



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 1, 2019

**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”**

Holy Communion

(Based on Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is *THEN* that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir Sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Father, Son, +, and Holy Spirit, one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen

The congregation stands

Gathering Song: "Gather Us In"

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed,
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly Word,
God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re - peat - ed; Peace! to all pro - claimed,
make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from Proverbs:

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 112

The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively by whole verse between the assisting minister and congregation.

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

Continued

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews:

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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The image shows a musical score for 'Celtic Alleluia'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below each staff. The score is enclosed in a rectangular box.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Children Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.)

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

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Apostle's Creed

The presiding minister may introduce the 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.**


Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete


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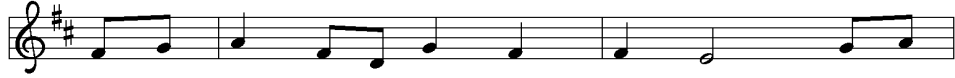
Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



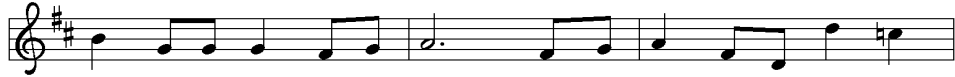
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.




1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

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cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo*

3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo*

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Prayers of Intercession

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The congregation is seated

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.

Offertory

The congregation stands

The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing.

Offertory Response

God's Love Endures Forever

Refrain

Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's love en - dures for -
ev - er! Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's
love en - dures for - ev - er!

1 With our dreams and our fears,
2 With our strength and our weak - ness,
with our joys and our pain,
with our gifts and our needs,

Refrain
we come, we come.
we come, we come.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

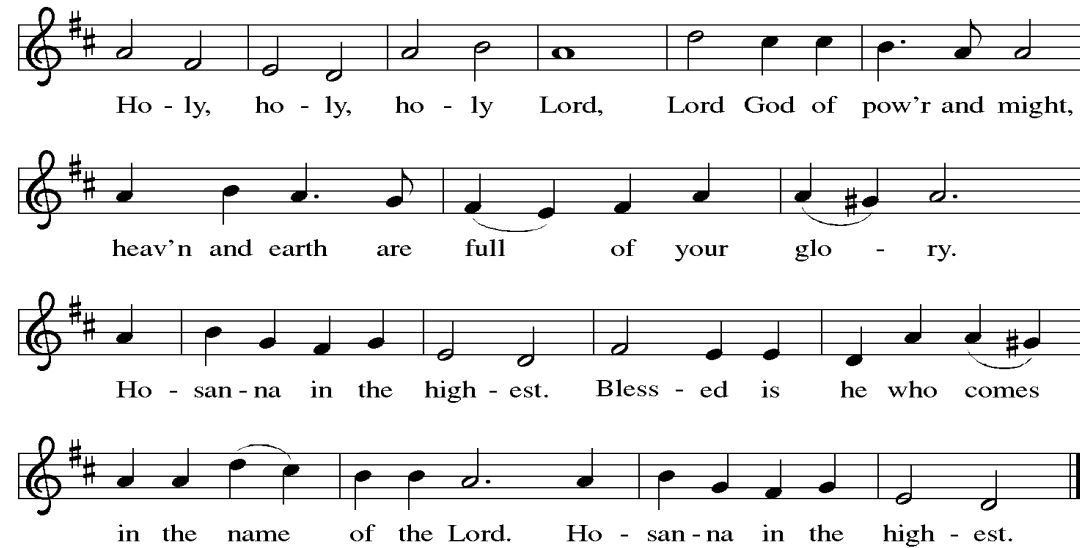
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated and sing verses 1 and 2, pages

Holy Communion

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this Sacrament, the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: *One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, the following is announced:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Verses 1 and 2

For the Healing of the World

1 Des-per-ate peo-ple are mak-ing their way to see
2 Sure-ly he's borne all our griefs and col-lect-ed our
3 Still in our world we see peo-ple con-tin-ue to

Je - sus; Wound-ed and bro-ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha-dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun-gry and

come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.

Long-ing for free-dom from de-mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak-ness he
Now we must go with God's heal-ing and jus - tice to

eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he

free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

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For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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Communion Hymns:

“Now We Join in Celebration”

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“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

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“As We Gather at Your Table”

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After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

Now We Join in Celebration

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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Around You, O Lord Jesus

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU, AN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

The Post-Communion Canticle—*For the Healing of the World - Verse 3* *Pages 15 & 16*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine in your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received; Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent. The presiding minister may say this or a similar prayer of sending.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister:	<i>Tripp Franklin</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Brodie Franklin and Karla Rankin</i>
Ushers:	<i>Jack Eckstrom, Carrie Jones, Brad Keefer and David Proctor</i>
Offering Stewards:	<i>Pat Brady and Bob Shumate</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Kaitlyn Hull</i>
Cup Gatherer:	<i>Donna Marshall</i>
Altar Guild:	
Nursery Caregivers:	<i>Kim Hull and Jane Stein</i>
Altar Flowers:	<i>Open</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Linda Meyer</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to
the glory of God*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

September 8, 2019
13th Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Announcements



Children's Church, Confirmation and Sunday School begin September 8!



