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Tenth 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.

Gathering Songs

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more,
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Do, Lord, Oh Do, Lord

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
Look a-way be-yond the blue.

I took Jesus as my savior, you take him, too.
I took Jesus as my savior, you take him, too.
I took Jesus as my savior, you take him, too.
While he's calling you.²⁰¹

Do Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do you remember me?
Do Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do you remember me?
Do Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do you remember me?
Look a-way be-yond the blue.

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Each phrase is sung by the leader and repeated by the congregation.

In the Name of the Father

In the name of the Father,
in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Spirit,
the three in one.

Song of Praise

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to earth
To show the way.
From the Earth to the cross,
My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray.... Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.
- ☑ **Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

Go Rest High on that Mountain

Vince Gill
Colton Ranguette, Solo

📖 A reading from **2 Kings**.

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

☒ A reading from **Ephesians**.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

- 1) Al-le-u-ia, al-le-u-ia, al- le - u-ia, al-le -u - ia;
Al-le-u-ia, al-le-u-ia, al-le - u-ia, al-le -u - ia.

- 2) Jesus is Lord, al-le-u-ia, Jesus is Lord, al-le - u - ia;
Jesus is Lord, al-le-u-ia, Jesus is Lord, al-le - u - ia;

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 Praise to you, O Christ.

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. After reflection,



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat - tered	and grown,



wom - an	or man,	no more.
one in the	Lord	of all.
gath - ered	to one	for all.

Prayers

We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **Hear us, O God.** The assembly prays, **Your mercy is great.**

Ⓐ One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.
A brief silence

Ⓐ God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. We lift up *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrisy and David, our synod companions Faith Lutheran Church, Sidney; Woodgrove Brethren Christian Church, Woodland; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

A God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

A God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. Be with those who safeguard the world, *especially Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkulas), Julia Ehredt (Schrieners, Halsteads), Seth Domke (Domke), and Nathen Schick (Markwart).* Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

A God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering *especially Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Dennis Baarson, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Lucy Bryant, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Magdalena Garcia, Opal Gillons, Lisa Golnek, Caitlyn Habben (pregnancy), Ruth Hill, Joy Jenks, Ed Markwart, Dawn McElgunn, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, Corinna Palmer, Shirley Peterson, Patty Renne, Jennifer Rohr, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Mike Shoemaker, Ron Smith, John Surratt, Deb Talsma, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson.* Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

A God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made know, and your lovingkindness shared anew.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Offering Song

Create in Me

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you;
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be re-newed.
So fill me, and heal me, and bring me back to you.
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for the blessing of your presence.
- ☞ **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that our lives may reflect your generosity, through Christ Jesus our 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.)

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 forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

- Ⓟ 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

C **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

P God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Songs

Now Behold the Lamb



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Oh Happy Day

Refrain:

Oh, happy day, (oh, happy day)
oh, happy day, (oh, happy day)
when Jesus washed,
oh, when he washed,
when Jesus washed,
he washed my sins away (oh, happy day)
Aw happy day.
(oh, happy day)
(Repeat Refrain, then sing Verse)

Verse

He taught me how ---- to watch ----
watch and pray ---- watch and pray,
and live re-joy ---- cing ev'ry day,
ev'ry day ---- ev'ry day.

Sing Refrain once, sing Verse, end with
Oh, happy day!

Prayer after Communion

- Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- ☞ **Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

- ☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sending Song

I'll Fly Away

- 1) Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly a-way;
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly a-way; **(Refrain)**
- 2) When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly a-way;
like a bird from prison bars have flown, I'll fly a-way. **(Refrain)**
- 3) Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly a-way;
to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly way. **(Refrain)**

Refrain:

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly a-way;
when I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly a-way.

