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September 29, 2024

Nineteenth 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, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Arise in body or Spirit

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**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 thron: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Let us pray... Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.
 - ☑ **Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
- Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

📖 A reading from **Numbers**:

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

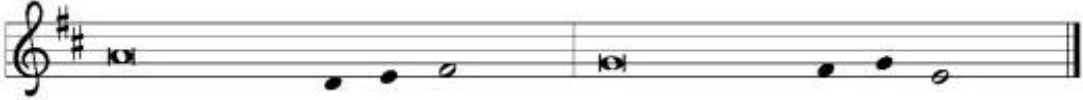
²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14



Refrain



The com-mand-ment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. **

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. **

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

L A reading from **James**:

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

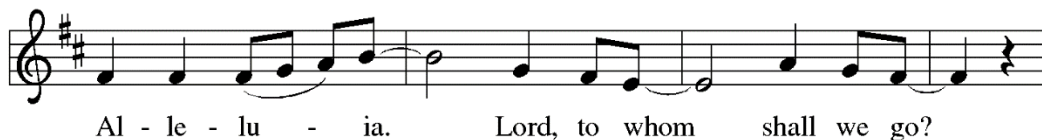
L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

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

Please arise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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Sing twice



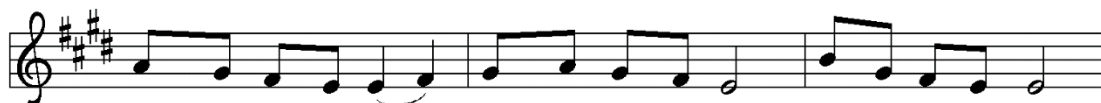
Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Please be seated.

Prayers

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

A Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Bless our leaders and collaborators in this ministry, *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrissy and David, our synod companion Augustana Lutheran Church, Tustin; Hastings Baptist Church; First Baptist Church of Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Julia Ehredt (Schreiner, Halstead), Seth Domke (Domke), and Nathen Schick (Markwart)*. Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great**

A We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing *especially Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Dennis Baarson, Veronica Baarson, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, the family of Carol Comp, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Bonnie Ehredt, Magdalena Garcia, Ruby Gibbons (adoption process), Opal Gillons, Lisa Golnek, Caitlyn Habben (pregnancy), Cynthia Hansen, Joy Jenks, Martha Mizak, Dawn McElgunn, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, the family of Linda Olson, Shirley Peterson, Kathy Politis, the family of Bob Rebone, Patty Renne, Tammy Rodriguez, Jennifer Rohr, Cynthia Rudesill (pregnancy), Mike Shoemaker, Ron Smith, John Surratt, Deb Talsma, Al Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, Brenda Watson, and Erika Wood*. Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all.

G **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intersessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

G **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

G **Amen.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

P The peace of Christ be with you.

G **And also with you.**

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



■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold me with your free Spir - it.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.

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**

Great Thanksgiving

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

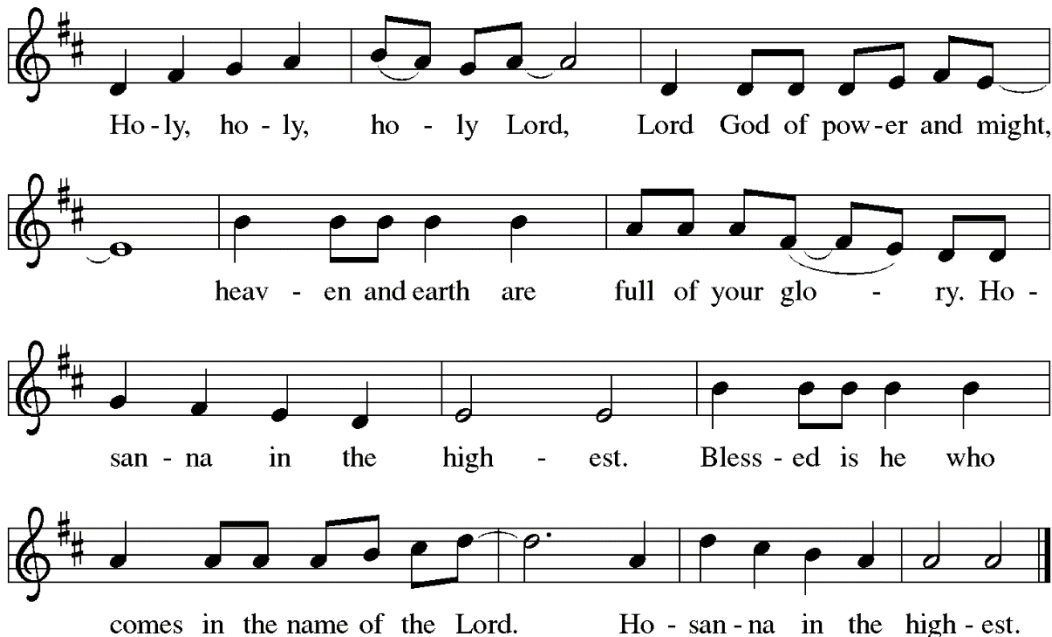
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- ☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

- Ⓐ 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 his 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

Table 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.

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.

