

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

HYMN AM 457 (For the fruits of his creation)

Blessing

After the blessing, all reply

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Please join us for tea or coffee after the service, when the Harvest Gifts will be auctioned in aid of TEAR Fund. If you are new, please introduce yourself to us and ask for a welcome leaflet.

- ☞ Please pick up your **magazine** from the hall.
- ☞ Today is the last day for nominating **Assistant Wardens**. Put your form in the box in the hall.
- ☞ Next **Saturday** (1 November) there is a **sale** of children's clothes, toys etc in the hall 1000-1400
- ☞ The 1000 service next Sunday (2 November) will be a Sung Eucharist.
- ☞ All British ladies are invited to **coffee** with Mrs Alison Eastwood at the British Ambassador's Residence, Brunnadernrain 11, Elfenau, on **Tuesday 4 November** between 1100 and 1400.
- ☞ For the Bazaar on 15 November we still need **food items**, (full!) **bottles** and **help** with the **restaurant**. Please look at the lists in the hall. There will also be a **cooking** workshop on 14 November from 1000.
- ☞ All are welcome to the small prayer group on Tuesdays 1400-1500 to pray for our church.

Thanks for helping today to:

Usher	Wendy Astor + Phyllis Hochstrasser
Leader	Sam Van Leer
Readers	Martin Ellis and David Winfield
Drama	Confirmation Class
Address	Richard Pamplin
Intercessions	Heidi Gusset
Music	Tricia Carrick and Hans Pfyffer
Coffee and Tea	Sharon Bachmann and Lynn Robb
Duty Council	Martin Täuber

☞ **PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU**

St Ursula's Church, Berne Harvest Festival/Pledge Sunday

STAND for the opening worship songs:

Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory, (x3)
children of the Lord.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we shall
rejoice and be glad in it. (*SoF 547*)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us praise the Lord for all his blessings
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN AM 289 (Come, ye thankful people, come),
during which harvest gifts may be brought to the front.*

Prayers of Penitence

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when
we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them
to us.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and
satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have
made.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

SONG

*Oh, oh, oh, how good is the Lord (x3)
I never will forget what he has done for me.
He gives us his blessings, how good is the Lord
(Repeat with our harvest/great riches/his friendship)*

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:5-12

Some people think religion is a way to make a fast buck. A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough. But if it's only money these people are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after. But you, Timothy, man of God: Run for your life from all this. Pursue a righteous life – a life of wonder, faith, steadiness, courtesy. Run hard and fast in the faith. Seize the eternal life, the life you were called to, the life you so fervently embraced in the presence of so many witnesses.

"The Message"

Psalm 126

**Those who sow in tears and sorrow
will reap with songs of joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion out of bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Our mouths were all filled with laughter;
on our lips there were songs.

**Those who sow in tears and sorrow
will reap with songs of joy.**

The heathen all said to themselves,
"What marvels God works!"
What great things the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

**Those who sow in tears and sorrow
will reap with songs of joy.**

Deliver us, Lord, from our bondage
as streams flood in the desert.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

**Those who sow in tears and sorrow
will reap with songs of joy.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carry seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carry with them their sheaves.

**Those who sow in tears and sorrow
will reap with songs of joy.**

Reading: Joel 2:21-27

Land, do not be afraid;
be glad, rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things.
Wild animals, do not be afraid;

the desert pastures are green again,
the trees bear fruit,
vine and fig tree yield their richness.

Sons of Zion, be glad,
rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given you
autumn rain as justice demands
and he will send the rains down for you,
the autumn and spring rain as of old.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats overflow with wine and oil.

'I will make up to you for the years
devoured by grown locust and hopping locust,
by shearer and young locust,
by my great army which I sent to invade you.

'You will eat to your heart's content,
and praise the name of the Lord your God
who has treated you so wonderfully.

My people will never be humiliated again!
'And you will know that I am among you in Israel,
I, the Lord your God, and no one else.
My people will never be humiliated again!

New Jerusalem Version

Drama - The Lord gives the Increase

HYMN AM 290 (We plough the fields, and scatter)

Address

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your
goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth
in their season: grant that we may use them to
your glory, for the relief of those in need and for
our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN AM 291 (To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise).
Our collection is in aid of TEAR Fund.

Dedication of the Pledges

Prayers

Sit for a time of reflection. We sing:

**Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises
to the Lord**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's
holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who
leads me into life.**

Intercessions

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**