



September 19, 2021

*Good Hope Lutheran Church
Tetonka United Methodist Church
Joint Rally Day Service
September 19, 2021*

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
10:30 a.m.**

Introduction

We were created by God to live with a healthy cadence in life. However, far too many of us are living without margin in every area of our lives. We fill our calendars. We can't say no. We live with a harmful drive to achieve. We have lost hope that it will slow down anytime soon. Jesus offers us such a gift in saying that he has come to give us rest. This rest is found in a grace that does not demand that we jump through all the hoops or get everything right. The rest that Jesus offers is an unmerited favor for anyone who comes to Him. This grace is best experienced in community. We can learn from Jesus as we learn from one another. When we do Church with one another, we lift one another up, we protect one another's boundaries, and we carry one another's burdens.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

The Spark Choir

The Children's Sermon

*The Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

*Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. Refrain*

*Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

*The Confession and Forgiveness

P: Father in heaven,

C: have mercy on us. We are sinful, prideful, selfish people. We spend so much time looking out for ourselves, trampling on the people closest to us as a result. We have broken our relationships with friends, with our children, with our spouses. Oh, how desperately we need a Savior! Break our hearts and teach them how to love again. Help us not to fear love, but to love courageously. Forgive us for failing. Thank you for picking us up and restoring us. We trust

You and love You. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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*The Service of the Word

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

C: He was, he is, and he is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

C: He created all things. By his will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By his blood he purchased for God

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*The Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus

Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***The Prayer of the Day (unison)**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Kids Receive Bibles

(3 year olds, 3rd & 6th grades)

The First Reading

-Genesis 1:26-2:3

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the

birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Psalm

-Psalm 8

LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants

you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence

the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens,

the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is mankind that you are mindful of them,

human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of your hands;

you put everything under their feet:

all flocks and herds,

and the animals of the wild,

the birds in the sky,

**and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of
the seas.**

LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Second Reading

-2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings.

*The Verse

"Alleluia" (spoken)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*The Holy Gospel

The Great Commission

-Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Hymn

“*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*” WOV #752

The Offering (The offering plates are in the back)

*The Prayers **C: Hear Our Prayer**

*The Lord’s Prayer page 76

*The Benediction page 76

*The Hymn

“*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*” WOV #721

*The Silent Prayer

P: Go In peace to Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

*The Postlude

*Congregation stand if you are able

ACOLYTES: Emma Bengtson & Brinlyn Derr

LECTOR: Sandra Harms

USHERS: Rob Brandt, Jeff Hofbauer, Kenn Larson,
and Todd Schwartz

ALTAR FLOWERS: Dawn Schutter

SEPTEMBER KITCHEN DUTIES: Sue Berry

WELCOME to our United Methodist friends and all who have joined us for worship this morning. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.

PASTOR KIM IS on vacation until Sunday, October 3rd. If you have an emergency please call Kelly Carlton.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL immediately following worship, Parish Ed will be

serving a meal of “Torchbearer” walking tacos, bars and lemonade. This meal is sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team, which means we received \$250 to fund the meal. If you have a Thrivent product, you may be eligible to sponsor an Action Team. You can contact Thrivent, your Thrivent representative or Vicky Nelson for more information.

PRAYER CONCERNS Thomasa Koch, Our folks in the nursing homes, All Active Military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green), All of those who are suffering from the hurricanes and wild fires, and Bishops Halaas and Eaton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO Janet Hofmann, Jeff Carlton, Stacey Eden, Jeff Van Hove, Nathan Hamilton, Luke Larson, Duke Bengtson, and Diane Steinberg.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Today	11:30 a.m.	Lunch served by Parish Ed
Sun., Sept 26	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

CONGRATULATIONS TO Pastor Kim and Bess (Wilkin) Peterson who were married during our worship service last Sunday, September 12th. May the Lord continue to bless them!