

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 500 South Wayne Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980

August 9, 2020

" A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Jay Beech Setting)

Congregational responses are in bold print

In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.

MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

<u>Prelude</u>

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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God's Love Endures Forever



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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from 1 Kings:

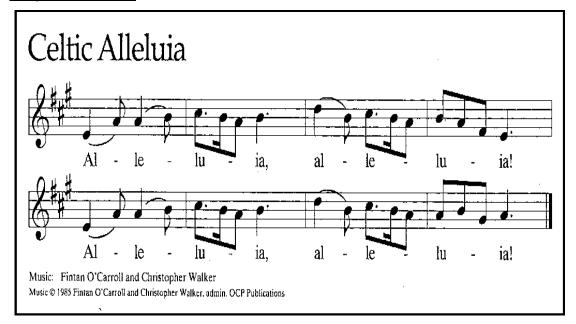
⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Stollings/Cooper Family

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Hannah Pingel

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Healing of the World"

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<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Assisting Minister: Mike Trauscht

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Open

Council Person of the Week: Jerry Kite

Children's Sermon: Stollings/Cooper Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15[10-20] 21-28



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Cynthia Long Mickey Shook Tanner Walter

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Linda Davis, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson Tony Forbes, Cousin of Ron Almarode Janice Marie Ely Lowden, Friend of Grace Linda Mader, Friend of Cynthia Long Cindy Rudin, Friend of Cynthia Long

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald Pete Giesen Sandra R. Hoy
Bob and Carol Knemoller Janet Lunger Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Barbara Shifflett and Family
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Heaven Dudley, Friend of Linda Meyer
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht
George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Olga Bouchard, David & Vivian Proctors' Son's Mother-in-Law
Family of Reed Forbes, Uncle of Ron Almarode
Family of June Huff, Mother of Donna Gum
Family of Taylor Quesenberry, Friend of Mike and Susan Myers
Family of Flo Walck, Member of Grace

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year</u> David Proctor Rick Glidden Donna Marshall

The Needs of the World

Our Nation, Commonwealth, Counties and Cities—our leaders, judges, and all who work in government

Those seeking vaccines and treatment for coronavirus

Our School Districts, Colleges, Teachers and students as they prepare for school in August and September

The Church

Our neighbors in the Pelham Neighborhood and Ramworks

Our children and grandchildren, and their growth in faith

Our sisters and brothers at Main Street United Methodist Church with a new pastor.





A New Way of Doing Meals on Wheels—For approximately 40 years Grace has delivered meals to the homebound in November through Meals on Wheels. As with many ministries Grace has been involved with over the years, during the COVID19 pandemic we are being asked to adjust to a new normal.

Currently the staff members of VPAS (Valley Program for Aging Services) have been delivering 7 meals each Wednesday; however, they now plan to begin send-

ing meals out 2 or 3 times a week, and need volunteers to help.

Instead of church members volunteering for different days during a single month as we have done in the past, VPAS needs people who are willing to take meals on a certain day and/or on a certain week on a regular basis each month. At this time they aren't sure if they will be operating 2 or 3 days a week. These changes eliminate **churches** covering for a month during the year, and instead relies on a model where individuals (community partners) care for the meal distribution.

This is a new way of Meals on Wheels distribution! Again, Grace will no longer deliver meals for the month of November. Instead Grace members are being asked to individually sign-up to help deliver. An orientation for volunteers will be required due to the Coronavirus. If you are interested in continuing to deliver meals, please contact Gwen Kite at gwenma2002@yahoo.com or 910-0508.



Worship with us from

Person Worship Update—On July 7, at a specially called Council meeting, Grace Council voted to resume in-person worship on July 26. One of the conditions of approval was that if there was a significant change in the number of Coronavirus cases in our area, Council would reconsider its decision.

Unfortunately, very soon after approval there was an immediate rise in Coronavirus cases in Waynesboro, Augusta County and Staunton. As of yesterday (July 21), our area has 494 positive cases; and in recent days, there have been two COVID deaths in the Waynesboro area alone.

One of the criteria suggested by the CDC, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and by the Virginia Synod of the ELCA for return to in-person activities is a decrease in the instances of Coronavirus in any given area. Because the opposite is true currently in our area, Council voted at its monthly meeting last night (7/21) to rescind the approval of In-Person worship until a time when the Coronavirus positivity rate is again on the decline (it should be noted that the positivity rate in SAW [Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro] is currently <u>above</u> the average rate for the entire Commonwealth).

Again, consideration for return to In-Person worship will be tied to a reduction in the rate of Coronavirus in our area. We know this decision may be disappointing to many. As fortunate as we are to have good technology to help us worship and meet together, it is different from being together in-person. However, in our current situation, Council felt the responsibility of reducing the risks of meeting in-person when all evidence points to the increased dangers of doing just that - which itself is faithful to God's example for us through Jesus Christ to love and care for one another.

We will continue to meet live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. via YouTube worship (available through our website, www.gracewaynesboro.org), or by Zoom (by phone, audio only). We will continue to hear God's Word proclaimed, which God promises will not leave us empty in our lives (Isaiah 55:11), even and especially during the Coronavirus time! And we encourage you to take advantage of our Coffee Fellowship via Zoom after each worship service; and to continue connecting with one another in the many ways we have shown our love and care for one another and our community over the last many weeks.

God will continue to guide us as a congregation and as God's people; and will show us that as Christ's Church our call to share the gospel, and love our neighbors and one another continues as strongly as ever. Thank you for being a blessing to Grace and this community!

