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Close-by Jesus

The lepers kept their distance. They kept their distance from Jesus as they shouted to him their pleas for mercy. They are not the only lepers we find in the story of Jesus.

Matthew 8 begins with a leper coming near to Jesus and kneeling before him to ask for healing, which comes at the touch of Jesus' hand. In Mark 14 we hear that Jesus is eating at the house of Simon the leper. Lepers do not always keep their distance from Jesus, but these ten did. What keeps them from getting too close to Jesus?

There is a running joke in some congregations that Lutherans do not sit in the first several rows of the worship space. We may seek the front-row seats at concerts, sporting events, and elementary school award ceremonies. We like to be close to the action. Yet, when the action is the word of God read and proclaimed or holy communion broken and shared, we sometimes find a way to keep our distance. We do not occupy those prime seats.

Closeness implies intimacy. Is there something we fear about being too close to Jesus?

All of the lepers are healed as they go on their way. Nine of them continue to keep their distance from Jesus. Only one returns, doing everything *but* keep his distance. Falling on the ground at Jesus' feet, the leper is full of praise that Jesus chose to heal, to come near, when the leper was distant. Though we may try to keep our distance from Jesus, Jesus does not keep his distance from us.

Like the ten, we, too, cry out for mercy in the Kyrie. With the one, we then sing praise to the close-by Jesus, the Jesus who comes near to us in the water of the font, in the sharing of the peace, and in the breaking of the bread.

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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.

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 13, 2019

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 *Holy Spirit, Breath of God* *Grace Notes (8:00)* **Linda Lamb**
This is My Father's World *Clapper Kids (10:45)* **arr. Kimball**

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Music *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **ELW 858 (red book)**

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- P** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

- A** We come to worship the One who brings us together.
- C** **Bind us together in love, Lord God.**

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Refrain



2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation.
- C** **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
Special Music *Here I Am Lord* *Grace Notes* **arr. Sherman**

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.

L A reading from **2 Kings**:

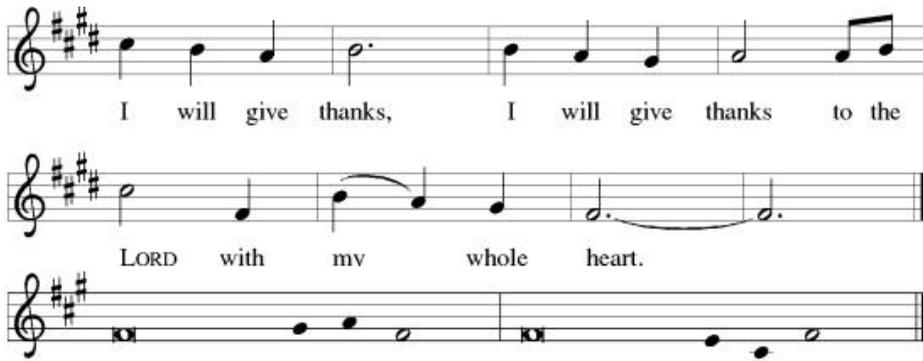
¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, 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."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 111

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. ☩**

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. ☩**

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. ☩**

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.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW 617

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayer

A Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A O God, you promise your church: if we die with you, we will also live with you; if we endure, we will also reign with you; even when we are faithless, you remain faithful. Strengthen us to believe your gracious promises. Guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, Peace Lutheran Church of Holland, McCallum United Brethren of Delton, Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Bind us together, O God.

G Hear our prayers raised to you.

A Great are your works, O Lord, and we delight in the wonder and majesty of creation. As the earth brings forth its fruit, renew your creation so that all creatures are sustained and nourished. Bind us together, O God.

G Hear our prayers raised to you.

A The heritage of nations belongs to you and your Spirit fills the earth. Bless presidents, prime ministers and chancellors; lawmakers, judges, governors, and county officials, so that they reflect your faithfulness and uprightness in their work for the people. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Zack Green (Mikolajczyk), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks), Brandon and Stevi Kay Miller (McManaway), Brady Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).* Bind us together, O God.

G Hear our prayers raised to you.

Ⓐ You wash us and we are made clean. In your compassion, immerse all who are sick and suffering in your care. Heal us, even when there may be no cure, and give us thankful hearts. including *family of Gordy Arkens, Betty Barnaart, Irene Corr, family of David Brown, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Cathy Hallax, Delmer Hansen, David Hills, Mike Hoppe, Moffitt family, Miller family, family of Ray Ossiff, Corrina Palmer, family of Mary Rider, George Ulrich, Jr., Landyn Vepez, Lynnze, and safe and successful CROP Walk.*

Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ God of all generations, we praise you and thank you for children of all ages. From those who are days old to our oldest member here at Grace of 100 years old. We ask your guidance as we seek a Youth and Family Committee chair. Help us be open to your direction. Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ You called a people to be your own and yet you have shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that, like you, we welcome the stranger in our midst. Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓐ 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.

