

# 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Welcome to Worship at  
Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church*



*October 14, 2012*

*Flowers placed on the Altar are in loving  
memory of Ronda Berg's father Ray I. Petersen.*

## 1 Samuel 1:9–11, 19–20; 2:1–10

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

Hannah prayed and said,  
"My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory."

<sup>2</sup>"There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God."

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed."

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength."

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn."

<sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts."

<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust;

he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world."

<sup>9</sup>"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail."

<sup>10</sup>The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed."

### **Luke 1:47-55**

47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely,  
from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his  
name.

50His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in  
the

thoughts of their hearts.

52He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

53he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

54He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

# Hannah Praises God for Samuel

October 14, 2012

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

**Key Verses:** “In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’” 1 Samuel 1:20

**Time:** About 1050 B.C.E.

**Since Last Week:** The people of Israel wandered the desert for 40 years before God allowed Joshua to invade Canaan, the Promised Land. After the Israelites settled in Canaan, God appointed judges to keep the peace and to speak for God. God’s judges included Deborah, Gideon, and Samson, whose stories can be found in the book of Judges. Nestled between the books of Judges and Samuel is Ruth, a story of two women who worked together to care for each other. Ruth was great-grandmother of David, and was an important part of Jesus’ lineage.

**Background:** Hannah was a barren woman who lamented over not bearing a child. She prayed to God for a child, promising the child to God’s service. God gave her Samuel, whom Hannah gave to be raised in the temple. At that time the people of Israel wanted to become a more unified state and powerful empire, ruled by a king like the surrounding kingdoms. This was a shift from the loosely connected 12 tribes that had been led by God and the judges. Samuel grew up to be one of God’s prophets, and advisor to the newly appointed kings.

**Community:** What are the benefits and drawbacks for Israel to shift from a tribal nation to a kingdom? How might our political system serve God?

**At Home:** What have you asked God for that still awaits an answer? What did you bargain in return for a favorable answer? Does God require something in exchange for answered prayer? Where do you see God working while you wait for the answer?

## PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday: *God Calls Samuel*, 1 Samuel 3:1-18

Tuesday: *The Ark of God Captured*, 1 Samuel 4:2-11, 6:2, 11-13 (or 4:2-6:16)

Wednesday: *Samuel Anoints Saul as King*, 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8, 10:17-27

Thursday: *Saul Rejected and David Anointed*, 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (or 15:1-16:13)

Friday: *David Defeats Goliath*, 1 Samuel 17:19-27, 38-51 (or 17:1-54)

Saturday: *David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem*, 2 Samuel 6:1-23

**Next Week:** *God Promises David’s Kingdom Will Endure*, 2 Samuel 7:1-17

## **PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH**

*Jeff Holmer	[K Erickson]	*John Garbe	[L Schultze]
*Diana Adkins	[B Hennen]	*Nikki Gleasner	[M Hanson]
*Jim Stadtherr	[J Stadtherr]	*Sean Ziesmer	[E Ziesmer]
*Ben Dirks	[G Blem]	*Ashley Frank	[D Sagedahl]
*Joann Hawkinson	[Family]	*Dan Rassmussen	[C Jandl]
*Rosalie Sheggeby	[N Hague]	*Marie Peterson	[M Hausken]
*Donna Boese	[K van der Hagen]	*Lily Kern	[B Miller]
*Chuck/Connie Grewe	[V Mittelstadt]	*Joyce Harguth	[S Bratsch]

## **PRAISE**

\*For the gift of the new carpeting in the balcony. Thank you to all.

## **Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:**

- Please gain permission.
- Fill out a request form: found in the pews, office, or at [crossofcalvary.net](http://crossofcalvary.net)
- Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.
- Please resubmit names whenever needed.

## **Table Prayer for the Week**

Amazing God, your faith in us is so much stronger than our faith in ourselves. Help us to realize that with you we have all that we need to do amazing things in your name. May the food we are about to eat serve as a reminder of your care and may it send us out to do great things in your name. Amen.

