

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church August 22, 2021

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

#### Service of the Word via You Tube

(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 then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us 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 <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

#### Gathering

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

We stand

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son 

→ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen** 

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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Processional Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" #634, Page 5, Verses 1, 2

#### Greeting

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

And also with you.

#### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
  We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

### **Hymn of Praise**



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#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

#### A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of Grace and Glory, you have given us a vision that assures us of your presence in times of trouble. Your Son, Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, is worthy to open the Book of Life and all that is contained therein. Give us confidence by your Spirit that you are the Author of all Life, and to place our trust in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit

Word

First Reading: Revelation 5:1-13

A reading from Revelation

¹Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; <sup>10</sup>you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

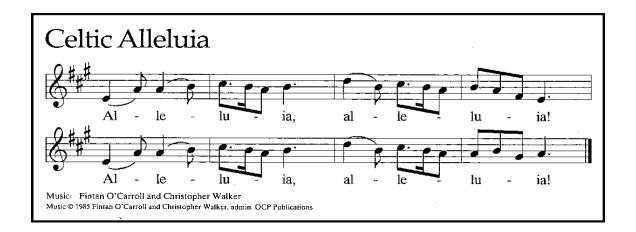
<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel:** John 1:29-31

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

**Pastor Pingel** 

Sermon

**Pastor Pingel** 

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

**Hymn of the Day**: "I Love to Tell the Story"

#661, Page 10, Verse 1, 3

We stand

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.

The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.

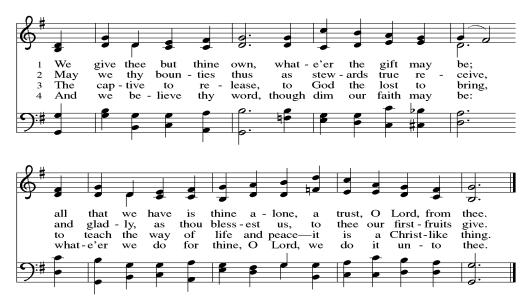
The congregation remains standing for offertory song

Meal

Offertory Song

Verses 1, 4

#### We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

## **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

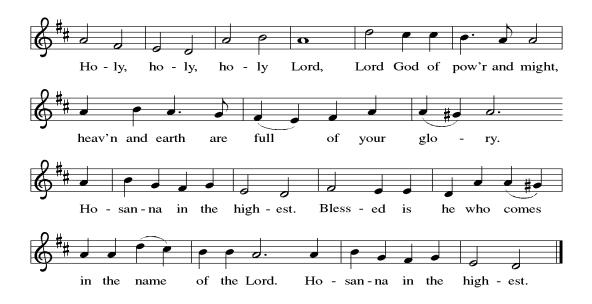
Lift up your hearts.

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:



# 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 is 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 in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### Amen

# **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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

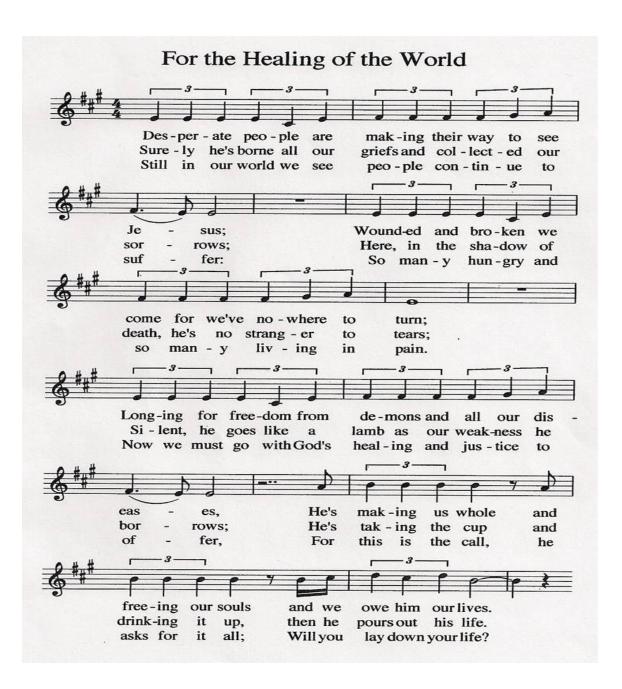
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