Ⓐ With love and thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in you (*especially*). Give us certainty to trust the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. Bind us together, O God.

☞ **Hear our prayers raised to you.**

Ⓟ Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

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.

(We raise up praise and thanksgiving for the gifts offered in this bowl today serving the needs of Barry County.)

Allegro

Grace Notes (8 am)

K. Danchik

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Clapper Kids (10:45 am)

arr. Kimball

Arise in body or spirit

Offertory

Let the Vineyards



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,



that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,



and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ** Let us pray . . . God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it.
- ☑** Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Sharing the Peace of God

- Ⓟ** The peace of Christ be with you.
- ☑** And also with you.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

☐ 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 our 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 the 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Table 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.

Remembering, Christ's life given for us and rising from the grave,

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

☐ By your Holy Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

☑ **Strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make us the body of your Son.**

☐ All glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the word 'Amen' with lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a -' below it. A red square with a white 'C' is positioned at the start of the first note. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'men, a - men, a - men.' below it. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with some rests and slurs.

Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

☑ **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

- ☐ Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.
- ☑ **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.

Lamb of God

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

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW 592

O Christ, the Healer, we have Come

ELW 610

Sending of Communion *(only if needed)*

- Ⓐ Gracious God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, you give new life through bread and wine: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed.
- ☒ **Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- ☐ Be strengthened with the power of God, ✠ the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

Dismissal

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Students and adults are invited to come up for a closer look and the bells & chimes during the final song. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed.*

Spirit Lake

John Dare

Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 13	Worship Services at 8 am and 10:45 am Adult and Youth Bell Choirs perform (both services) CROP Walk 1:30 pm (Middleville)
Monday, October 14	Outreach Committee Mtg 4:30 pm
Tuesday, October 15	Women of Faith Mtg 1:30 pm (Mallard Pond) Flute Choir 7 pm
Thursday, October 17	Clapper Kids 3:45 Grace Notes 5:45

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Emma Peck	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
Lector	Jack Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Jan Schreiner	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Lance Ogden
Usher	Mark Anton/Volunteer	Mark Anton/Sandy Mosteller
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack / Carol Vos	John/ Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church	~	Laura Scheck
Table Guild	Jeanette Ulrich and Mary Kleinbrink	
Bread Maker	Jeanette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, October 20, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Kate Watson
Lector	John Burdick	Kristi Winick
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Phyliss Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Lexie Watson
Usher	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Ed and Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Tom & Cheryl Drumm	Doug Neeb
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Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 74 **Weekly Giving: \$5,071.00** Budget Amount: \$4,617.93

Adult Forum gathers today we study the impact of the ELCA in our shared gifts with the world.

We are blessed to have the **Bell Choirs** today in both services.

Crop Walk Today at the Middleville United Methodist Church. Information at crophungerwalk.org/hastingsmi. Team is "Grace Lutheran Hastings".

PASTIES ARE COMING! Pre order your pasties on the order sheets in the Gathering area; baked are \$7.00 each and unbaked are \$6.00 each. If you know anyone who would like to order, have them call the office at 945-9414 and speak to Wendy.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Kristi Winick. Kristi is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.953.6638.

Reformation Hymn Sing Rejoicing As One Voice will be on October 27th here at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:00 pm.

Trunk-or-Treat: Thursday, Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted in the gathering area for volunteers to serve as treat station hosts, popcorn & cider servers, greeters, and general help. **Candy donations** may be placed in the basket provided underneath the sign-up sheet.

Books-for-Kids is a new outreach project sponsored by our Outreach Committee. Thank you for your generous response. We only need \$41.00 to make our goal to purchase an age-appropriate book for needy students in Shayna Gibbons classroom. Contributions should be marked "Books for Kids".

Turkeyville Hayride, Corn Maze, Haunted Highway and more! Our Middle School youth are invited to have some fun at Turkeyville, USA on Sunday, Oct. 20. We'll meet at the church at 1:30 PM and plan to return around 5:30 PM. Cost is only \$5.00 per student. Questions? Speak to Pr. Mike Kemper or Jane Secor.

Grace needs a **chairperson to lead the Youth and Family Committee**. This committee is responsible for nurturing the Christian spirit of our children and youth, together with their families, and helps provide faith-related activities to engage youth in what interests them. The committee coordinates youth group activities, Children's Church, and Vacation Bible School, and works with other committees to promote youth and family participation in the full life of Grace Lutheran. Please pray for this need. If you are feeling called to this ministry, as a chairperson or a committee member, please contact Pastor Ken, Chris Bush, or Angela Pruitt.

The Safety Team thanks all who filled out the survey relating to safety & security here at Grace. If you would like to fill out a survey, just ask an usher or a member of the church administration and they would be happy to get you one.