A Note about Zoom Worship Phone Calls - Try Us Again! Back in May we had two or three difficult Sundays where the Zoom link to Grace's Worship Service via telephone was all messed up. Owen Keefer has worked very hard to resolve all the difficulties - and Zoom has reported a lot of efforts to resolve the problems, too - and as a result the Zoom Worship Phone Calls have been working very well in June and July. So <u>Try Us Again</u>, if you don't have a computer to get on You Tube for the worship service.

<u>OR</u>, **DVD'S ARE AVAILABLE!** If you would like a DVD of the previous Sunday 's Worship Service, our technology guru Owen Keefer would be happy to send you a DVD of the worship service, that you can put in your DVD player and watch at your convenience! Just let Owen Keefer or the Church Office (949-6171) know, and we'll send it to you!





Thank you to all the worship leaders; for the children's message and to our regular weekly stalwart helpers, Mike Myers and Owen Keefer.



Coffee Fellowship" after Worship on Sundays! In an effort to gather us for fellowship and conversation as the Body of Christ here at Grace, we invite you to bring your cup of coffee (or other beverage, or just yourself!) and join a Zoom meeting after Sunday worship (approximately 10:45 -10:50 a.m.) whose purpose is for us to see and check in with each other,

to enjoy a smile and a laugh, to share what's on our hearts - what Martin Luther called a sign of the church - "the mutual consolation of the brothers and sisters." Look for an email or U.S. Mail note this week with information on joining the Fellowship!



School Supplies Needed—The Salvation Army is asking for donations to help provide 800 "Homework Toolboxes" for local kindergarten and first grade students. Items requested include pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, erasers, individual pencil sharpeners, age appropriate scissors, and plastic Supplies Needed pencil boxes in which to store the items. Many stores such as Target, Staples

and Wal-Mart currently have great prices on these types of items. There will be a box provided at the church in which to donate the items. Please drop them off by August 14. Monetary donations for the purchase of these supplies is also greatly appreciated. The address is 900 B Street, P. O. Box 1065, Waynesboro, VA 22980.



Christian Education at Grace—Look for communications about Christian Education, Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Education in the upcoming weeks. In Person activities are still on hold, so Sunday School is as well; but we will be offering other ways to help you continue to grow in learning and faith!

Blessing the Backpacks—Look for a Zoom Link and take part in a blessing of those things we are using for school in a very unique school year! Plus, a blessing for students, teachers, assistants, and all those helping our children learn in a challenging year.





WARM Updates—WARM has been sheltering the homeless this summer at the Days Inn through a partnership grant with the Commonwealth of VA. Various organizations have helped with Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry providing meals. Lunch and dinner are provided but there is a

need for bag breakfasts. Grace provided 40 breakfasts daily July 13th thru 19th. A big **THANK YOU** goes to Caroline Biggers for coordinating the week.

We will be providing bag breakfasts again August 17th thru 23rd. The bag breakfast could consist of fast food biscuits, frozen sausage biscuits (guests have a microwave in their room), bananas or oranges, breakfast bars, boiled eggs, individual cups or breakfast pastries. It is delivered to the Days Inn between 8:15 and 9:15 each morning. Grace has received a \$1000 grant to help with the cost of feeding the hungry in our community through WARM and Disciples Kitchen. If you would like to help coordinate a day, pack the bags, or deliver the bags to the Days Inn, please contact Gwen Kite at gwenma2002@yahoo.com or 910-0508.

Thanks to everyone who has donated snacks for the WARM guests. They have been delivered to the Days Inn for the shelter guests and are greatly appreciated. The need for individual snacks such as chips, prepackaged cookies or individually packaged snack foods will continue throughout their stay. The box will remain in the hallway near the Church office door.



Disciples Kitchen Updates—Grace provided 40 bag lunches for Disciples Kitchen at Second Presbyterian on Thursday, July 23 and 40 breakfast bags to Basic United SERVING MEALS Methodist on July 25.

Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made *four deliveries* thus far, two to Main Street United Methodist, and two to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

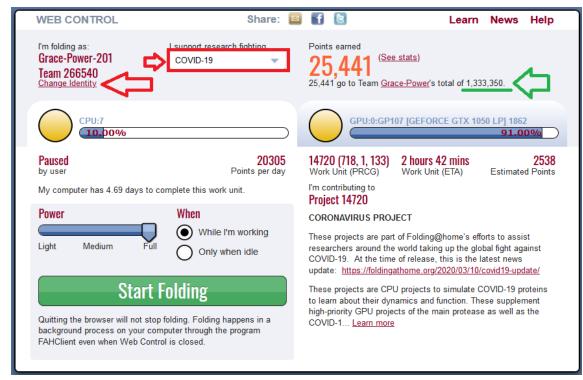


Since June 24, Grace has been battling the Coronavirus by providing computing power for the Folding@Home project based at Washington University in St. Louis. Computer programs run on millions of computers and return results to help develop new medicines. The same program also aides research into Cancers, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, and Parkinson's. Anyone can download the program at foldingathome.org

Grace statistics: stats.foldingathome.org/team/266700

In terms of computation, Grace is in the top 3% of all teams with 17 computers contributing.

Attached is a diagram of the software running. Questions? contact Owen Keefer





Life of Grace Church August –16, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	8/09	10:00 a.m.	Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Sunday	08/16	10:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Joshua 7:1-13 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 26:36-46

Daily Lectionary

Tuesday Joshua 8:1-22 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 26:47-56

Scripture
OF THE WEEK

Friday

Thursday

Joshua 9:3-21

Romans 15:1-13

Matthew 26:69-75

Joshua 9:22—10:15 Romans 15:14-24 Matthew 27:1-10

Saturday

Joshua 23:1-16 Romans 15:25-33 Matthew 27:11-23

Wednesday

Joshua 8:30-35 Romans 14:13-23 Matthew 26:57-68



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