Sunday Adult Class—The Pew Research Center released a survey asking U.S. adults what they understood about religion. Briefly, Christians knew about Christianity and a little about Judaism and Islam but not much more.¹ This year in the Sunday morning class we are going to survey world religions and what they believe.

We will start by asking the questions, “What is religion?” “What are the world religions?” Then we will take a closer look at Buddhism, Islam, Chinese religions, Hinduism, and Judaism. Along the way we may learn a little about our own faith. The resource text will be Families of Faith, An Introduction to World Religions for Christians by Paul Varo Martinson, Fortress Press.

<https://www.pewforum.org/2019/07/23/what-americans-know-about-religion/#fn-31798-1>



Bible Class Starts the Week of September 8th - With the start of Sunday School comes our Weekday Bible Class! A study of the epistle to the Hebrews - the pastor who wrote this letter is concerned about the Church of his day - an anxious Church, seeing declines in attendance, people walking away from the faith - kind of like today! Come Wednesdays at 11 a.m. or Thursdays at 7 p.m. to study this curious letter to a Church that has “lost its ‘Amen’ and found it!”



New Member Class at Grace! If you have been a visitor to Grace and are interested in joining with us at Grace in God's Mission for us here in Waynesboro, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex We are a Community of Servants, Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus! Come and be a part of God's Grace, AT Grace!



Emergency Preparedness Workshop at Grace! With all the news in our area about the 50th Anniversary of Hurricane Camille, and the dangers of this Hurricane Season, Grace's Emergency Preparedness sub-committee would like to invite you to a fun night of information and practical advice, from Rebecca Joyce of the Central Shenandoah Planning District, an expert in Emergency Preparedness. The date is **Thursday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.** We'll have refreshments to enjoy as well as lots of good, practical information about staying safe in your home - Hurricane or not!



Rise Against Hunger Fall Packing Event—On Saturday September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Grace will host a Rise Against Hunger event with 17 other area churches! The event - at Kate Collins Middle School (1625 Ivy Street, park in top lot) - will be in support of the Virginia Synod, ELCA's "God's Work Our Hands" day of service. Our goal is to pack over 30,000 meals in two hours. The packing event has a number of work stations including both sitting and standing tasks. Whether you are 6 or 96, you can be a part! There is a signup sheet in the back of the Church. Please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite for questions about the event. Remember to bring your hat to wear when we are packing the food.

Announcements Continued



City-wide Ecumenical Animal Blessing: Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29, 12:00-2:00 p.m. for our first ever city-wide Blessing of the Animals service. This will take place at Coyner Springs Park and will include vendors, pet adoption agencies, a blessing service, and more. It is being planned by Grace and St. John's Episcopal churches and will be co-sponsored by Grace, St. John's Episcopal, St. John the Evangelist Catholic, and PetSmart Charities.

Be sure to come early to the event so that you can make it to the CROP Walk on time; our aim is that families can do both events (and perhaps 4 legged family members can join the CROP Walk too). If you would like to help with this ministry event please contact Sarah Beth Kite or Linda Meyer or call the church office.

During the month of September, there will be a **collection of pet foods** that we will take to the Blessing event and will then divide among the agencies represented at the event. A bin will be at the back of the sanctuary each week to receive your donations of pet food. Thank you for participating in this collection!



CROP Walk—The annual Crop Walk will be held at Ridgeview Park on Sunday, September 29. The walk starts at 2:00 with opening program around 1:30. Packets can be picked up from Sarah Kite starting Sunday, September 8. Please plan to walk or sponsor a walker to help alleviate hunger. Funds support local and world hunger programs.



Grace Walkers on Thursdays! Each Thursday, 8:30am, we gather at Grace to walk the Greenway and/or neighborhood, and share in Christian fellowship along the way. Whether you are "fit and fast," or "slower and wiser," there will be someone walking your speed!



Tithe-ly Lets You Give Online - Want the convenience you have paying bills online, or giving to favorite causes? You can do it with your giving at Grace as well! Click on "Tithe-ly Donation" at the gracewaynesboro.org website, and follow the easy to use instructions. You can give once, or set up recurring gifts to keep up with your pledge



Southern Valley Conference Golf Tournament - Grace is invited this year to a September 21 (9 a.m., Ironwood, Staunton) Golf Tournament that benefits Pleasant View Lutheran Church/Staunton's Outreach Ministry. Cost is \$40/person + your free Will offering. Sign up if you are interested!



Come To Me Women's Retreat Are you looking to have a deeper rest with Jesus? Do you want a deeper relationship with those around you? Then don't miss this opportunity to spark love in your life! October 6, 2019 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. RSVP to 540-980-2122 or offiesda@gmail.com.

