

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

9:30 a.m.

*Welcoming all, we gather together as a caring church family to: Give thanks and worship God;
Learn and live the teachings of Jesus; Nurture faith and spiritual growth;
and Joyfully share God's love by serving others in the community.*

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship (The following prayer may be used to prepare for the service.)

Lord Jesus, help me not worry about earthly treasures for myself but be "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21). Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

If we have been raised with Jesus Christ,
then let us seek the things that are above.
If our lives are hidden in Jesus Christ,
then let us look for his glory to be revealed.
Let us worship God.

***Hymn #299**

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You offer us the gift of salvation, but we spend our lives in vain pursuits. You provide enough for all to share, but we store up treasures for ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek the way of heaven, and to let go of earthly desires so that we might have abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Here each worshiper offers silent, personal confession.)

Hymn #443 (Verse 1)

"There Is a Redeemer"

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

1st Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶ The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

2nd Reading

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison) “Apostles’ Creed”** page 35, Glory to God Hymnal

Hymn #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

***Hymn #694 (Verse 1) “Great God of Every Blessing”**

***Prayer of Dedication**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn # 697 “Take My Life”**

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Leading in worship this morning:

*Gail Schrage, Elder
Cindy Hagel, Organist
, Liturgist & Offering Counter
Vern & Gloria Bancroft, Ushers
Richard & Harriet Hannah, Greeters*

WE WELCOME, in the name of Christ, all who come to worship today. If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign the Guest book in the Narthex. Please be sure to write your full address and to introduce yourself to the Pastor following the service. Please worship with us again and join us following worship for fellowship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR

Monday, August 1	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	4:00 p.m.	Crafts
Wednesday, August 3	6:00 p.m.	PNC meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 7	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AUGUST 21st will be held at the Heritage Center. There will not be a worship service at Mendenhall.

HERITAGE DAYS, AUGUST 20 & 21. PW will be serving lunch at the Granville Church at Heritage Village Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21. We will be looking for bars, pies, workers and or monetary donations. If you would like to bring bars, pies or work, call or text Ann, 704-741-1258 or Cindy, 701-739-2706 or call Annie 218-773-0051. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help pay for supplies, make a check out to PW and send to PW Treasurer, Annie Strandell, 2024 10th St SE, East Grand Forks, MN 56721 or drop it off at the church. Please come and support our local Heritage Village and Mendenhall PW.

OFFICE HOURS Pastor Kevin will be on vacation July 25 – August 2. . Please leave a message on the church office voicemail and your phone call will be returned. If you need to get in touch with him after hours, his cell phone number is 701-351-3468 (this is a long distance number). Pastor Kevin’s e-mail:

kevin.kaufmann57@gmail.com

Dawn is in the office Monday-Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

EAST GRAND FORKS FOOD SHELF is in need of toiletries, ketchup, cake mixes, and any kind of soup. Please put these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING — Monday, August 8— The Session of Mendenhall Presbyterian Church encourages members with concerns or ideas to come to the open forum the first fifteen minutes of each stated Session meeting. The Session meets in the Session Room the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

OFFERING: As of July 25

	This Month	Year to Date
General Offering	\$ 6,702.00	\$ 66,476.24
Expenses	<u>\$ 8,673.95</u>	<u>\$ 83,021.83</u>
	(\$ 1,971.95)	(\$ 16,545.58)

Per Capita is \$43.50 per confirmed member for 2016. If you haven’t already paid your Per Capita there are envelopes available in the Narthex for your convenience.

Session**Class of 2016**

Cindy Barrett, Christian Education
Paul Stadem, Stewardship & Finance
Hazel Merdink, Worship/PW Rep.

Class of 2018

Gail Schrage, Christian Care & Outreach
Kathie Wirkus, Stewardship & Finance
Doug Twite, Property

Staff

Kevin Kaufmann, Pastor
Dawn Anderson, Office Administrator
Michael Lachowitzer, Custodian

Class of 2017

Bev Bredemeier, Personnel
Shannon Vacura, Worship
Scott Love, Property

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session
Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

Cindy Hagel, Organist
Jace Erickson, Choir Director
Gloria Bancroft, Youth Director