



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 8, 2019

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

Holy Communion

(Based on Bread of Life, Jay Beech 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 — Temple Talk—”Parking Lot, Pledges and Prayer”

Prelude: “Moderato”

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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: “Lift High the Cross”

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956
Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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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 printed below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column of lyrics aligned under the first half of the staff and the second column under the second half. The score 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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy:

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 1

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

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Philemon:

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Continued

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 a two-part setting of the Alleluia. The title is 'Celtic Alleluia'. The music is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' for both parts. The first part ends with a double bar line. Below the staves, the composers are listed as Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, with a copyright notice for 1985.

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Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

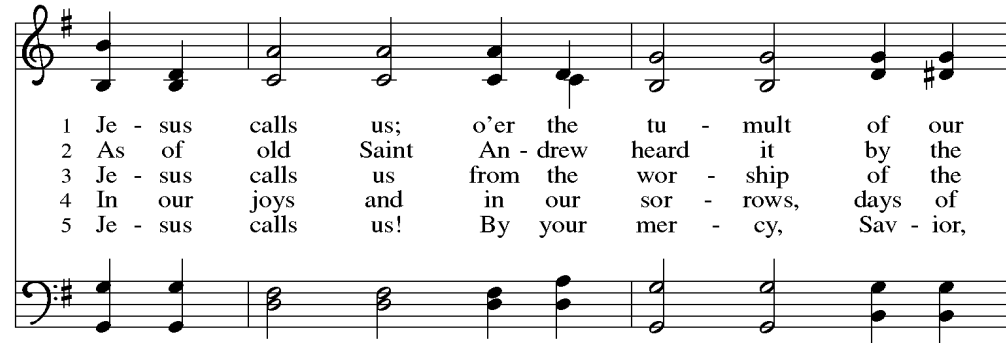
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus Calls Us: O’er the Tumult”

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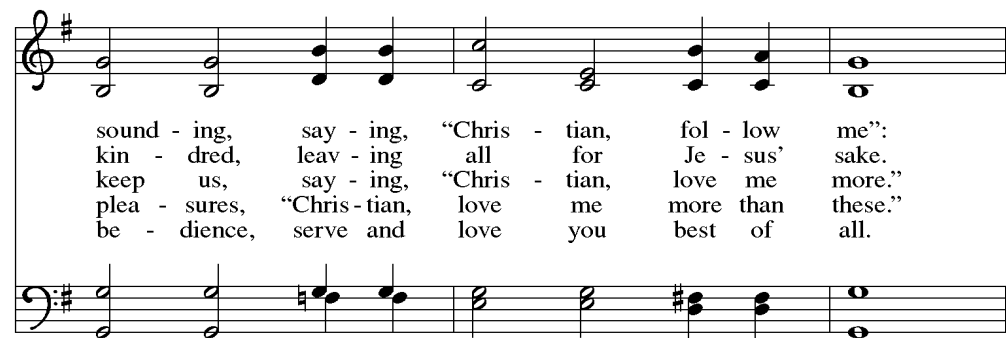
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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

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.

Anthem: "How Firm a Foundation"

Kosche

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.

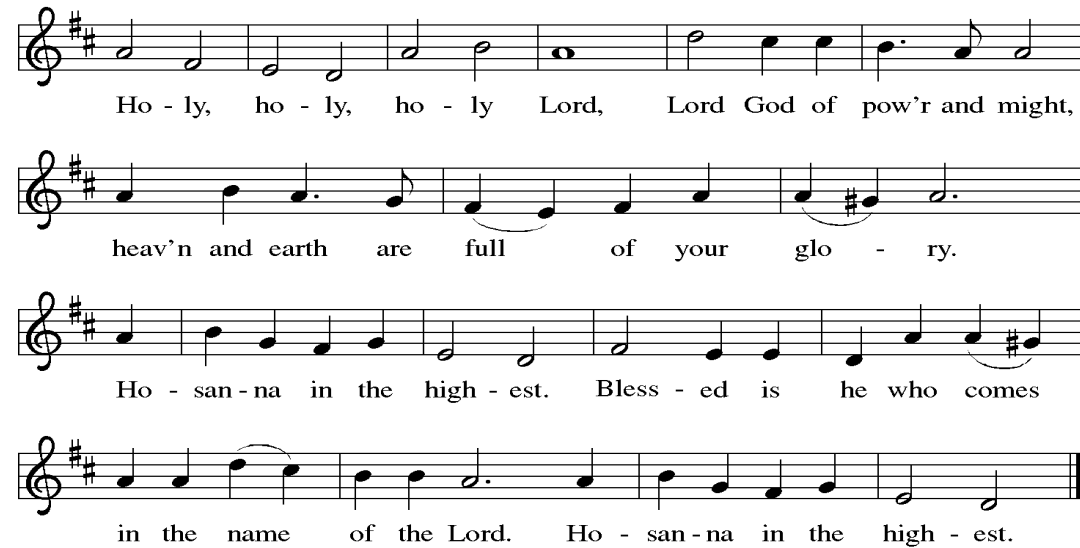
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

