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As a Little Child

Beth gave birth to her son at four in the afternoon. Because of some initial breathing troubles, the baby was whisked away to the intensive care unit while Beth was wheeled to the recovery area. It wasn't until three in the morning that the baby was able to leave the ICU. The nurse brought him to Beth, placed him in her arms and left them alone. There was quiet outside her window except for a trickle of traffic and the sound of hospital employees coming and going with the change of shifts. Just another day beginning.

But Beth knew nothing was ordinary about this day. She smiled at her son, held him close and whispered what felt like a thousand promises to him. He looked up at her with sleepy eyes, seeming to rest on every one of her promises.

Time spent with children teaches us the unwieldy truth that everything we do and say is being observed carefully. They look to us for the answers about how things work, what is right and wrong, how to speak, and how to love. Whether we deserve it or not, they believe in us passionately, unflinchingly.

Jesus' holy heart melted as he looked into the innocent, trusting eyes of the children around him. He loved them, well-behaved or not—we can tell because he told us that how we welcome children shows how we welcome God's own self (Mark 9:37). He was fiercely protective of them—we can tell because he warned us that it would be better to be violently drowned than to knowingly interfere with a child's faith (Mark 9:42). And he knew children have great lessons of faith to teach us—we can tell because he said that we must receive the kingdom of God as a little child in order to enter it (Mark 10:15).

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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.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 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 Hymn

When Love is Found

WOV 749 (blue book)

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

A We cannot live by ourselves.

C **God, be near us and lift us up.**

P You will be God's witnesses

C **to the ends of the earth.**

A Lo, I will be with you always,

C **to the end of time.**

P Let us realize that God embraces us and leads us

C **through the Holy Spirit.**

Hymn of Praise

Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW 841 (red book)



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray, Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another.
- ☞ **Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Sit

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

Ⓛ A reading from **Genesis:**

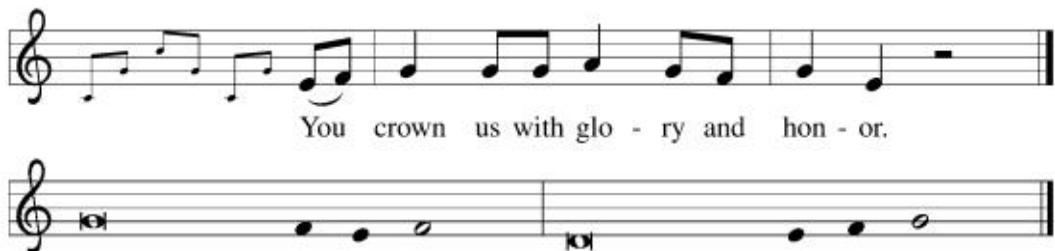
¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Ⓛ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,

☞ **we give you thanks and praise.**



Psalm 8

¹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**

human beings that you should | care for them? 

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;

with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**

you have put all things un- | der their feet:

⁷all | flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**

and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

⁹O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth! 

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

 A reading from **Hebrews:**

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels

as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

☒ Lord God, your Word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ we give you thanks and praise.

Stand

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.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

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

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

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.

Message

Silence for reflection

Song of the Day

Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595 (red book)

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A Freed by God in Christ to live, love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, send your blessing out into the world through missionaries, evangelists, and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all who need it (*as you did through Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, whom we commemorate today*). 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 Saron Lutheran Church of St. Joseph, Hastings Free Methodist Church; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your desire for the health of all creation. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets, stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks) and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).* Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. We pray especially for *. the family of Ryan Rock, Karl Golnek and family, Larry Hansen, Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hansen, Alice Bailey, Teresa (rehab), Wendy Eifler, Cindy Benedict, Miller family, Keith and Carolyn Moffit, Tim Lowe, Colleen Endsley, Ellie Clark, Lexi Markwart, Bill Pontius (Kate Watson's father), and John Glasgow.* Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Bring reconciliation among this community. Heal relationships that are broken. When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. Lord in your mercy,

C **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 Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

☐ Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

☑ Amen.

