

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

August 16, 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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P<u>relude</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.

Hymn of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
⁸Thus says the Lord GoD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹0[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us."

¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Amber and Isabelle Bokelman

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Mike Myers

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.

<u>Peace</u>

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: "Healer of Every III"

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<u>Dismissal</u>

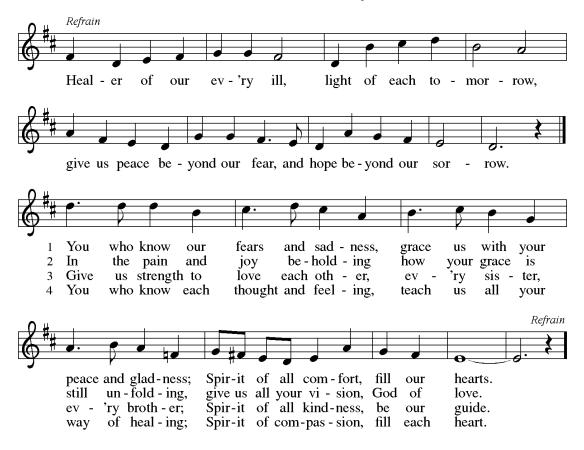
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Postlude</u>

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Healer of Our Every Ill



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Assisting Minister: Donna Gum

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Open

Council Person of the Week: Linda Meyer

Children's Sermon: Bokelman Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 23, 2020 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20



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*)

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 Charlotte Lucas, Sister-In-Law of Bill Lucas

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 Taylor Quesenberry, Friend of Mike and Susan Myers Family of Flo Walck, Member of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Cathy Firkin Joe Mover

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

Flooded businesses, damaged homes in Staunton

The people of Beirut, Lebanon recovering from the chemical explosion

The Church

Robin Crowder

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





We 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 - 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 Try Us Again, if you don't have a computer to get on You Tube for the worship service.

OR, 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!



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!





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 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.



WARM Updates—WARM has been sheltering the homeless this summer at the Days Inn through a partnership grant with the Commonwealth of VA. We will be providing bag breakfasts again this week. 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.



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 2% of all teams with 17 computers contributing.



Life of Grace Church August 16-23, 2020

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Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	8/16	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	8/17	6:30 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Group Zoom
Tuesday	8/18	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Council via Zoom
Sunday	08/23	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Joshua 24:16-33 Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 27:24-31

5W 27.24-51

Tuesday

Judges 2:1-5, 11-23 Romans 16:17-27 Matthew 27:32-44

Wednesday Judges 3:12-30

Acts 1:1-14 Matthew 27:45-54 **Daily Lectionary**

Scripture
OF THE WEEK

Thursday

Judges 4:4-23 Acts 1:15-26 Matthew 27:55-66

Friday

Judges 5:1-18 Acts 2:1-21 Matthew 28:1-10

Saturday

Judges 5:19-31 Acts 2:22-36 Matthew 28:11-20



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