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Eighteenth 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.

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

Gathering Song

Ten Thousand Reasons

ACS 1097

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand



Refrain
sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

Opening Sentences

- Come, let us be filled by the Holy Spirit.
- For the Lord gives us strength when we are weak in faith.**
- When we are cold in love,
- Warm us with fervor so we may love our neighbors.**
- God's bountiful goodness fills all creation.
- Let all colors and races give God hearty praise. Amen**



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.... 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.**

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.

☒ 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."

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **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.

**²Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

**⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

**⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

**⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged 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**.

Remember 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.**

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 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy 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.**

Children's Time

Message

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

Song of the Day

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

Prayers

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

☞ In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence

☞ Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all, *especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Roseanne, our synod companion Peace Lutheran Church, South Haven; Peace United Methodist Church, Nashville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God of grace.

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

A Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. God of grace.

G **Receive our prayer.**

A Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. 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.

G **Receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer *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.

G **Receive our prayer.**

A Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick. Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. God of grace.

G **Receive our prayer.**

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you.

G **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

- Ⓟ Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

We Partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Communion Songs

As the Grains of Wheat
I Received the Living God
Morning Has Broken

ELW 465
ELW 477
ELW 556

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
- ☒ **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

- Ⓟ God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
- ☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Dismissal

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton
Lector – Dave Neeb
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II

10:45 am

Assisting Minister – Vickey Argo
Lector – Sandy Mosteller
Cantor – Cindy Olson
Musician – Cindy Olson
Pastor – Ken Scheck II
Fellowship – Freedlund Family

Returning with Gratitude

What are you grateful for today? As you prepare for worship, take a moment to be present in this space. Breathe deep. Even if everything seems familiar to you, try to observe your surroundings in a fresh way. Who is gathered with you? What sounds do you hear? As you settle in, ask yourself: Why am I here? What brings me back to this place and this community?

In today's gospel, Jesus meets ten people suffering from leprosy—a disease that required them to live cut off from the rest of society. Jesus tells them to go to the religious leaders to be examined for cleanliness, and along the way they are healed. One can only imagine the relief and joy that overcame this group as they experienced the restoration not just of their health but of their places in community. Yet, for one of these people something more happened: he not only experienced joy, but he felt compelled to return to Jesus, fall at his feet, and thank him.

At the center of the worshiping community is Christ, who offers healing to all who gather. Through the proclamation of God's love, Christ speaks words that restore our lives. In the waters of baptism, Christ offers us a new future in a community of his disciples. Around the table, Christ gives us his body and blood to strengthen us and renew us for the work of discipleship we will face in the week ahead.

But today's gospel reminds us that the healing we come to receive is only half the equation. Christ also longs for us not to grow complacent with the gift of God's grace. Rather, in every moment of healing, Christ hopes to fill our hearts with a gratitude that will draw us into deeper and deeper relationship with him. Let your worship today be like that of the man in the gospel, an act of worship and gratitude for all that Christ has already done.

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CROP WALK – TODAY! Don't forget the CROP Walk is today. Registration begins at 1:30 with the walk beginning promptly at 2:00. We hope to see you there.

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.

Stewardship Information

Attendance: 62

Views: 172

Weekly Giving: \$3405.00

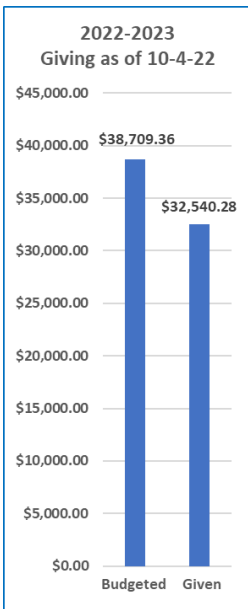
Budget Amount: \$4,301.04

September Online Giving \$2,603.00

Renew Campaign Needed \$2,842.00

Renew Campaign Received \$ 442.00

TOTAL Outstanding \$2,400.00



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.

Pasty Sale CHANGE OF DATE Please place your orders by Thursday, November 10th with pickup on Saturday, November 19th 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.

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.

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.

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.