**COMMUNION:** OCT 21 NOV 4, 18 DEC 2, 16, 24

## **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

<b>14 Sun</b>	WORSHIP Sunday School / Coffee Hour	8:30/10:30am 9:30 am
<b>15 Mon</b>	<b>"Follower" deadline</b> Library reserved Scouts (FH)	6:30-8:00pm 6:30pm
<b>16 Tues</b>	Men's Bible Study-Church	6:15, 7:00am
<b>17 Wed</b>	Men's Bible Study @ Parkview <b>NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING</b>	9:00am
<b>20 Sat</b>	WORSHIP	5:30pm
<b>21 Sun</b>	WORSHIP Sunday School / Coffee Hour	8:30/10:30am 9:30 am

## LIFTING UP THE RENVILLE COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Throughout the months of September and October, we will make an effort to collect non-perishable goods in order to help restock the shelves. Please remember to include those in need when making your grocery runs.

- 22 Ruth Unit
- 23 Assemble the FOLLOWER at 1pm
- 24 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Dinner
- 25 Dorcas Unit
- 28 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Service
- 28 Heart to Heart

## OCTOBER



### Living with the Catechism-

*You shall not make wrongful use of the of the Lord your God.*

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.

## The VOLUNTEER LIST IS ON THE BOARD

### Communion

OCT	8:30	S Whited	10:30	N Serbus
NOV	8:30	J Grund	10:30	K Larson

### Altar Guild

OCT	E Ziesmer, E Vogt	NOV	B Miller, J Schultes, S Erickson
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### Acolytes

OCT	E Skeie, M Fennern	NOV	—E Skeie, M Fennern
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### Ushers

OCT	8:30	— M Grund, J Grund, A Thompson, D Gross
	10:30	— G Johnson, D/M Johnson, G Beltz, D Altmann
NOV	8:30	— D Hagen, G Hagen, J Kopacek, C Lund
	10:30	— B Wertish, J Wertish, J Rock, R Johnson

### Readers

OCT 21	8:30	10:30
OCT 28	8:30	10:30
NOV 4	8:30	10:30
NOV 11	8:30	10:30



### Tech Team

OCT 21	8:30	N Wertish	10:30	
OCT 28	8:30	C Lund	10:30	L Schultze/C Plumley
NOV 4	8:30		10:30	
NOV 11	8:30	S Erickson	10:30	C Lund

### Coffee Host

OCT 21	Missions	OCT 28
NOV 4	Parish Life	NOV 11
NOV 18	Youth	NOV 25

### Altar Flowers

OCT 21	OCT 28
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*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

*- Matthew 6:19-21*

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**Thank you all for making our bookkeeping more efficient by following these two helpful hints when preparing your offering envelopes.**

- Please jot down the amount & your name as indicated under the flap.
- Avoid tape unless you are sending your envelope through the mail.

**Donations for the Confirmation Dinner (Oct 24).** Please check the YOUTH BOARD for the tear-off sheet. Pastor Matt has prepared a special evening for our 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. The meal is planned and hosted by the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation families.

**Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board-** Did you ever wonder how the Fellowship Hall bulletin boards “magically” change throughout the year? One volunteer has been doing it for years, and has shared her last one this summer. Let’s continue sharing God’s word and blessings through the messages on the bulletin boards. The fall theme is up, and will remain in place for Oct and Nov. The bulletin boards will be changed out every two months. Who will be the next to come up with one for the Christmas season- December and January? How about you?? Or your family??? Contact Laurie with questions.

**90th Birthday Celebration for Ruth Woltjer – Sunday, October 28.** Join Ruth, along with her family and friends, for an open house gathering at the Food Garage in Lake Lillian from 2-4pm. A meal is served.



**Chet made new display shelves in the Education Wing Hallway for:**

- **Equal Exchange Coffee** - Pay less while seeing growers get more!
- **New Boxed Greeting Cards** - Proceeds are used by the Altar Guild for Altar/worship needs.

