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October 12, 2025

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, and the continued growth given by our gracious God.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome

Gathering Music *AR HYD Y NOS (Traditional Welsh Melody)* *arr. Larry Schackley*

Arise in body or Spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ Merciful and loving God,

☞ **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

☞ Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

☞ **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

☞ The love of God, made known in Christ Jesus our Lord and poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation.
 ☑ **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.

Please be seated.

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**.

¹ Naaman, 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 a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When 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 skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But 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." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But 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 skin disease! ¹² Are 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. ¹³ But 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'?" ¹⁴ So 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.

^{15c} 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



Refrain




I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the



LORD with my whole heart.


¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

² **Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them. **

³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

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


⁵ You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

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

⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures 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**.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore 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. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do 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.**

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then 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.**

Please be seated.

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

Please arise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **God of Grace**, The assembly prays, **Receive our prayer.***

☐ Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

☐ Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. Bless our leaders and partners, *including Bishops Yehiel and Julie, Assistants Scott and Kate, our synod companion Two Churches, Kentwood; Green Street United Methodist Church, Hastings; Gospel Light Baptist Church, Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God of Grace,

☑ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of Grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart), and Leopold Schick (Markwart)*. God of Grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, *especially Jennie Anderson, Mark Arens, Debby Bellmore, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Lloyd Doughty, Lori and John Giacalone, Opal Gillons, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Amy Hansen, Walker Heise, Ruth Hill, Joy Jenks, Michelle Kaufman (pregnancy), Dana Lepien, Michelle Luedke, Larry Maupin, Dawn McElgunn, Bev McManaway, Ed McManaway, Linda Melcher, Sandy Mikolajczyk, Martha Misak, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Diane Neeb, Lisa Nurenberg, Corrina Palmer, Lynnze Rudesill, Kathy Surratt, Karen Thompson, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Tom and Kathy*. God of Grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Ⓐ Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of Grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ⓐ Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of Grace,

☞ **Receive our prayer.**

☞ We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

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.)*

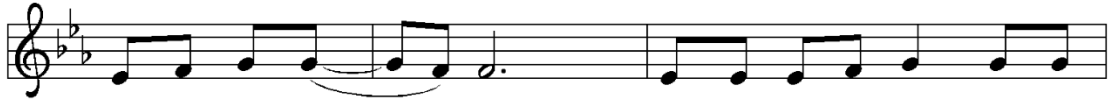
Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 185



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

- A** 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 this bread and wine.
- C** **Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **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 our duty and delight that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

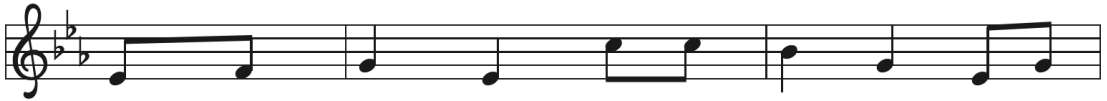
Jesus, Lamb of God

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 Songs:

Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW 822



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

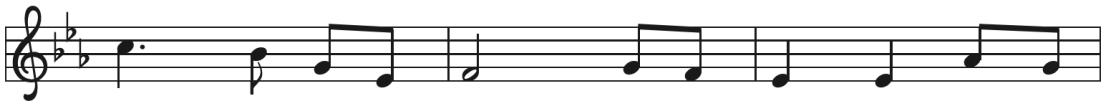


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

- A** 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.
- G** **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

- P** 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.
- G** **Amen.**

Sending Song

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

Sending

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

Postlude

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Mark Anton

Lector – Kristi Winick

Musician – Cindy Olson

Cantor – Vickey Argo

Pastor – Ken Scheck

Fellowship Hour – Jeanette Markwart

Noisy Offering will be collected today for Barry County Cares. The Noisy Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month.

Adult Forum gathers to study the book of Ezekiel today. This is our first week for our study. Come and learn what Ezekiel's vision was about.

The **Crop Walk** is today. It is not too late to donate to this ministry, if desired. Please put it in an envelope found on the back of the pew and mark it accordingly. If writing a check, please make it out to CWS-CROP.

Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, here at Grace, at 11:00 am. All women are welcome.

On Common Ground

Ten people are healed by Jesus, but only one returns to thank him. That is the central tension of today's gospel story. But there is also a twist, one we may have missed if we were not listening closely: the one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan.

The faithful of Jesus' time would have known all about the hostility between Judeans and Samaritans. The conflict between the two groups stretched back generations and generations. It was animosity so entrenched that people probably did not remember the specifics of the fight. They just knew they hated the other side. A Judean would never associate with a Samaritan, much less heal one of them.

But as we see in this story and others throughout the gospels, Jesus did not seem to care about the labels the world assigned to people: scribe or Pharisee, sinner or tax collector. Jesus also did not stop to consider whether the person was from Judea or Samaria. He looked into the eyes of all who came to him and saw directly to their humanity. He brought healing and wholeness to everyone.

Just as Jesus told the Samaritan, he could tell us, too, that our faith makes us well. God gives us faith that overcomes the destructive words of the world, allowing us to transcend barriers and labels and to recognize the humanity in each individual. God is also calling us as a whole community to go and seek out the Samaritans of our own time and place—anyone whom the rest of the world rejects and reviles—and show them the same compassion and mercy we have received.

God's love makes us whole. Words can hurt, but thanks to Jesus, words can heal too. More often than not, we will find common ground through God's power to heal, even among the Samaritans.

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All Saints Day If there is a loved one 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 26, or email Cindy at parishadmin@grace-hastings.org.

Trunk or Treat is on Friday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The doors will be open at 4 p.m. to allow time for decorating, creating a fun and inviting space for our guests. Candy can be left on or under the table in the Gathering Area. *If you are willing to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.*

Parish Administrator is Cindy Olson; **Office hours are 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Monday-Wednesday.**

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. We welcome and affirm all people, which includes the LGBTQIA+ community. 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 God. God heals each of us uniquely. Some healing comes in physical form, while other healing comes in meeting our spiritual need. Jesus comes and delivers us from that which separates us from God.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 40
Weekly Giving: \$3,836.00

Views: 202
Budget Amount: \$4,363.02

Non-Budget Outreach: \$50.00

Grace Projects Goal: \$ 25,252.00

Received To Date: -\$ 13,426.00

Total Needed: \$ 11,426.00

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$2,055.00

The **Hand2Hand Program** helps to provide needs for 77 local students each weekend. Please consider assisting us by contributing the following items, due by October 26th: Slim Jim's, Snack Pack Pudding Cups, Granola Bars, Ramen Noodles, Mac & Cheese Cups, Fruit Snacks, Yoo-Hoo Chocolate Milk, Individual Instant Oatmeal packets, and Microwave Popcorn. Items can be placed in the box inside the entrance to the building. Any donation is greatly appreciated.– Outreach Committee.

The Annual Heritage Meal will be held on **Sunday, October 26th** after the service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please list how many will attend and if you plan to bring a heritage entree or a dish from another category. Hope to see you then!!

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is Monday, October 27th. Refreshments are needed for those who give blood. Please see the sign-up in the Gathering Area for items needed if you would like to provide any food for the day.

The nursery is available weekly during the 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.