

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2016

11:00 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.)

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22-23). Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

***Call to Worship**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

The love of the Lord is new every morning;

great is the faithfulness of our God.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #388 (sing twice)**

“Come All You People”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that have not turned away from sin. We worry that our hope is lost and forget the promise of your love. We take the gift of faith for granted and fail to keep your commandments. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to hold fast to the teaching of your Word and guard the treasure entrusted to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Here each worshiper offers silent, personal confession.)

Hymn #441 (Verse 1)

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, your Word is a lamp and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

1st Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Anthem

2nd Reading

Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you

thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

We believe in God - who brings forth life from death, joy from sorrow, blessing out of disaster; who meets us behind our closed hearts and speaks a word of peace; who is known in the simple act of breaking bread, gathering around a table; who never forgets our name, who feels our pain, who renews our lives from the inside out.

We believe in the risen Christ - who bears wounds so that we might not hide from our own; who is present to us in our loneliness, our fear, our doubt; who embraced the hard questions, faced death's door and walked ahead into every experience so we might know we have a Companion on the way.

We believe in the Holy Spirit - who is as close to us as the air we breathe; who inspires the church to be a beacon of light, an oasis of peace and a fountain of joy; who blows free as the wind, touching souls, chasing away the blues, setting loose an alleluia. We shall live as a people of God.

Hymn #691

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

***Hymn #644 (Verse 3)**

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

***Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn of Preparation #525 (Verses 1 & 2)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn #729**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

***All who are able please stand.**

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Leading in worship this morning:

Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor

Renae Hillestad, Organist

Gail Schrage, Communion Leader

Kim Osmundson, Liturgist and Offering Counter

, Ushers

Kim Osmundson, Greeter

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

Today	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Monday, October 3	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:00 p.m.	Crafts
	5:15 p.m.	Stewardship & Finance Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, October 5	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	3:15 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	PNC
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Sunday, October 9	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be taken today.

Mendenhall challenges each of us to consider how we might increase our witness, and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. I pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 2, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

UNDIES SUNDAYS OCTOBER 2-16th. By donating to Undies Sundays, you are helping the less fortunate here in your community. Items needed: NEW underwear and socks (adult & children), diapers, personal care items (such as soap, shampoo, razors, deodorant, etc.) Thank you! (A box has been set up in the Narthex for your donations).

LOVE FEAST. If you are interested in helping with the Love Feast held at Zion Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 25th, please sign up in the entry.

LEFSE DAYS- Volunteers are needed to help with lefse on the following days: Friday, October 21 and 28 at 8:00 a.m. to peel, boil, and rice potatoes and on Saturday, October 22 and 29 at 8:00 a.m. to roll lefse. Anyone can learn to roll lefse. Come for the excitement and good lunch! If you are willing to help on any of these days, please call the church 773-2469 or call or text Ann (701)-741-1258 or Cindy (701) 739-2706.

OFFICE HOURS Pastor Kevin is in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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 ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. Please put these items in the grocery cart in the narthex.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING — Monday, October 3— 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 September 26

	This Month	Year to Date
General Offering	\$ 7,606.50	\$ 85,060.40
Expenses	<u>\$ 7,686.12</u>	<u>\$104,901.39</u>
	(\$ 79.62)	(\$ 19,840.99)

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 2017

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

Class of 2018

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

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session

Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

Staff

Kevin Kaufmann, Pastor
Dawn Anderson, Office Administrator
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Cindy Hagel, Organist
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