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“Many and Great, O God”

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa

Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779–1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892–1964, alt.
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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 17 & 18*

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

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: *“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”*

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Dismissal

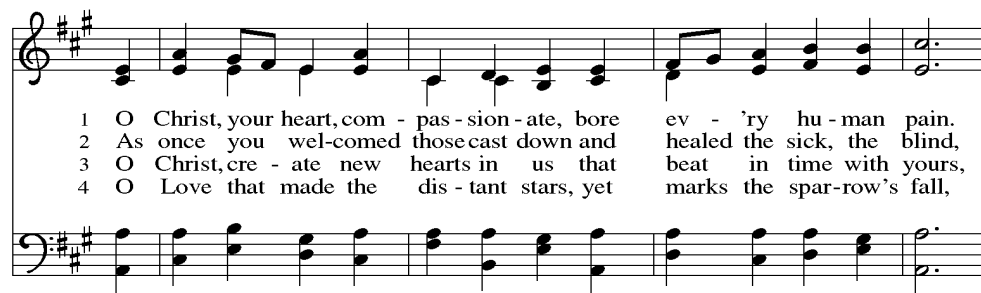
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

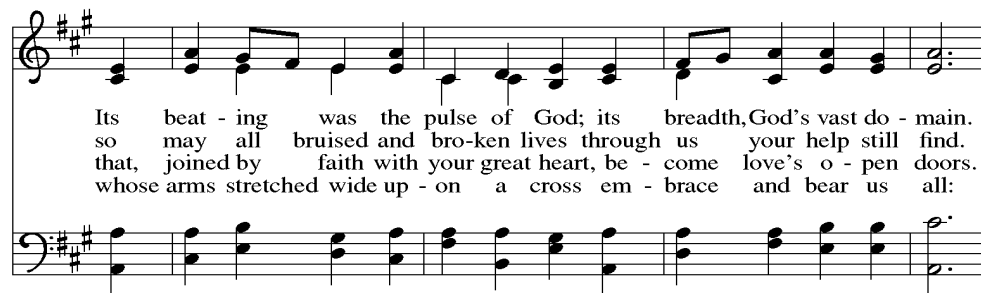
Postlude: *“Allegro”*

Walczynski

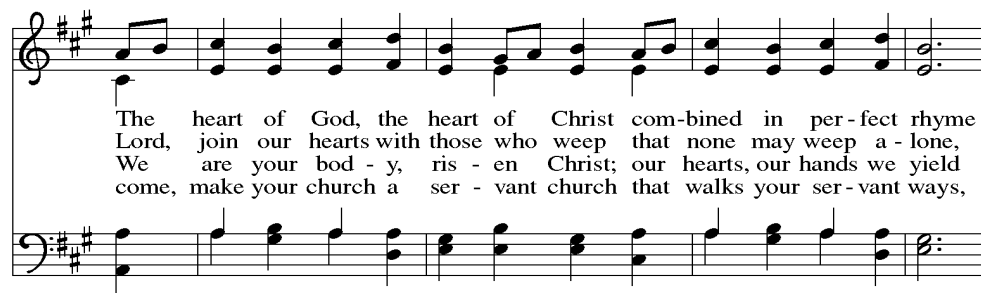
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



