

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

August 30, 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

Blessing of Students and Teachers

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

<u>Greeting</u>

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: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

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You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans:

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Franklin Family

<u>Sermon</u>

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Amber Bokelman

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: "Let Streams of Living Justice"

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Let Streams of Living Justice



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Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Open

Council Person of the Week: Bob Barrette

Children's Sermon: The Franklin Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

September 6, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word via YouTube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need"

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Ty Elliott Bobby Moyer

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
Jim Sellers, Friend of the Crowders

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
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Barbara Shifflett and Family

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife Heaven Dudley, Friend of Linda Meyer Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Joann Harrell, Linda Tomey's Sister Family of Janet Lunger, Member of Grace Family of Flo Walck, Member of Grace

Announcements

Twin Great-Grandsons born to Berenice Archambeault's Grandchildren, Brady and Emily Wahlberg, on August 17, **Beau Michael and Bennett Palmer**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Kiera Mahoney Alex Skelton Hal Aaslestad Kristen Spooner Katie Morrison Sydney Rankin 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 September

Flooded businesses, damaged homes in Staunton

The people of Beirut, Lebanon recovering from the chemical explosion

Victims of Hurricane Laura in Louisiana, Texas and elsewhere

Wildfires in California, Oregon and the American Southwest

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



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Holy Communion to be celebrated September 20th: Please see the letter/email sent to you and respond either via the Google Survey attached to your email, or send in the paper survey to the church office, to indicate your participation, and the type of bread/wine/grape juice you would like to receive, as well as if you need a Eucharistic Minister.

Worship with us from

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 sendyou 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!





CROP Hunger Walk—Our lives have been upended in recent months with COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of walk participants, the Waynesboro/East Augusta CROP Hunger Walk will be a 'Virtual' event this

year. You are invited to walk as an individual, with immediate family, or in small groups (up to ten people) walking a safe distance apart as part of a team. You can walk in your neighborhood, in a park – anyplace that feels safe. And even if you are not able to walk, you are welcome to "Walk in Spirit" and still raise money.

We will have an "official" kickoff online at 1:30 PM on September 20th, but you are welcome to schedule your walk at your convenience any time starting Sunday, September 20th through Sunday, September 27th. Record a video of yourself walking – or trace your walk route on your phone - and share it online. Let everyone know why you walk and why the CROP Hunger Walk is so important to support today. Invite your friends and family on social media to join you by supporting your fundraiser. Please visit the Waynesboro-East Augusta CROP Walk website at https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova for additional information on this year's event, to make an online donation or register to walk in this year's event. You can also write a check to Grace and mark it as a donation to Waynesboro East Augusta County Crop Walk.

This is an opportunity for our community to support families here and around the world who have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your support will help to transform their lives.



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 seven deliveries thus far, four to Main Street United Methodist, and three 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.





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.



Narrative Lectionary

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.



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



WARM and Disciples Kitchen Update—During July and August, Grace provided 480 bag breakfasts for the WARM Homeless Shelter, 40 bag lunches for the Disciples Kitchen and 40 bag Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry breakfasts for Disciples Kitchen. Thank you to all who donated snacks, prepared food and delivered the meals. Grace has received a \$1,000 grant from the Virginia Synod to help cover the food and supply cost of these meals. As we get in the fall season, we will continue to have opportunities to provide meals for WARM and Disciples Kitchen. We will be continuing to collect snacks for WARM.

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.



Life of Grace Church August 30—September 6, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	8/30	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
Monday	08/31	6:30 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom
Sunday	09/06	10:00 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Judges 12:1-7 Acts 5:12-26

John 3:1-21

Tuesday

Judges 13:1-15 Acts 5:27-42 John 3:22-36

Wednesday

Judges 13:15-24 Acts 6:1-15 John 4:1-26

Daily Lectionary

Friday

Judges 14:20—15:20 Acts 7:17-29

John 4:43-54

Saturday

Thursday

Judges 14:1-19

Acts 6:15—7:16

John 4:27-42

Judges 16:1-14 Acts 7:30-43 John 5:1-18



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