Dismissal

- ☞ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for our meal

Assisting Minister – Paul Kuhlman

Lector – Phil Poholski

Musicians –

- **Cindy Olson, Kristi Winick, and Carla Neil – Piano**
- **Mary Kuhlman, Curt Johnson – Guitar**
- **Carla Neil, Beth Lepek – Violin**
- **Tom Kuhs – Saxophone**
- **Cindy Olson – Flute**

Soloist – Colton Ranguette

Pastor – Ken Scheck II

Will There Be Enough?

“Will there be enough?” This is perhaps a question as old as humanity itself. Will there be enough money? Enough food? Enough time? It’s a question that threatens to consume our faith communities. Will there be enough volunteers? Enough preachers? Enough money in the offering plate? Enough people in the pews? Will there be enough donations or energy or creativity to carry us through?

We aren’t alone in these fears. The disciples asked the same of Jesus. “Will there be enough to eat?” Surely, a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish could never feed this crowd. Better to send the people away to fend for themselves.

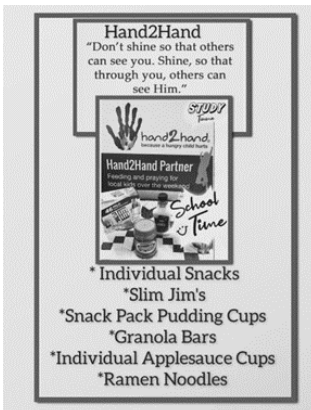
Perhaps like the disciples, we tend to panic and turn inward when resources start to dwindle. And yet, again and again, God calls us together, taking our fears and transforming them into gifts of abundance. A few crumbs become a feast. A hungry crowd becomes a community bearing witness to God’s grace.

This story is an antidote to our anxious times, when we are tempted to cling, to hoard, to squander away resources for an uncertain future. Miraculous things happen when we open our fists and trust that with God, all things are possible.

This is not an easy mindset to hold, so together, we practice! We practice a theology of “enoughness” each week when we share communion with one another. We witness the tremendous power of a little bread and a little wine to sustain us on our journey. We practice generosity when we pass the offering plate, turning our meager offerings into a gift for the greater good. We witness how the gifts and talents of a community come together to create something that on our own would never have been possible. Because, in Christ, there is always more than enough.

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Hand2Hand It’s hard to believe that it’s time to start thinking about “Back to School”. Hand2Hand is getting ready for the 2024-2025 school year. August donations are due by the 25th. If you have questions, please see Patti Comp. Thank you for helping needy students over the weekends.

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 continues to call each one of us. Even though we do wrong or sin by not caring, Jesus loves us and asks us to love one another.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 44 Views: 260
Weekly Giving: \$4,120.00 Budget Amount: \$4,366.17

Grace Projects Goal \$ 25,252.00
Received To Date -\$ 2,941.32
Total Needed \$ 22,310.68

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$5.00

WELCOME TO the 9th Annual Grace Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show! We are so glad to have you join us today for worship, fellowship, and food.

Red Cross Blood Drive Grace is hosting a blood drive on Monday, August 19th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. You can sign up for a donation appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by using the donor app. Donors giving in the month of August receive a \$20 Amazon gift card through email. Questions? Call 269.945.9414. If you can volunteer to help and/or donate refreshments for the drive, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

The nursery is available weekly during the 10:45 worship service. Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

Cereal Band Concert on August 18 from 3-5 pm at Gull Lake Manor House. Music includes marches, Broadway favorites, classical, folk, jazz and other popular tunes. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

Barry County Cares needs household cleaning supplies and personal care products (especially laundry detergent and dish soap). If you would like to donate, there is a box located at the entrance. **Items are due Monday, July 29th.** Thank you for your support.

TURKEYVILLE Millon Dollar Quartet on October 12 at 12 p.m. The trip to Turkeyville includes a full turkey meal and the play. Tickets are \$65.00 and payable to Bill Freedlund. Please place cash or checks in an envelope provided in the Gathering Area, and give to Brenda Hess, Parish Administrator. **DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP & PAYMENT IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11.** There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.