Remembering Christ's 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 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

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God

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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.

Communion Song:*For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
- C** **In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Sending

A Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

G Thanks be to God.

Postlude

10:00 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton

Lector – Gwen Hansen

Musician – Cindy Olson

Cantor – Ken Scheck II

Pastor – Ken Scheck II

Fellowship – Bill and Lorraine Freedlund, Amy Poholski, Anna and Laura Scheck

Sharing in Holy Work

In the late first century, when the author of Mark was writing the story of Jesus for the new Galilean Christian church, other Christian churches were forming in neighboring regions too, with other teachers sharing and professing the wonders of Christ Jesus. And, well, like churches of all times, each one did things a little differently. They told the stories in their own unique styles. They emulated the works of Jesus in their healings, teachings, and evangelism in varied ways. And some in the church in Galilee started to think, “Hey! Those other Christians are doing it wrong!” So the author of Mark made sure to include this account about Jesus and the first apostles.

In our world today, there are so many kinds of Christians professing and teaching in various ways. So who is right when Christians around the world all see Jesus and his ministry a little differently? Many of these churches have their own supporting documents: Lutherans have the works of Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon. Methodists and other churches with English heritage have the work of John Wesley. From historical theologians like Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Julian of Norwich to modern theologians like James Cone and Rosemary Radford Ruether, theologians and writers about Jesus have inspired our faith and how we are to live in and share the love of God through Jesus Christ across time and space.

As Jesus shares with the disciples, any work that shares love, grace, mercy, and justice in his name is holy. Many of our faith communities partner with people of other traditions to share Jesus’ love through holy work. What holy work are others in your community doing? What ecumenical partnerships do you share in? Is there a Jesus movement truly inspiring you right now, even if it’s not through your own church? If so, thanks be to God!

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Grace is looking to have people share in ministry

Grace is currently looking for servants of God to share the ministry of Jesus Christ by finding a Stewardship Chair, an Outreach Chair, a volunteer Kitchen Manager, and a “fulltime” Treasurer. We thank Chris Bush for her time as Stewardship Chair, Mike Kemper for his time as Outreach Chair, Jane Secor for her work as Kitchen Manager, and Linda Maupin as “fulltime” Treasurer. We are thankful that Randy Teegardin has stepped into the role of Treasurer, but he is away from Hastings for a good chunk of time. If you are interested in sharing ministry in any capacity, please let Tim Schoessel know.

Parish Administrator is Anna Scheck, and she is in office 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Thursday.

Barry County Cropwalk is October 13 at Green Street United Methodist Church. Information is available at the table in the gathering area, where you can pick up a walker donation envelope. Registration begins at 1:30pm, and the walk begins at 2:00pm. If you have questions, please contact Nolan Hudson 517.852.1821 or noison55hud@gmail.com.

Candy for Trunk or Treat can be dropped off near the gathering area in preparation for our Trunk or Treat on October 31.

Trunk or Treat is happening on Thursday, October 31st from 5-8 pm. We will be set up around the building, welcoming families for some Halloween treats. If you are willing to distribute candy, serve apple cider, decorate a room, or help in another way, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

The 3rd Annual Heritage Meal will be held on Sunday, October 27 after the 10:45 am service. We encourage you to bring a dish from your cultural heritage - a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Blood Drive is on October 28 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sign up to provide snacks or work the event, or scan the code on the bulletin board to find a time to give blood – information in gathering area.

All Saints Day If you have someone you would like to add to the list for All Saints Day, please sign them up on the list in the Gathering Area by Sunday, October 27, or email to Anna at parishadmin@grace-hastings.org.

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. 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 Jesus who challenges us to share God's love with others.

Stewardship Information

Please use this QR Code to access online giving.



Attendance: 46
 Weekly Giving: \$733.00
 Hand2Hand: \$50.00
 Social Activities: \$25.00

Views: 210
 Budget Amount: \$4,173.03

Grace Projects Goal \$ 25,252.00
 Received To Date -\$ 3,041.32
Total Needed \$ 22,210.68

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$0.00

October Needs

- * Bumble Bee Snack on the Go
- * Knorr Pasta Sides
- * Individual Snacks
- * Yoo-Hoo Chocolate Milk
- * Slim Jim's
- * Snack Pack Pudding Cups

Hand2Hand Thanks for the support given already to kick off the school year with Hand2Hand. Needs for this month include Bumble Bee Snack on the Go, Knorr Pasta sides, individual snacks, Yoo-Hoo chocolate milk, Slim Jims, and Snack Pack Pudding cups. Donations for September are due today! If you have questions, please see Patti Comp. Thank you for supporting hungry students over the weekends.

Calendars are available in the Gathering Area for \$5.00 each.

The nursery is available this week during the 10:00 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.

Adult Forum Please join us at **9:15 am today** with Pastor Ken, starting a study on the book of Isaiah. Next week we will resume normal 9:30 am meeting time.

Christ in our Home devotionals are ready to be picked up on the table in the Gathering Area.

Women of Faith continues to meet at 11:00 am on Tuesdays here at Grace. We are finishing up our study on Ephesians, and then we will study the women of the New Testament. Join us on October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. All women are welcome.