

for
WHOEVER is
not AGAINST^{us}
FOR^{us.} is
 MARK 9:40

September 29, 2024

Good Hope Lutheran Church

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WITH ONE VOICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD

September 29, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

*The Hymn *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* LBW #503

*The Greeting WOV page 46

*The Scripture Song WOV page 47

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

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.

The First Reading -Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

¹[King Ahasuerus] and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman

was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

L: “The Word of the Lord” C: “**Thanks be to God**”

The Psalm

-Psalm 124

¹If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

²if the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,

³then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;

⁵then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

⁶Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Special Music

“Face to Face”

-Senior Choir

The Second Reading

-James 5:13-20

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"**

*The Gospel Acclamation

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*The Response before the Gospel

All: "Glory to you, O Lord"

*The Gospel

-Mark 9:38-50

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.”

Response after the Gospel **All: “Praise to you, O Christ”**

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

“On God’s Side”

The Hymn of the Day

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WOV #651

*The Response to the Word

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*The Exchange of Peace

The Offering

The Offertory

*The Prayers of the People

WOV page 52

*The Healing Service

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit

to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anyone who wishes prayers for healing and the laying on of hands may come forward, no one will be ushered forward, but anyone who wishes prayer for healing in any part of their life including mind, spirit, relationships, or body is invited to come forward.

Songs to be sung during the healing prayers:

All in the WOV Hymnal: #737, #716

The Healing prayer

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ uphold you, refresh and renew you, and fill you with grace, so that you may know the healing power of his love.

Response: Amen.

After everyone has returned to their seats,

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray as one people.

*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Blessing & Dismissal

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*The Sending Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King" vss. 1-4 LBW #527

*The Postlude

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WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest registry and do come visit us again. May the Lord bless each of us.

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

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Wed., Sept. 18	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation @ Good Hope
Sun., Sept. 22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion

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 this morning, 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!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR volunteers run the camera for recording our church services. If interested please let Pastor John or Brad Bengtson know. Thank you!

OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR continues to bless us with their generosity! The donor has agreed to continue giving matching funds throughout the month of October, to help the Friends of the Care Center Hail Mary Fund. This enables us to help the care center remain financially sound. Please remember to give generously to the Friends of the Care Center Hail Mary Fund. We are currently at 19 residents.

ST. JOHN'S PERPETUAL NEEDS FUND COMMITTEE

St. John's is holding their annual wreath sales. Orders are due by Sunday, November 3rd. Order forms and pictures of the items are on the table in the back of the church or you can call or text Wendy Harms at 641-860-1239 or call Pat Hobbs at 641-926-5122. **Please pay for your wreath in advance. (Give Kelly your check/cash) Make checks payable to St. John's PNF.** The PNF fund helps families in the area who are in dire need of assistance. Deliveries will be prior to Thanksgiving at delivered to Good Hope. Please pick up your wreaths during office hours. (Tues-Fri morning from 9:00-noon)

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.

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.

THE TITONKA CARE CENTER is looking for 300 piece puzzles! The residents are jigsaw puzzle aficionados and have conquered every single one of their 300 piece challenges! They are itching for some fresh puzzles to dive into and keep their brain gears turning! Please donate new or gently used 300 piece puzzles to the Care Center!

DONATE NEW SOCKS!

Inexpensive colored or patterned socks for sock sorting are needed! The residents at the Titonka Care Center are sock sorting super heroes! They find joy in matching socks. Help them keep their powers strong by donating brand new socks, from teeny tiny to grown up sizes! Sock donations can be dropped off in the Care Center entryway! Don't like to shop? A \$5 donation would be appreciated.

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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