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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Let us celebrate God's presence among us at all times. We know the unique gift we have of God meeting our every need. Let us give praise to our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Gathering Music

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Greeting

Please rise in body or spirit. The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- ☐ The love of our Creator, revealed by Christ Jesus our Lord and sustained through the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Gathering Song

Gather Us In

ELW 532

Opening Sentences

- ☐ Come, let us celebrate, let us rejoice, let us give God the glory!
- ☑ **For the Lord our God reigns, Alleluia!**

- ☐ All nations come and worship you, Holy God.
- ☑ **Holy, holy, holy God, you are the beginning, the present and all that is to come.**

- ☐ All colors and races give hearty praise!
- ☑ **Let us share your love with all. Amen**

Song of Praise

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Let us pray.... O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.
- ☑ **Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

☒ A reading from **Amos**.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

📖 A reading from **1 Timothy**.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights

of your ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it
 of your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the

deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness—
 dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.

that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
 And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by

acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your
 church is built, and the earth is filled with your

glo - ry.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to **Luke**.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Time

Message

*Silence for reflection. After reflection,
Arise in body or in spirit to sing the hymn.*

Song of the Day

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Prayers

You may sit or kneel for prayer. The prayer response after each petition is, **God of grace.** The assembly prays, **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence

- Ⓐ O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. Guide and watch over *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Zion Lutheran Church, Saginaw; Parmalee United Methodist Church, Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God of grace.

☒ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace.

☒ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. Be with those who safeguard the world, *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), and Seth Domke (Domke).* God of grace.

☒ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill *especially Jenny Anderson, Veronica Baarson, Greg Benda, Marc Benda, Matt Bolton, Walter Brown, Keith Busheé, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, The family of Delores Gauthier (died only 5 months after discovery of colon cancer), Jeff and Sue Gibbons, The family of Lorie Gladyness, Karl Golnek, Charlene Hall, Gail Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe, Norma Ludlow, Alexis Markwart, Mattea Markwart, Doug Mephem, Terri Neeb, Peace for students dealing with anger, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Susie Smith, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Lindsay Varkula (pregnancy) and Cheryl Wilke.* Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace.

☒ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- Ⓐ Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace.

- Ⓒ **Receive our prayer.**

- Ⓐ Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- Ⓒ **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

- Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you.

- Ⓒ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

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**

Thanksgiving Prayer

- Ⓐ Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

- Ⓒ **We praise you, O God.**

- Ⓐ Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

- Ⓒ **It is right to give our thanks and praise. We bless you, O God.**

☐ We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

☑ **We thank you, O God.**

☐ 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 that Jesus is among us.

☑ **Amen. Remembering love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

☑ **Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray how Jesus first 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.**

We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Communion Songs

Blest Are They

ELW 793

Come to the Table

ELW 481

By Your Hand, You Feed Your People

ELW 469

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

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

Dismissal

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

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton
Lector – Jamie Heise
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo
Lector – Carol Vos
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II
Fellowship – Paul Kuhlman

GraceGram Email List If you would like to receive your GraceGram via email instead of a printed copy, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area, call the church office, or email Brenda at parishadmin@grace-hastings.org. We are starting a new email list from scratch as there have been many email changes since the list was first compiled. We will start emailing GraceGrams with the upcoming October edition.

Prayer requests can be written down on the podium as you enter the sanctuary. It is located near the bookshelf. When you write your request, the assisting minister will add it to the prayers.

Optical Illusions

Have you ever seen one of those pictures that changes depending on how you look at it? Is it a rabbit or a duck? Is it a vase or two faces looking at one another? A young woman or an old one? Sometimes our first impression of something gets in the way of us seeing it another way.

In the parable Jesus tells today, there is a man with wealth and influence who has always seen his life as a success. That success seems all the more pronounced in contrast to a poor, sick beggar who is always hanging around the entrance to his house. But when the rich man dies, he realizes that his life was actually the opposite of what he thought. It was not his possessions or status that mattered; it was the justice and love he showed to others. When it came to those things, he was far more impoverished and much sicker than the man he looked down on every day.

When we look at our own lives, it can be easy to get stuck in just one way of seeing them. If we focus on worldly standards, we may judge ourselves as successes or failures in ways that are out of touch with how God sees us. With this parable, Jesus calls us to new ways of looking at ourselves. Where are we missing the opportunities right outside our front door to act with love and justice for our siblings near and far?

In Christian worship, we gather to practice the way our lives and our world appear to God. We lift up the cries that have gone unheard. We look at one another and ourselves through the redemptive waters of baptism. We feed one another around the table that Christ sets for us all in our common need. As witnesses to God's truth, we send one another forth to shatter misguided illusions in the world around us.

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If you have any announcements, events, projects, or community activities, that need to be included in the bulletin, please send them to parishadmin@grace-hastings.org by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays. Having your contributions by then means the bulletin can be printed in a timely manner. Sharing as much detail as possible helps ensure your announcement is complete. Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Replace, Repair, Renew Campaign. As you can tell by the above numbers, we have paid off all of these items. Now we enter into the Renewal phase of the campaign which has a goal of raising \$4842.00 toward a new HVAC system for the Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your continued generosity.

Books for Kids Thank you to all for your donations to our Books for Kids campaign. We had another successful year and collected \$500.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 60	Views: 144
Weekly Giving: \$1,422.00	Budget Amount: \$4,301.04
Renew Campaign Needed \$2,842.00	
Renew Campaign Received \$ <u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL Outstanding \$2,842.00	

Welcome to worship today! We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship the ONE who first loved us, so that we can share love with others.

Christ in Our Home, Portals of Prayer and The Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December are available in the Gathering Area.

Worship Committee meets today after the 10:45 worship service.

Blood Drive at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on **Tuesday, October 4. 2:00-6:00 pm.**

Turkeyville Trip is October 8 for those who have signed up. There is 1 ticket available.

Disability Learning Day will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 9:30-3:30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Portage. For more information, please see the flyer in the Gathering Area.

Heritage Sunday on Sunday, October 30. We will be gathering together for a combined 10:00 service celebrating Reformation Sunday. There will be a meal directly following the service where you are encouraged to bring a dish to share you feel represents your heritage. Come join the fun!

Trunk-or-Treat Save the date for Trunk-or-Treat Monday, October 31st. We look forward to having lots of fun. If you see a good sale on candy, we are accepting donations. Thank you.

Called to the Church Triumphant Seminarian Lorie Gladyness

As many of you know, Lorie battled cancer. Lorie was able to have Marilyn and her brother Jim be with her. If you would like to send your condolences, please send them to Marilyn Curtis (Lorie's mom) at:

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