORD is with me as my helper; I will look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in mortals.

¹³I was pressed and pressed to the point of falling, but the LORD came to my help. ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation. ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts heroically!"

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

☐ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,
☑ **we give you thanks and praise.**

A RESPONSE OF CELEBRATION

Children's Time

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. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

II

A VOICE OF PRAISE

John 8:31-36

📖 A reading from **John**.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

📖 Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,
🗣️ **we give you thanks and praise.**

A RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Here we come a witnessing,
Among the flowers white!
Here we come proclaiming,
Our Savior is alive.

Peace and joy come to you,
faith and hope and wisdom, too.
And God bless you and give you
Eternal life in Christ.
And God grant you eternal life in Christ.

Stand

Hymn of Praise

Sit

We announce that Jesus Christ
is with us in this place.
We announce that we are
forgiven by God’s grace.

Let the world rejoice and sing!
The darkness is dispersed.
Let the world turn its back
on all that is accursed.

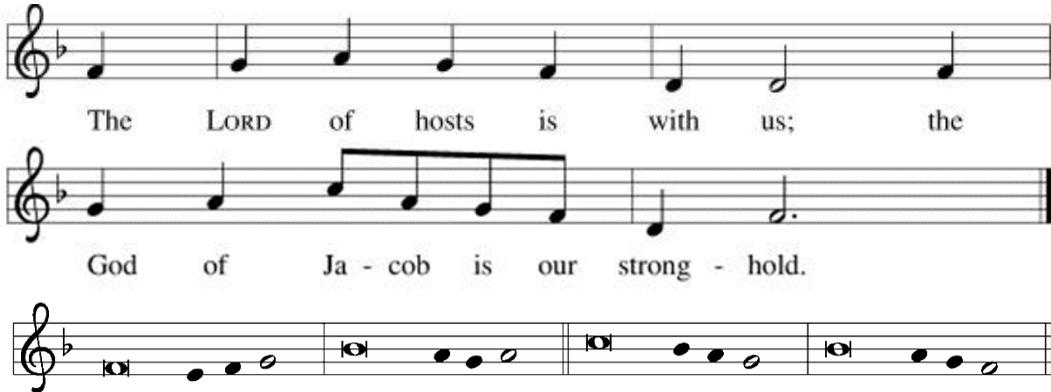
Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

III

A VOICE OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 46:1-10



The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

□ A reading from **Psalm 46**

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

³**though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.**

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. □

⁷**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.” □

A RESPONSE TO **GOD'S WORD**

Be Still And Know

by Janet Martin

Be still and know that I am God,
I plan the pathway that you trod,
I paint the trees that mark the trails
Where fleet deer rests and coyote wails,
I touch the clouds with coral hues
And brush with gold the clear, clear blues,
Then as the night-shades softly fall
I wrap you with a starry shawl

Be still and know that I am God,
I plan the pathway that you trod,
I plan the hills and valleys too,
And promise that I'll see you through
The winds that taunt the shifting sail,
The whispering breeze, the strongest gale,
The storms that toss you where you stand,
I hold them all within My hand

Be still and know that I am God
I plan the pathway that you trod,
I guide the laughing brooks that play
Beneath the weeping willows sway,
I watch the minnows as they race
Within its bubbling, trickling pace,
I ruffle all the fern and flowers
Gracing shores and leafy bowers

Be still and know that I am God,
I plan the pathway that you trod,
I plan the beauty and the pain,
The bright sunshine and driving rain,
Without life's hills you would not see
The blessing I have planned for thee
So as with faith this path you trod,
Be still and know that I AM GOD

Hymn of God's Word

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517

IV

A VOICE OF GUIDANCE

Romans 3:19-28

📖 A reading from **Romans:**

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed;

²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

☒ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,
☑ **we give you thanks and praise.**

A RESPONSE TO **GOD'S GUIDANCE**

Homily

Pastor Ken Scheck II

Hymn of Guidance

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

V

A VOICE OF PEACE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

☒ A reading from **Jeremiah:**

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

☒ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,
☑ **we give you thanks and praise.**

Stand

Hymn of Peace

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Kneel or sit as able.

A RESPONSE TO PEACE AS WE PRAY TO GOD

Prayers

A Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy and faithful God, make your church complete through the redeeming work of Christ, our great high priest. Set us apart for holy action, and reform this world through us. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death, and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Traverse City, Lifegate Community Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Giver of Peace,

G hear our prayer.

A Satisfy the needs of your creation through clean, flowing water, especially in dry and barren places. Bring rainfall in due measure, and let life blossom from it. Giver of Peace,

G hear our prayer.

A Set your compassion in us, and draw our attention to people who are too often neglected. By their leadership, teach us how vast and powerful your mercy is. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Myrina Clements, and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).* Giver of Peace,

G hear our prayer.