**The 2012 Altar Flower List** is on the BOARD and ready for names. Simply sign up for a Sunday, and someone will call to assist you.

**Snowflake Bazaar:** The Annual Snowflake Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 1. The committee is always looking for new ideas! Contact Faye, Mary or Bonnie to offer your creative thoughts regarding the bake sale, Christmas attic, silent auction and luncheon. As you begin your holiday baking, this year, please remember to set aside some goodies for the bake sale. If you can lend a hand setting up on Friday night or help out on Saturday, your time and dedication is appreciated!

**The COMMUNITY BOARD** is available for all event notices. Please do not post notices to walls, wood or windows. Thanks.

**St. Aloysius Fall Festival** is today, Oct 14. Please check the poster on the Community Board for details about Mass, dinner, baked goods, games, Bingo, silent auction and much more.

**Candlelight Ceremony – Remembering Our Babies** at St. Mary’s Church in Willmar, Oct 15, for anyone who has suffered the loss of a pregnancy or infant. Please see the Community Board for details

**Finding Your Way Through Memory Loss** - Monday, Oct 29, beginning at 4:30 with BBQ and visiting displays. 5:15-General Estate Planning. 6:30- Dementia in the Elderly. Preregistration is encouraged. 253-2570





<http://ashley-in-malaysia.blogspot.com/>

*Are you following our Ashley as she spends her mission year in Malaysia?*

### **Who, me?**

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

*Walking the streets of Keningau I can't help but hope that I don't stick out more than the average person. But, who am I kidding? I'm obviously a stranger to this place.*

*Sunday after church I sat in a restaurant with friends eating my fried noodles with my skilled chopstick maneuvers. I realized later that I hadn't even taken in the surroundings because I knew people were staring at me, and I just couldn't handle acknowledging it. I remember thinking, "So this is what it's like to be an outsider".*

*I've never been one to want unnecessary attention, but I have no choice in it here. Naturally my mind shifts to what to make of the situation, and then I remember a favorite quote of mine that always seems to be remembered at moments when I feel a little lost and small in this great big world.*

*"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.*

*Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.*

*It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.*

*We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talent, fabulous?*

*Actually, who are you not to be?*

*You are a child of God.*

***Your playing small does not serve the world.***

*There is nothing enlightening in shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.*

*We are all meant to shine as children do.*

*We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.*

*It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.*

*And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give others the permission to do the same.*

*As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."* Marianne Williamson

*Of course I am different, but so is each and every person. I look forward to conversations, relationships, and reflections that will help me to grow and be more confident in the person that I am and the person that I have been created to be. I hope that in due time I will not feel like I do not belong, but that I can identify my purpose and go confidently in the direction of that purpose, loving, enjoying, and embracing each person and situation as they are presented.*

# REGISTRATION DUE *Of C youth*

## GUSTAVUS LOCK IN

~Oct 26-27th, overnight~ 8pm-8am

~Grades 6-8 ~Limited to 30 kids

Hosted by Gustavus College kids

Sign up on YOUTH board By **Oct 12**

Adult supervisors are NEEDED

## **30 Hour Famine**

Every 12 seconds a child dies because of hunger related causes

Your can feed a child for an entire day with \$1

How can you Help?

We are raising funds and awareness through the 30 hour Famine about hunger for the following foundations:

\*Kids Against Hunger; \* ELCA World Hunger; \*World Vision; \*100 Wells foundation

Bring your spare change and drop it in one of the water jugs in the narthex.

Take a look at the poster, leave a donation in the envelope near.

**Every little bit helps!**

## **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** – No Youth activities (MEA)

**Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** – Bridge Builders 9:30 AM  
Parents join your kids birth – K!

**Oct 26<sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup>** – Gustavus Lock In 6-8 gr  
8 pm-7:30 AM

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** – CLOCK 6:10 pm Our Saviors

**Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** - FUEL @ CCOC,  
6:30 -8 pm gr. 8-12

Would you like to help in our Youth Ministry, but you just don't know how??