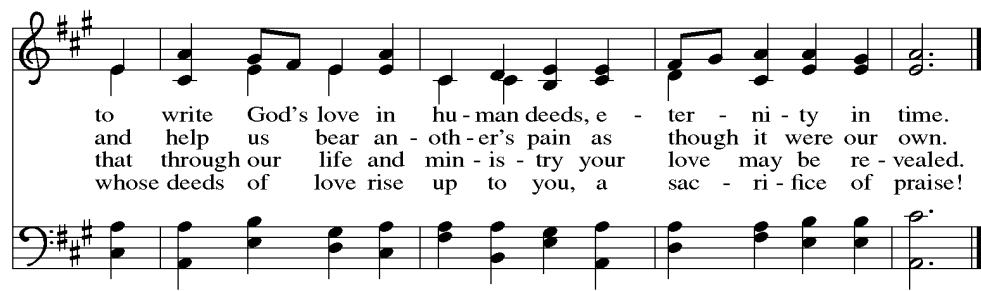
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister:	Donna Gum
Communion Assistants:	Carrie Jones and Jerry Kite
Ushers:	Bill Meicke, Pat Brady, Chris Carper, Tom Carper
Offering Stewards:	Sharon Lynch and Kate Van Bremen
Acolyte:	Thea Franklin
Cup Gatherer:	Sara Kite
Altar Guild:	Jane Stein
Nursery Caregivers:	Sarah Kite and Deloris Wertman
Altar Flowers:	Jean Morgan
Council Person of the Week:	Jerry Kite

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Robert Morgan, husband of Jean Morgan*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

September 15, 2019
14th Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Announcements



Temple Talks—“Parking Lot, Pledges and Prayer”—This Sunday begins a four (4) week series of Temple Talks on Stewardship as well as our Parking Lot Campaign. Kathy Johnson offers our first Temple Talk this morning on the joy, power and meaning of giving and tithing.



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—With the Emergency Disaster Planning seminar planned for Thursday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m., we are postponing the start of the Hebrews Bible Class to the week of the 15th (**Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th**), in order for us to start the two classes the same week. 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 11:00 a.m. or Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to study this curious letter to a Church that has “lost its ‘Amen’ and found it again!”



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!

Announcements Continued



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!



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.

Announcements Continued



17 Congregations + 150 Volunteers = 30,000 meals! A great Rise Against Hunger event at Kate Collins Middle School made for an equation that really added up to helping hungry children and adults around the world! We'll find out where the meals are going, and will let you know who they went to . Thanks to all Grace volunteers for being a blessing!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

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.



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 grputnam1949@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."**

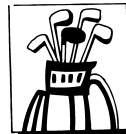
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At 7 p.m. on Saturday September 28th Salem Lutheran will be doing something it has never done before: host a **U2charist**. A what??? For all those familiar with the music of the Irish rock band U2, this is essentially what it says it is - a Eucharist with U2 music. Unfortunately, the actual band will not be in attendance - but their music and message will be. Think of it as a multimedia rock concert meets Eucharist. The result is a new way of being together, worshipping together, and proclaiming the Gospel. Much of U2's music expresses a concern for social justice in the world. Our offering on the 28th will go toward the ELCA fund for world hunger. All are welcome, dress is casual, and dancing in the aisles is encouraged.



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 "Tithely 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!



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!



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) - Hurricane Dorian has devastated the Bahamas, damaged the Atlantic Coast, and done damage to already ravaged areas like the Virgin Islands. DR is on the ground and active! You can donate via the envelopes in the pews or gracewaynesboro.org website.

*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 Jinnie Mason, Mother of Holly Carper
Family of William "Bill" Moore, Friend of the Church

Ongoing Need for Prayer

Liz Ann Binns, Grace Member
Jean Brower, Grace Member
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Sandy Johnson, Grace Member
Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member
Janet Lungert, Grace Member
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

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
Sandra R. Hoy, Grace Member
Bob and Carol Knemoller, Grace Members
Peggy Lucas, Grace Member
Glenn and Flossie Myers, Grace Members
Lily Skelton, Grace Member

**Life of Grace Church
September 8-15, 2019**

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— 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
Tuesday	09/10	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Quilting LEARN (Library and History Rooms)
Wednesday	09/11	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	 Grace Book Study Group  Handbell Choir  Worship Choir
Thursday	09/12	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Grace Walkers  Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)  Emergency Preparedness
Sunday	09/15	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Monday
Psalm 73
Amos 7:1-6
1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tuesday
Psalm 73
Jonah 3:1-10
2 Peter 3:8-13

Wednesday
Psalm 73
Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6
Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Daily Lectionary



Thursday
Psalm 113
Exodus 23:1-9
Romans 3:1-8

Friday
Psalm 113
Ezekiel 22:71-31
Romans 8:31-39

Saturday
Psalm 113
Isaiah 5:8-23
Mark 12:41-44



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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