A Gather those who are suffering, and make well-being and salvation take root in their lives. Bring hope to those who are sick or suffering in any way today. We pray especially for *Nancy Woltzer, family of Neil Braendle, Dan Anderson, Sally Oleke, Steve Lydy, Shadi Algaha, Kathy Plourde, Cameron Haddix, Tonya Shay, Kalie Triick, Corrina Palmer, Julissa Jaiman, the family of Ryan Rock, Karl Golnek and family, Larry Hansen, Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, Alice Bailey, Teresa (rehab), Wendy Eifler, Miller family, Keith and Carolyn Moffit, Tim Lowe, Colleen Endsley, Ellie Clark, Lexi Markwart, Bill Pontius, Jackie Bailey, Charles Converse, Wes & Opal Gillions, Ted Heath, Audrey Ommen, family of Ross Reed, family of Victoria Steadman, Tim Sullivan and John Glasgow.* Deliver them from their struggles into havens where they can find healing and faithful companionship. Giver of Peace,

G hear our prayer.

A Pour out your Spirit on this assembly through word, water, bread, and wine. Continually reshape us to be a community of welcome for people from near and far. Giver of Peace,

G hear our prayer.

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 Giver of Peace,

G hear our prayer.

A Let your grace be made known through the witness of saints who share your good news (*like*

the apostles Simon and Jude, whom we commemorate today). Increase our faith until your word flows freely from us. Giver of Peace,

☞ hear our prayer.

☞ Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

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

Stand as you are able.

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

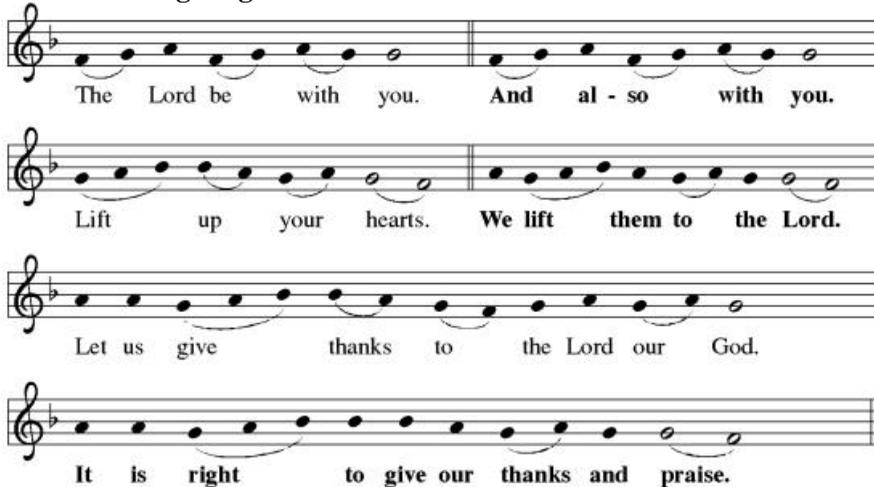
Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . God of every generation, we offer you our songs of praise and thanksgiving.
C We bring you these tokens of our talents and our lives. Help us to use our gifts so that justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen

Sharing the Peace of God

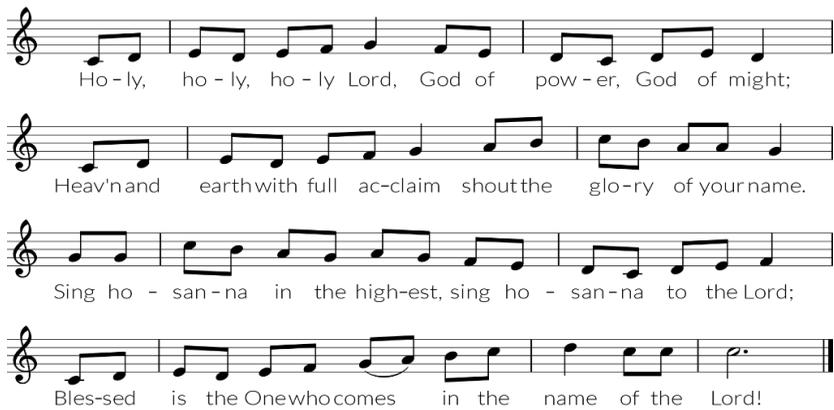
- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.
(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 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, 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-er, God of might;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of your name.
 Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
 Bles-sed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ Holy God, our 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 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; 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- ☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- ☐ Remembering, therefore, Christ's 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.**

- ☐ By this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
- ☑ **Through Christ all glory and honor 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 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

☐ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

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.