## **FEED THEM!!**



We are always in need of yummy food for various reasons ~

**Wow kids** need a healthy snack at 3:15 pm every Wednesday



**Confirmation Kids** need a good hearty meal before class every Wednesday

**Breakfast Club** is our Sr. High morning ministry, and we LOVE fresh, hot breakfasts!



(contact Chelsey to provide one)

~Check the BOARD for ways to (literally) 'serve' our KIDS!

**The Christian Community Outreach Center** <http://ccocmn.org>

All are invited so please join us!

Renville County Hospice – Fall Grief Group – “Grieving Together”

3<sup>rd</sup> Session – Tuesday, October 16, 2012 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

RC Hospital & Clinics Willette Room, 611 E. Fairview Ave., Olivia, MN

“Coping with Special Days”

Maureen Style, Director, Renville County Hospice

# HE FED HIS...



## Why did youth from Cross of Calvary and area churches participate in **THE 30 HOUR FAMINE** last night?

### The Problem

- Today, an estimated 7,000 children younger than 5 will die from causes related to hunger. Tomorrow, and the next day, this story will repeat itself. *But it doesn't have to.*
- There are 925 million hungry people around the world. It's hard to get our minds around a number that big, but it's about three times the population of the U.S.—or one in every seven people on the planet. *And it's 925 million too many.*
- Most of this hunger is happening in the developing world, but what if it hit closer to home? **What would you do if hunger threatened the life of your best friend, or your brother, or your sister?**

### Why God wants us to care

- **Physical needs matter to God.** That's why Jesus' miracles include things like healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, and feeding 5,000 hungry people.
- **Kids rate high in God's eyes.** Jesus is pretty clear in Matthew 18:5—"Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Without money for food and other essentials, kids don't eat. Since that matters to God, it matters to us.
- **Jesus wants us to be part of the solution.** How do we know? When His disciples tell Him to send the hungry crowd away in Mark 6:37, He turns the tables on them by saying, "You give them something to eat" (emphasis added). When all they can do is splutter in surprise, He uses the sack lunch of a young boy to perform an amazing miracle—multiplying the loaves and fishes and giving them to the disciples to share until everyone in the crowd had had enough.

### What our YOUTH are doing about it

- By doing the 30 Hour Famine, we're going to be part of a modern-day miracle—going without food to feed our own crowd. This isn't just another good cause. It's about walking in Jesus' footsteps and reaching out in compassion to feed and care for hungry children.

## What can YOU do?

Please check out the HUNGER data on the MISSIONS BOARD and prayerfully consider making a difference.

# Who's hungry? **THE MASSES.**

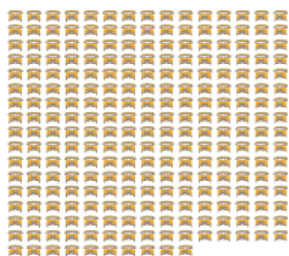
There are **925 MILLION HUNGRY PEOPLE** in the world. Just how many is that?



**one in seven**  
of all people alive

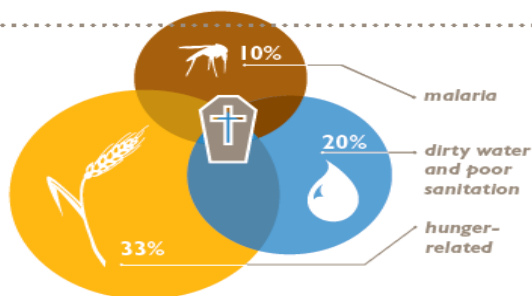


More than **20,000** children younger than 5 died every day in 2011—most from preventable causes like hunger, poverty, and disease.



Nearly **250** school buses worth of children die every day.

**FACTORS  
IN THE  
DEATHS  
OF KIDS  
age 5 and  
younger**



[30hourfamine.org](http://30hourfamine.org)