Announcements Continued



Catechism

Small Catechisms Available! In the September Grace Notes, pastor encouraged members to re-familiarize themselves with Luther's Small Catechism - which contains the "basics" of our Lutheran confession of faith, with Luther's amazing explanations of what these "basics" mean when we say them or experience them in worship. If you don't have a copy of the Catechism handy, pick one up in the Narthex, and if you can, give \$1 to help defray the cost.



Did You Know: You can find today's bulletin on Grace's web page? If you miss church one Sunday you can see the service on the Internet later that afternoon, by either going directly to Grace's Facebook page or through the web page.

Contest: Let's have some fun, every few weeks we will have a new contest. Who can find the information on the web or Facebook page to a question and send the answer to Gordon Putnam at gputnam1949@gmail.com. There will be a prize for the 19th person who answers this question correctly. **"On the Weekly bulletin page, name one of the persons in the picture."**



If you brought a topping for the Ice Cream Social, please pick it up after church today. These are located in the silver refrigerator in the kitchen. Thank you for bringing these to such a fun event!

Also, you can take the family of Syneva Augustin off the prayer list. Thank you! Sylvia

*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. 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

Beth Brady
Janet Parmer
Barb Susen

Nancy Fitzgerald
Mickey Shook

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Syneva Augustin, Friends of the Almarodes
The Family of Catherine A. Constantino, Mother of Cathy Firkin
Family of Mike Doty, Former Members of Grace
Family of Gay Arehart Meeks, Former Grace Member
Family of Robert Mahanes, Friend of Donna Gum
Family of Jinnie Mason, Mother of Holly Carper

Ongoing Need for Prayer

Liz Ann Binns, Grace Member
Jean Brower, Grace Member

Fred Brower, Grace Member

Marie Brown, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee

Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Sandra R. Hoy, Grace Member

Sandy Johnson, Grace Member

Bob and Carol Knemoller, Grace Members

Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member

Peggy Lucas, Grace Member

Janet Lunger, Grace Member

Bill Moore, Friend of the Church

Glenn and Flossie Myers, Grace Members

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Lily Skelton, Grace Member

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends

Drew Dettweiler, Sister-in-Law of Donna Marshall

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Bobby Haywood, Friend of Trauschts

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law

Selena Kite, Jerry & Gwen Kite's Granddaughter

Katherine Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Roger Stasik, Ex-Husband of Mary Beth Faivre

Pastor Karen Taylor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Zach Tomey, Great-Grandson of Dick Tomey

Krista Traynor and Her Children, Daughter of David and Vivian Proctor

Cooper Trueblood, Friend of Almarodes

Keith Weller, Son of Kenneth and Wendy Weller

The Needs of the World

Families and friends grieving loved ones shot
and/or killed in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH

The discourse of our National leaders for the
Sake of the Common Good, rather than
maintaining our current divisions

A way forward in our nation to reduce gun violence

The Church

The ELCA and its future direction
(see elca.org/future)

Fellow Christians endangered in their
practice of faith (N. Korea,
Pakistan, India)

Our neighbor congregations: St. John the
Evangelist Roman Catholic, Bethany
Lutheran (Missouri Synod), Good
Shepherd Anglican

Our heeding God's call to the "Golden
Rule" for ALL people, across race,
gender, and other differences

Prayers for the Virginia Synod delegation
traveling to Papua New Guinea to visit
our Companion Synod, the New Guinea
Islands District of the ELC-PNG

The installation of Rev. Adam Schultz as
pastor of Good Shepherd, Lexington

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Alex Skelton
Antoinette Eckstrom

Katie Morrison
Sydney Rankin

Kristen Spooner
Karl Stein

**Life of Grace Church
September 1-9, 2019**

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	09/01	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
Monday	09/02		 Church Office Closed
Tuesday	09/03	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	LEARN (Library and History Rooms) Mutual Ministry
Wednesday	09/04	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	 Grace Book Study Group  Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	09/05	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	 Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	09/07	10:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.	 Rise Against Hunger <i>(Kate Collins Middle School—1625 Ivy Street)</i>
Sunday	09/08	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Confirmation) Worship Choir Children's Church Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding Confirmation

Monday

Psalm 119:65-72
2 Chronicles 12:1-12
Hebrews 13:7-21

Tuesday

Psalm 119:65-72
Isaiah 2:12-17
Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday

Psalm 119:65-72
Isaiah 57:14-21
Luke 14:15-24

**Daily
Lectionary**



Thursday

Psalm 1
Genesis 39:1-23
Philippians 2:25-30

Friday

Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 7:12-26
Colossians 4:7-17

Saturday

Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 29:2-20
Matthew 10:34-42



Members of Grace, Ministers

Linda Meyer, President
Gordon Putnam, Vice President
Zach Bandy, Holly Carper, Pete Giesen,
Kim Hull, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,
Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, and Rudolph Yobs
Deloris Wertman, Secretary
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor
Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;
8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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