Let the little children come to Me.



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Good Hope Lutheran Church

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WITH ONE VOICE: SERVICE OF THE WORD

October 6, 2024 10:30 a.m.

The Prelude & Meditation
The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

*The Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

LBW #561

*The Greeting

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*The Scripture Song

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*The Prayer of the Day

(in unison)

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading

-Job 1:1, 2:1-10

¹There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

^{2:1}One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." ³The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." ⁴Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people

have they will give to save their lives. ⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." ⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. ⁹Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." ¹⁰But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

L: "The Word of the Lord" C: "Thanks be to God"

The Psalm -Psalm 26 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have

trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

²Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

⁹Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

¹⁰whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hands full of bribes.

¹¹As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹²I take my stand on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

The Hymn "God! When Human Bonds Are Broken" WOV #735

The Second Reading

-Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

L: "The Word of the Lord" C: "Thanks be to God"

*The Gospel Acclamation

*The Response before the Gospel

All: "Glory to you, O Lord"

*The Gospel -Mark 10:2-16 ²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to

divorce his wife?" 3He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." 5But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Response after the Gospel All: "Praise to you, O Christ"

The Children's Message

The Sermon "God For All Seasons"

"Bind Us Together" The Hymn of the Day WOV # 748 WOV page 49

*The Response to the Word

*The Exchange of Peace

The Offering

The Offertory

*The Prayers of the People		WOV page 52
*The Lord's Prayer		WOV page 52
*The Blessing & Dismissal		WOV page 53
*The Sending Hymn	"Now Thank We All Our God"	LBW #534

^{*}The Postlude

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<u>WELCOME</u> 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 and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

PASTOR JOHN'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon. 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel, Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John's, and Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Mon., Oct.7	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Immanuel
		Bring your bible
Tues., Oct. 8	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wed., Oct 9	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thurs., Oct. 10	9:15 a.m.	Morning Circle
Sun., Oct. 13	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Night @ Titonka Care Center

<u>OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR</u> 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.

TO ALL WHO donated food; to all who planned; all who worked at and all who attended last Sunday's brunch fundraiser, a great big THANK YOU!! Your generosity of time and money made an event held smack in the middle of harvest a success!! \$3,751 dollars was raised for the Titonka Care Center, to be matched by our anonymous donor!!

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!



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. Make checks payable to St. John's PNF. There are envelopes in the back to put your order form and money into. The PNF fund helps families in the area who are in dire need of assistance. Deliveries will be prior to Thanksgiving and delivered to Good Hope. Please pick up your wreaths during office hours. (Tues-Fri morning from 9:00-noon). Thank you!

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

We are in need of workshop leaders to help with Sunday school for the Bible Skills & Games on Oct. 20th & 27th and for the Cooking Workshop and Video Workshop on Nov. 3rd & 10th. Workshop leaders dedicate two Sundays at a time to their roles. The detailed leader's guides streamline lesson prep, making it quick and effortless. If you are interested in helping please talk to Vicky Nelson. Thank you!