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Seventeenth 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 the Holy Trinity.

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.

- P** Grace be with you from the Holy Trinity; our true God, who comes to us with the love of a parent, redeemer, and upholder.
- C** **And also with you.**

Gathering Song

God Is Here

ELW 526

Opening Sentences

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

- A** All nations come and worship you, Holy God.
- C** **Holy, holy, holy God, you are the beginning, the present and all that is to come.**
- P** All colors and races give hearty praise!
- C** **Let us share your love with all. Amen**

Song of Praise

God Alone be Praised

ACS 1023



- 1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
- 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek - ing ref - uge, ex - iles
- 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us pray.... Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us.
G **When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

L A reading from **Habakkuk**.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-9

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**²For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

**⁴Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

**⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

☒ A reading from **2 Timothy**.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

☒ 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 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

☐ 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

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

☐ We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel *especially Bishops Elizabeth*

and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Faith Lutheran Church, Sidney; Peace Church, Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken. God of grace.

☞ Receive our prayer.

Ⓐ For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace.

☞ Receive our prayer.

Ⓐ For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. 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.

Ⓐ For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick *especially Jenny Anderson, Frances Ann, Veronica Baarson, Greg Benda, Marc Benda, Walter Brown, Keith Busheé, John Charles, Cherie Clements, Bob & Bonnie Ehredt, Mike Fruth, Greg Franks, Jeff and Sue Gibbons, Karl Golnek, Amanda Haddix (pregnancy), Charlene Hall, Gail Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mike Hoppe, Norma Ludlow, Alexis Markwart, Doug Mephem, Terri Neeb, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Susie Smith, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Lindsay Varkula (pregnancy), Cheryl Wilke and Brody*. God of grace.

☞ Receive our prayer.

Ⓐ For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ⓐ In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. 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

- Ⓟ 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

<i>We Walk By Faith</i>	ELW 635
<i>O, Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	ELW 818
<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>	ELW 616

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
- G** Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit.

Blessing

- P** Be strengthened with the power of God, † the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

Sending Song

God Be with You till We Meet Again

ELW 536

Dismissal

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

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Chris Bush
Lector – Dave Neeb
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II
Fellowship – Jamie Heise

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Traci Wales
Lector – Joe Longcor
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II
Fellowship – Jeanette Markwart

Less Is More

“Increase our faith!” cry the disciples in today’s gospel (Luke 17:5). Maybe you have come to worship with the same hope. Our world and lives are full of challenges that constantly test our limits—the limits of our patience, our love, our hope, our capacity for justice and mercy. Wouldn’t it be nice to have as much of those things as possible? Wouldn’t that allow us to fix this broken world?

But Jesus’ response is exactly the opposite—when it comes to faith, he tells his disciples to think small—like the size of a minuscule mustard seed. While that may not sound like enough, it will be if we can let go of thinking we are in control. The power of faith, Jesus tells us, does not come from the quantity we possess; it comes from placing our trust in the one who possesses everything.

If our trust shifts from God to ourselves, no amount of faith will ever be enough. God did not make us to be masters, so when we place ourselves in that position, anxiety and overwhelm are sure to follow. Instead, Christ calls us to be servants of an abundance that we will never possess or control. This is the abundance of God’s kingdom—where faith, hope, and love exist without limit. Even the smallest amount of trust in this abundance is enough because it pins our hearts and hopes on the one who is truly in control.

The things this assembly of faith-seekers will offer one another today are small, but with just a mustard seed of faith they can be so much more. Here, simple human words can become the vessels of the divine Word, bringing healing and transformation to our lives. Here, drops of water can wash away sins and create heirs to God’s kingdom. Here, bread and wine can become the food that offers us life everlasting through Christ’s victory over death.

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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 I n 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.

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.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 52	Views: 164
Weekly Giving: \$1,237.00	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 have all we need to be faithful followers.

Pasty Sale The 2022 Fall Pasty Sale is coming up. Please place your orders by Thursday, November 3rd with pickup on Saturday, November 12th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Call 269.945.9414 to place your or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Just a reminder that pasties are \$7.00 for unbaked, and \$8.00 for baked. There is a limit of 156 unbaked and 144 for baked this time.

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.

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

The Executive Committee Meeting has been changed to tomorrow, October 3, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.