

God's Open Arms



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Good Hope Lutheran Church

EIGHTTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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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.

First Reading

-Proverbs 31:10-31

¹⁰A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. ¹⁵She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are

clothed in crimson. ²²She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. ²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ²⁹“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

- Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading

-James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly,

unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Alleluia

“Alleluia, Lord to whom...”

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*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

-Mark 9:30-37

Glory to you O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

"God's Open Arms"

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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*Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers of the People

*Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

*The Offertory

"Let the vineyards..."

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*Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have

made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessing and Sending God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*Closing Hymn *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* #551

*Postlude

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THE OFFERING TODAY is for Current Expenses. The offering next Sunday is for Benevolence.

WELCOME *Today we celebrate Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let those serving communion know you need it.*

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Sept. 25	3:00 p.m.	Summit House Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ GH for students and a parent or grandparent
Sun., Sept. 29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Rally Day
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Healing Service
	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	WELCA BRUNCH

THANK YOU TO everyone who helped with church cleaning the last six weeks! It is a BIG job that takes help from everyone and your help is appreciated!

PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

We invite you to drop your children off for Sunday School and stay for coffee and fellowship in the chapel during Sunday School hour. Coffee, bottled water, and card games will be provided. Visit with fellow parents and then please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR volunteers to run the camera to record our church services. If you are interested please talk to Pastor John or Brad Bengtson. Thank you!

THE WOMEN OF the ELCA are serving a brunch of scrambled eggs (gluten free available), breakfast ham, frozen fruit cups, muffins (gluten free available), orange juice and coffee **next Sunday, September 29th**, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **All proceeds from the free will donation will be given to the Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund.** Everyone is invited to join us!

THERE ARE sign-up sheets in the back of the church for food donations and workers for the WELCA Brunch that is being held September 29th.

HERE'S A SWEET opportunity for you to help out the care Center! The Friends of the Care Center are looking for volunteers to donate 3 dozen cookies a week. You will be contacted as to which week you will be asked to donate. Please place your name and telephone number on the sheet in the narthex to sign-up for cookies. Or you may contact Carole Tuecke at (515) 341-0131 to sign up. All volunteers will be contacted as needed. Thank you.



Seeking Workshop Leaders

Bible Skills and Games Workshop- Oct. 20th & 27th

Cooking Workshop - Nov. 3 & 10th Video Workshop - Nov. 3 & 10th



Workshop leaders dedicate two Sundays at a time to their roles. The detailed leader's guides streamline lesson preparation, making it quick and effortless.

I would love tell you
how awesome it is to
volunteer at Sunday School!
Please reach out to me.
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