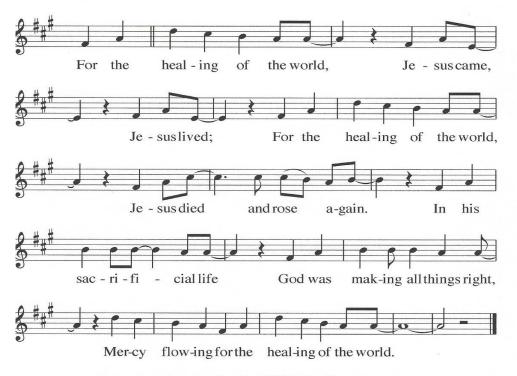
Thanks be to God!

We sit

"For the Healing of the World"

Pages 15-16, Verse 1





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#### **The Holy Communion**

The congregation may be seated.

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:** We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### Amen.

The congregation stands.

#### **The Communion Blessing**

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

#### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

#### Sending

#### **Blessing**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Healing of the World" Pages 15-16, Verses 2, 3

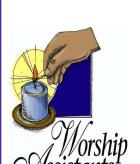
#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### <u>Postlude</u>

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# Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Ingrid Sevigny

Altar Guild: Lisa Gray

Assisting Minister: Donna Gum

Council Person of the Week: Fred Biggers

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

**Ushers:** Gail Johnson

Carrie Jones



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God

# Our Unity in Christ— Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse



Isaiah 2:2-4

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

#### Monday

2 Samuel 13:23-39 Acts 20:17-38 Mark 9:42-50

# Tuesday

2 Samuel 14:1-20 Acts 21:1-14 Mark 810:1-16

#### Wednesday

2 Samuel 14:21-33 Acts 21:15-26 Mark 10:17-31



# Thursday

2 Samuel 15:1-18 Acts 21:27-36 Mark 10:32-45

#### Friday

2 Samuel 15:19-37 Acts 21:37—22:16 Mark 10:46-52

#### Saturday

2 Samuel 16:1-23 Acts 22:17-29 Mark 11:1-11

# Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 29, 2021
14th Sunday After Pentecost
Shared Worship with St. James
Lutheran at Barren Ridge Vineyards

## Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube 11:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> Genesis 1:1-2:1 Psalm 95:1-7a Luke 13:6-9



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 (Remain on List for 4 weeks\* Bill Lucas

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

Emily Girard, Daughter of Bumps Dick Jordan, Uncle of Mike Myers Bill Link, Brother of Carolyn Hite Scott Neely, Brother of Jill Pingel Liz Pierce, Friend of Sharon Lynch

#### Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)

Ernie Graham is celebrating a good prognosis, Friend of the Schwiesows Carolyn Moser is doing well after surgery, Sister of David Schwiesow

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

Sylvia Almarode
Fred Brower
Ty Elliott
Sandra R. Hoy
Bob Knemoller

Liz Ann Binns
Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald
Phyllis Kite
Glenn and Flossie Myers

#### **Janet Parmer**

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

Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Andrea Pingel, Cousin of the Pingels

Timothy Bradford, Friend of Schwiesows

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps

George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

#### **Members/Friends Grieving**

Family of Julia Devlin, Friend of Linda Meyer
Family of Pat Grabowski, Friend of Linda Meyer
Family of Pete East, Former Grace Member
Family of Dick Jordan, Uncle of Mike Myers
Family of Ralph Meyer, Uncle of Linda Meyer
Family of Aven Moffatt, Friend of Pastor April Cranford

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Cathy Firkin Joe Moyer
Robin Crowder Jack Eckstrom
Jimmy Owens Tom Carper

#### The Needs of the World

### Our Children, Teachers, Professors, and all School and College Personnel returning to school this Fall, still under a Covid watch

The nation of Afghanistan as U.S. troops pullout

Crisis in Virginia's mental hospitals and its affect on staff, patients and our communities

Wildfires in our Nation and around the world—and our care of the environment

#### **The Church**

# Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Please pray for (at least) five others from
Grace this week - three who you
know, or whose needs you are
aware of, and two that you are less
familiar with (pray for their daily
walk of faith, and their blessing)

### **Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in Augusta County



**In-Person Worship at Grace** - A notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing the worship guidelines for the month of August:

- Masking is required in worship for all in attendance
- · Distancing continues, with every other pew blocked off
- We also ask you to share the peace safely distanced
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- Please greet guests and friends outdoors before and after worship
- You Tube and Zoom continue to be available



**Final Summer Sermon Series - Revelation -** This final book of the New Testament (and Bible) has fascinated and troubled many. It is an apocalypse, which is a word that means "unveiling," looking behind the curtain at things that are a mystery. Often the book is used as an "end of time" handbook. More importantly, the book points to our trust in God the Creator, who sent "the Lamb who was slain" in order to redeem us and all of creation. We conclude this series September 5.