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

Create in Me

ELW 187 (red book)

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a sharp sign. The second staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The third staff begins with a sharp sign. The fourth staff begins with a sharp sign. The fifth staff begins with a sharp sign. The sixth staff begins with a sharp sign and includes a triplet of eighth notes over the words 'up - hold me'.

Offering Prayer

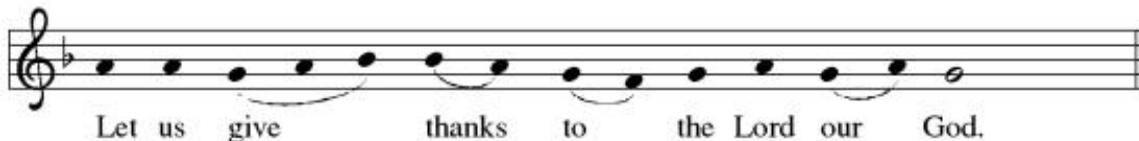
- A** Let us pray . . . God of every generation, we offer you our songs of praise and thanksgiving.
C We bring you these tokens of our talents and our lives. Help us to use our gifts so that justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen

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



- 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, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

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.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW 470

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

Stand

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.**

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

Dismissal

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

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 7	Worship Services 8:00 and 10:45 am Children's Church 10:45 am High School Youth 6:00 pm
Monday, October 8th	Outreach Mtg 4:30 pm
Tuesday, October 9th	Brothers of Grace 7:00 pm Women of Faith – Mallard Pond 1:30 pm Flute Choir 6:00 pm
Thursday, October 4	Clapper Kids 3:45 pm Grace Notes 5:45 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Carol Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Lance Ogden
Usher	John Burdick & Kay Marsh	Doug & Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	Eve Wright & Jeanette Markwart
Children's Church		Doug & Diane Neeb
Table Guild –	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker –	Jeanette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, October 14, 2018

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Mark Anton
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Vickey Argo
Lector	Chris Bush	Sandy Mosteller
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Hope Peck
Usher	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Joe Longcor & Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	John & Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church		Tom & Cheryl Drumm
Table Guild –	Jeanette Ulrich & Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker –	Jeanette Markwart	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 101 Weekly Giving: \$1,614.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Hastings Food Pantry: We received a thank you card noting that in the first quarter of 2018, they served 398 families compared to 333 in 2017. They appreciate your continued support!

Adult Forum will meet at 9:30 am. This week we study a new world coming. Next week there will be a pre-funeral planning class.

Worship and Music Mtg. today after second service. Bring a dish to pass.

High School Youth meet today at 6:00 pm.

Outreach Mtg is tomorrow at 4:30 pm.

Calendars – Orders now being taken for God’s Creation calendars at \$5.00 each. **Order by tomorrow** on the sheet in the Gathering Area. Payments can be made during office hours or placed in Wendy’s mailbox with all information.

Brothers of Grace meets this Tuesday at 7 pm.

Women of Faith will meet this Tuesday at 1:30 pm. They gather at Mallard Pond.

Noisy Offering to benefit Barry county Cares will be collected next Sunday.

Funeral or Memorial Class will be held next Sunday during the 9:30 am hour.

Bells Ring Next Sunday we hear the beautiful sounds of two wonderful bell choirs. The Clapper Kids and Grace Notes will play to the glory of God.

CROP Hunger Walk –Sunday, October 14: Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We’ll start and end at EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL 315 W Center St, Hastings. Registration starts at 1:30 and the Walk starts at 2:00. See SIGN UP BOARD or Kim Domke for more information and how to walk or donate to CROP.

Social Activities Mtg will meet Monday, October 15th at 6:00 pm.

A big “Thank You” to everyone who supported the Sunday Brunch last week – both those who contributed food items and those who left a freewill offering to support Family Promise of Barry County. A total of \$401 was received which will be forwarded to Family Promise.