

# ***Mendenhall Presbyterian Church***

*30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 23, 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.)

We gather to pray and praise you, Lord, and to hear your Word to us. May we be active participants—not mere spectators—in worship today. Amen.

**Introit**

*“Wings of a Dove”*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Pour out your Spirit, O Lord;  
**we call upon your name.**

Rain down your mercy, O God;  
**we depend upon your grace.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn**

*“Lord, When You Came to the Seashore”*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We celebrate our achievements and look down on our neighbors. We boast about our virtues and deny the worth of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Be merciful to us, for we are indeed sinners in great need of redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**(Here each worshiper offers silent, personal confession.)**

**Musical Response**

*“Only A Shadow”*

**Words of Forgiveness**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**Guide us, O God by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

#### Joel 2:23-32

<sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup>The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>28</sup>Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. <sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. <sup>30</sup>I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>32</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

### Anthem

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

#### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 #649**

***“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”***

**Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer**

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

***“His Hand in Mine”***

**\*Hymn**

***“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*Hymn #625**

***“How Great Thou Art”***

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

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

**Leading in worship this morning:**

*Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor*

*Cindy Hagel, Organist*

*Jace Erickson, Choir Director*

*Willem Schrage, Liturgist and Offering Counter*

*, Ushers*

*Lorraine & Allen Love, Greeter*

*Julie Lee and the White Rose Band*

**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 prior to worship for fellowship downstairs at 10:30 a.m.

## CALENDAR

Today	2:00 p.m.	Worship/Communion @ Good Sam-Pastor Kaufmann
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Monday, October 24	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	5:00 p.m.	Crafts
Tuesday, October 25		Love Feast at Zion Methodist Church
Wednesday, October 26	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	3:15 p.m.	Youth Group
	5:40 p.m.	Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	PNC
Thursday, October 27	7:00 p.m.	Shawl Ministry
Friday, October 28	8:00 a.m.	Lefse Making
Saturday, October 29	8:00 a.m.	Lefse Making
Sunday, October 30	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Children Sing/Noisy Offering
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**CIRCLE** will be meeting on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mavis Ness, 2396 – 27<sup>th</sup> Ave S #115, Grand Forks.

**LEFSE DAYS- Volunteers** are needed to help with lefse on the following days: Friday, October 28 at 8:00 a.m. to peel, boil, and rice potatoes and on Saturday, October 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](mailto:kevin.kaufmann57@gmail.com)

Dawn's office hours for October are Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 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, November 7—** 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 October 17**

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
General Offering	\$13,944.00	\$ 99,004.40
Expenses	<u>\$ 6,178.75</u>	<u>\$114,700.61</u>
	<b>\$ 7,756.25</b>	<b>(\$ 15,696.21)</b>

**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  
Mike Lachowitzer, Custodian

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