August 29th Worship at Barren Ridge!! - We join with St. James Lutheran, Fishersville to worship together outdoors at Barren Ridge winery on Sunday August 29th at 11:00 a.m. Then afterward, enjoy fellowship, and perhaps a glass of wine in the beautiful setting at Barren Ridge! Bring a lunch if you'd like. St. James is asking everyone to wear a mask. We'll worship in the pergola area, and there will be an additional distanced area available for those who want more space. Bring a chair if you like. The service will also be available live on You Tube and Zoom. Please note the different starting time.



**Thanks to** Maxine McKinney for substituting for Mike Myers! We appreciate her sharing her gifts of music with us this morning.



Dear Grace Lutheran Families: The Christian Education Committee is pleased to invite you to an **Ice Cream Social** for the congregation on Sunday, September 12th. We will meet on the grass between the church and the playground at 3:00 p.m. The playground will be open for the children to play and we will supply the ice cream, bowls, spoons, and waters. Please bring your own chair and an ice cream topping to share!

Please RSVP either by the sign-up list at the back of the sanctuary, or through the link that was emailed out. We appreciate your response by Thursday, September 9th. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Jones at: carrie.t.jones@gmail.com.



Children's Church starts in September! - Starting September 1 9th, we will have Children's Church during worship. Pre-K through 5th graders will have the opportunity to have a 15-20 minute time to learn more about the Bible readings we're using in worship, as well as opportunities for singing, playing bells and other activities to help our young people grow in Faith! Invite families, children, grandchildren and neighbors to be a part!



**New Member Class for this Fall!** We are blessed by God's Spirit to be able to offer *another* New Member Class beginning in September by request of many who have been worshiping with us at Grace. If you would like to take part in the New Member Class, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex (on the Round Table).



**Worship Notice:** After our confession, please note we are now singing as the cross comes down the aisle and the candles are lit. As you sing, please sing conversationally, with the same voice you would as if talking to someone in normal conversation, as a precaution during this time when Covid cases are on the upswing.



Property Meeting at Grace—Thursday, August 5th, sixteen
Grace members gathered for a Property Committee meeting. Brad
Keefer, after 55 years of devoted and unparalleled service to Grace
as Property chairperson, is scaling back his activity, and handing the
reins over to others. We had a good response from many people, but
still have many opportunities to coordinate, as well as a Chairperson
to oversee Outdoor, Indoor and Administrative work here at Grace.
If you are able to help, please take a look at the Chart in the narthex
and mark down areas where you can help maintain this beautiful
building and grounds that God has blessed us with!



Narrative Lectionary begins again on September 12th - After a Summer that allowed us to focus on specific books of the Bible - the Psalms, Ephesians, and Revelation - we return to the Narrative Lectionary in September. From September to November, we focus on Old Testament passages that tell us about God's faithfulness to us and activity to restore Creation to God's self. During Advent we hear from the prophets who point us to Jesus, and then begin our focus on John, the gospel focus of this year's Narrative Lectionary.



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 <u>eighteen</u> <u>deliveries</u> thus far, nine to Main Street United Methodist, and nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **90 pounds of food** went to Main Street United Methodist. **Overall, we have given well over 1,400 pounds!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



# Life of Grace Church August 22-29, 2021

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DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	08/22	10:00 a.m.	13th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Tuesday	08/24	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables (Conference Room)
Thursday	08/26	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)  Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)  Personnel Meeting (Conference Room)
Saturday	08/28	9:00 a.m.	VMA Musikgarten (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/29	11:00 a.m.	14th Sunday After Pentecost Shared Worship with St. James Lutheran at Barren Ridge Vineyards Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding Pastor Gordon Putnam Preaching



#### Members of Grace

# **Congregational Council**



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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Lunch 11:30—12:30) - Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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