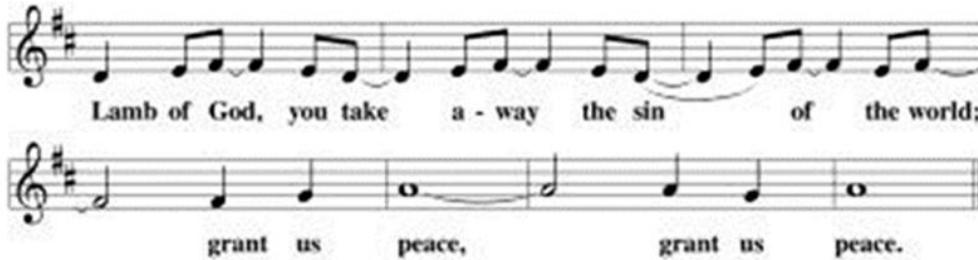
✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **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.

The image displays four staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". Each staff is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first and third staves are identical and contain the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The second and fourth staves are also identical and contain the lyrics: "have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us." The melody is a simple, flowing line with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.



You Are Mine

ELW 581 (red book)

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.
- ☑ **By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be Christ's body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregational announcements

Stand

Blessing

- ☑ God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you all, now and always.
- ☑ **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. **In the weeks to come this will end and be replaced during Children's Time.***

Sending Song

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

Dismissal

- Ⓐ Surrounded by God's people of every time and place, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 28th	Reformation Sunday Worship Services 8:00 and 10:45 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Children's Church 10:45 am
Monday, October 29th	LACS Rehearsal 6:15 – 9:30 pm
Tuesday, October 30th	Youth/Family Mtg 6:30 pm
Wednesday, October 31st	TRUNK OR TREAT 5:30-8:00 pm
Thursday, November 1st	All Saints Day Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm (Pasty) Flour Making 8:30-11:30 am
Friday, November 2nd	(Pasty) Meat Cutting 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, November 3rd	Pasty Sale (shifts all day)

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
Readers	Carl Schoessel, Chris Bush	Hope Peck, Linda Melcher
	Pastor Ken	Pastor Ken
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Emma Peck
Usher	Kay Marsh & Dave Neeb	Mark Anton & Sandy Mosteller
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Lyle & Joyce Proksch	Doug & Diane Neeb
Children's Church		Traci & Kailyn Wales
Table Guild –	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker –	Jeanette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, November 4, 2018

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Vickey Argo
Lector	Carol Vos	Victoria Steadman
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Lance Ogden
Usher	John Burdick & Kay Marsh	Joe Longcor & Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	Eve Wright & Jeanette Markwart
Children's Church		Laura Scheck
Table Guild –	Deb Wilke	
Bread Maker –	Jeanette Markwart	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 76 Weekly Giving: \$4,556.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum we will study how Jesus is recognized as an Old Testament prophet. Next week we study how Jesus is the accused king.

God's Creation Calendars are in. If you ordered, please find yours with your name on it, on the table in the fellowship area. There are a few extras still available...for \$5 each.

The Youth and Family Committee will be meeting October 30th, still at 6:30 pm.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers: Wednesday, October 31st from 5:30-8:00 pm. Sign up on the list posted on the board in the Gathering Room. Volunteers are needed for host "treat rooms", make and serve popcorn and cider, count attendance, and helpers to keep candy bowls filled. Candy donations may be placed in the basket provided by the sign-up board.

Pasty Sale. Flour Making is scheduled from 8:30 am to 11:30 am on Thursday, November 1. Meat Cutting will take place from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, November 2. Pasty Making will take place three shifts on Saturday, November 3; 7:00 am - 10:00 am, 8:00 am – noon and 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please sign-up in the Gathering Space if you can help. Unbaked pasty are \$6.00 for a suggested donation, while baked pasty's are \$7.00 for a suggested donation.

All Saints' Sunday is November 4, 2018. There is a table set up so that you can print the names of those souls, living or dead, who have had the most meaningful impact on your spiritual life. You are also invited to write something special about them to be remembered on All Saints' Sunday.

Come on Everyone . . . Let's Have Some Fun! Members and their families are invited to **Game Night on Saturday, November 10th from 7pm to 9pm.** Please look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Each household is asked to bring a game to play, and a snack to share (if you wish). Beverages will be provided. Also note whether you will need a ride, or would like to provide a ride. Children cannot be dropped off: a parent/guardian must be present. There will be 2-3 adult areas for quiet games, and a designated area for kids/family games (where it may be a little noisier 😊). We are looking into the possibility of providing Child Care for the wee ones so parents can enjoy a little "adult" time; be sure to let Deborah Wilke know if you would utilize this service. This evening will be a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better!

Hastings Area Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at Grace Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome!

New Baby: Kristin Cairns delivered a baby boy weighing 8 pounds! His name is Elijah Loren.