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# Good Hope Lutheran Church

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### Introduction

*The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.*

### The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

\*The Confession & Absolution page 56

\*The Hymn "Here in This Place" WOV #718

\*The Greeting and Kyrie page 57

\*The Hymn of Praise

"This is the feast..." page 60

**\*The Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The First Reading

-Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

*Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.*

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish

justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Psalm

-Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days

**that we may gain a wise heart.**

Turn, O Lord! How long?

**Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

**and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

**and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and

prosper for us the work of our hands—

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

The Second Reading

-Hebrews 4:12-16

*We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.*

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has

passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

\*The Verse & Responses      “Alleluia...”      page 62

\*The Holy Gospel      -Mark 10:17-31

*Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God’s eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.*

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go

through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Sermon

The Hymn of the Day

*“Take My Life, that I May Be”* #406

\*The Prayers

\*The Nicene Creed page 65

The Offering

(The offering bucket is in the back of the church)

\*The Offertory *“Let the vineyards...”* page 66

\*The Offertory Prayer page 67

\*The Great Thanksgiving page 68

\*The Lord’s Prayer page 71

The Distribution (WOV #702, #734, #778, #710)

\*The Post Communion Liturgy  
*“Thank the Lord...”* page 72

\*The Benediction

\*The Sending Hymn  
*“God of Grace and God of Glory”* #415

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*The Silent Prayer

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation stand if you are able

**WELCOME** to each one who has joined us in worship this morning. Today we celebrate Holy Communion. All who trust in Christ as their Savior from sin and death and who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to partake. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

**THE OFFERING TODAY** and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Wed., Oct. 13	9:30 -11:30 a.m.	Pastor's Study
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation (ZOOM)
Thurs., Oct.	9:15 a.m.	Morning Bible Study
Sun., Oct. 17	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Noisy Offering

**THE PARSONAGE PHONE** number rings to Pastor Kim & Bess' home. You can reach him at his cell phone 605-759-5415 (preferred) or the parsonage phone, 928-2552

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER(S) NEEDED:**

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to teach the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Sunday School class. Parish Ed has discussed combing the two classes into one class. We have also considered having the class meet just two Sundays each month and having the students help with the younger kids' rotations on the Sundays they don't

have class. We are open to suggestions. Perhaps there is someone you could team teach with to share the responsibility. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents for this important ministry to our youth. Contact Vicky Nelson at 515-928-7152.

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*Mark Allen Schuster*

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*Passed away Friday, August 27, 2021  
at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center in  
Glendale, AZ.*

*Graveside service held Saturday, October 9, 2021  
Good Hope Lutheran Church in Titonka, IA*

*Buried at Good Hope Lutheran Church Cemetery  
Titonka, IA.*



# PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

October launches members of Good Hope into our  
annual  
CORN AND CASH INGATHERING

This is a special time for us. A time to take stock of all the things we have been blessed with-and we have all been richly blessed! To show our thanks to God, please contribute generously to the workings of the church.

You may leave a corn donation at the elevator, place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or leave it at the bank with  
Lisa Tjaden or Diane Boyken.

Contributions will be used for Current Expenses.

“For the harvests of the Spirit, THANKS BE TO GOD.  
For the good we all inherit, THANKS BE TO GOD.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that love has found us,  
THANKS BE TO GOD.”

