

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 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.)

Like the nine cleansed lepers (Luke 17:11-19), Lord, too often I take your gifts for granted. Remind me to praise you for all I have. Amen.

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks to God, who is our peace.

We give thanks with all our hearts.

Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.

We praise the holy name of God.

Let us worship God.

***Gathering Songs**

#670

“From the Rising of the Sun”

#406 (sing twice)

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

Opening Prayer

Song #441 (Verse 1)

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Anthem

2nd Reading

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.

Song #368

"We Fall Down"

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering

Offertory

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Song #647

"Give Thanks"

*Blessing

*Postlude

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

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Leading in worship this morning:

Kevin Kaufmann, Interim Pastor

Cindy Hagel, Organist

Jace Erickson, Choir Director

Bev Bredemeier, Liturgist and Offering Counter

, Ushers

Robbi Kovar, 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 10	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	4:00 p.m.	Crafts
Wednesday, October 12	9:30 a.m.	Forks Co-op
	3:15 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:00 p.m.	PNC
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday, October 13	7:00 p.m.	Shawl Ministry
Friday, October 14		Presbytery at Rolla
Saturday, October 15		Presbytery at Rolla
Sunday, October 16	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING you can still submit your donations for Peace Offering today. Please make checks out to MENDENHALL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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'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 September 26

	This Month	Year to Date
General Offering	\$ 3,258.00	\$ 88,318.40
Expenses	\$ 410.96	<u>\$109,022.82</u>
	\$ 1,847.04	(\$ 20,704.42)

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
Mike Lachowitzer, Custodian

Class of 2017

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

Mary Barrett, Clerk of Session
Kevin Kaufmann, Moderator

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