

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

August 23, 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

Prelude

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: *"We All Are One in Mission"*

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We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah:

- ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

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Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

The Jones Family

Sermon

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.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Song: *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;


take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



MINISTRY
ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister: Joe Ranzini

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Ingrid Sevigny

Council Person of the Week: Anne Putnam

Children's Sermon: Jones Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 30, 2020
 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word via YouTube
 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Jeremiah 15:15-21
 Psalm 26:1-8
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28



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*)

**Bobby Moyer
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	Glenn and Flossie Myers	Janet Parmer
	Mickey Shook	

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

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

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Janet Lunger, Member of Grace
Family of Flo Walck, Member of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Jack Eckstrom	Carol Knemoller
Jimmy Owens	Tom Carper

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

Our children and grandchildren, and their growth in faith

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

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Club Court and Berkeley Glenn Neighborhoods

NEWS



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 (the Zoom link to the Fellowship is sent each week via email and U.S. Mail) ; 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.

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!



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!



A Note about Prayer and our Prayer List - Often when we think about Prayer - or Prayer Lists - the people or places we include in prayer are those we are concerned about, or those we know are in need. At the same time, we know that Prayer can include celebrations and joys. And also that Prayers can - and should - be offered for one another in daily life. On our Prayer List (page 12), there are various categories in which we separate cares and concerns for members from celebrations and thanksgivings, and then there are Needs in our World, and prayers for the Church, which has included a prayer for the neighborhoods near our church and those we live in. We will create a new category, **Our Neighbors**, and note that when we pray (currently, for example) for Club Court and Berkeley Glenn neighborhoods, we are asking for God's blessing on our neighbors, not necessarily out of any crisis or problem. All of our lives and all we do, and where we live, are under God's Grace! We pray not only when things are bad, or good, but perhaps most importantly, when we are simply in the midst of living.



Child Care needs for students in School, and Grace - The New School year for Waynesboro and area schools, is beginning very differently, with Distance Learning in place for every day of the week at Waynesboro and other public schools, or hybrid learning (2 days/week) at Augusta County Schools. This has created a great need for Child Care for families where parents must work. Requests have gone out to Churches and other organizations to help provide space for this great need. Grace Council, at its August meeting, voted to work with the YMCA, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, and Community Foundation ("C4") to provide space for Child Care in our Fellowship Hall when the need arises. The YMCA will provide staff and *daily sanitizing and cleaning* for the areas they use, and a maintenance stipend to Grace. Up to 20 children may receive care and learning at Grace. Please pray for this venture as we "travel on ventures new and unknown" in the midst of our current pandemic.

Grace moves to a Narrative Lectionary in September - Our congregation joins with other congregations in the Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod to begin using the Narrative Lectionary for the church year, provided by Luther Seminary of the ELCA. This lectionary uses one primary and one secondary passage each Sunday, and focuses on the full story of God's salvation and Grace found in the Bible. During the Fall we'll start with passages from the Old Testament. In Advent, the prophets and the gospel point us to the Messiah, and from Christmas to Easter, we follow the gospel through from beginning to conclusion, from birth to resurrection. It's a way to allow us to follow the Gospel story in the way it is written and presented in the Bible. We'll begin using the lectionary on September 13th.



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.




Thank you to all who helped supply the Salvation Army's request for **"Homework Toolboxes"**. Through your contributions, we were able to fill 27 boxes with pencils, scissors, glue sticks, crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils and markers. These were requested for kindergarten and first grade students. We additionally delivered notebooks, paper, mechanical pencils and pens for middle and high school students. Thank you for your generous gifts to those in need. Amy Warren



Life of Grace Church
August 23-30, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	8/23	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	8/24	6:30 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom
Tuesday	8/25	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables via Zoom
Sunday	08/30	10:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

<p>Monday Judges 6:25-40 Acts 2:37-47 John 1:1-18</p>	<p>Daily Lectionary</p> 	<p>Thursday Judges 8:22-35 Acts 4:1-12 John 1:43-51</p>
<p>Tuesday Judges 7:1-18 Acts 3:1-11 John 1:19-28</p>		<p>Friday Judges 9:1-16, 19-21 Acts 4:13-31 John 2:1-12</p>
<p>Wednesday Judges 7:19-8:12 Acts 3:12-26 John 1:29-42</p>		<p>Saturday Judges 9:22-25, 50-57 Acts 4:32-5:11 John 2:13-25</p>



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