



## **Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**September 6, 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

### Student Teacher Blessing

### 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**

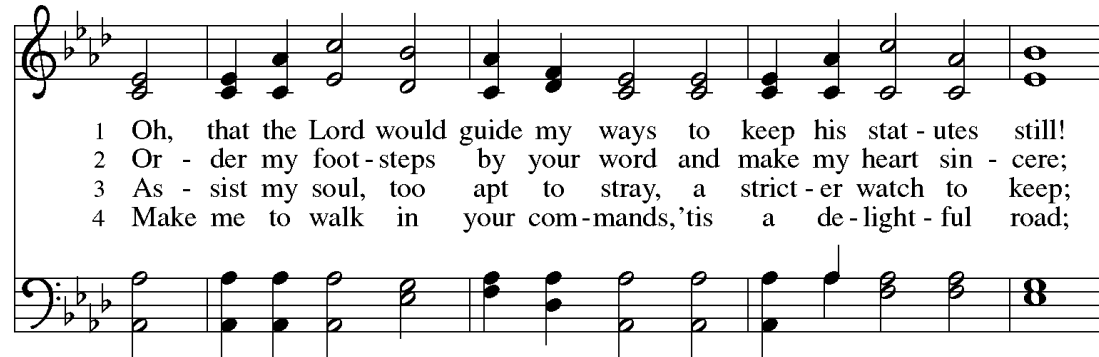
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise:** “*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*”

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## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## **Prayer of the Day**

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Word**

### **First Reading: Romans 13:8-14**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!" repeated in various forms across the systems. The first system has a G chord above the first measure and D7 and G chords above the last two measures. The second system has C, Am, and D chords above the first three measures, and Am and D chords above the last two measures. The third system has G, G, B7, and Em chords above the first four measures. The fourth system has Am, G/D, D, and G chords above the first four measures. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

**Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

**Stollings/Cooper 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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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:** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

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### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**



MINISTRY  
ASSISTANTS

**Assisting Minister:** Donna Gum

**Offering Steward:** Pat Brady

**Altar Flowers:** Open

**Council Person of the Week:** Kathy Bump

**Children's Sermon:** Stolling/Cooper Family



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



**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**September 13, 2020**  
 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
**Service of the Word via YouTube**  
 10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding**

Genesis 50:15-21  
 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
 Romans 14:1-12  
 Matthew 18:21-35



**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\*)**

**Emily Almarode**  
**Beth Ann Doerring**  
**Ty Elliott**  
**Bobby Moyer**

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

**Tony Forbes**, Cousin of Ron Almarode  
**Charlotte Lucas**, Sister-In-Law of Bill Lucas  
**Jim Sellers**, Friend of the Crowders  
**Alex Zuber**, Associate Pastor at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church  
**Philip Bouknight**, Pastor at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, and daughter **Anna Rose Bouknight**

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

<b>Liz Ann Binns</b>	<b>Fred Brower</b>	<b>Marie Brown</b>
<b>Nancy Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Pete Giesen</b>	<b>Sandra R. Hoy</b>
<b>Bob and Carol Knemoller</b>	<b>Glenn and Flossie Myers</b>	<b>Janet Parmer</b>
	<b>Mickey Shook</b>	

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

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

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Joann Harrell, Linda Tomey's Sister  
Family of Janet Lunger, 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**

**Antoinette Eckstrom  
Anne Barnes**

**Karl Stein  
Jane Stein**

**Bradley Keefer  
Cathy Crowder**

**The Needs of the World**

This election cycle for the United States  
of America and our privilege  
and right to vote

**Those seeking vaccines and treatment  
for coronavirus**

Our School Districts, Colleges, Teachers  
and students as they begin  
school

**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

**Police and the national conversation  
over police response to  
people of color**

**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 unity in Christ over all other  
loyalties and preferences**

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Club Court and  
Berkeley Glenn Neighborhoods

# NEWS



**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.



We continue to meet live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. via YouTube worship (available through our website, [www.gracewaynesboro.org](http://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!

# NEWS

## **CROP HUNGER WALK** **ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME**



**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.

As previously announced in the bulletin and Grace Notes, the CROP Walk will be different this year due to the virus. It is suggested we walk in small groups or individually around our neighborhoods, the Greenway or the normal route. Grace has an on-line team and the Grace Walkers will be putting in some extra miles the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The CROP Walk committee has suggested that donations be made on-line. Please visit the Waynesboro-East Augusta CROP Walk website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova>. We are registered as Grace Lutheran Church. Donations can also be delivered to Grace if you choose not to do on-line giving. If you would like to join the Grace CROP Walk team, please contact Gwen Kite at [gwenma2002@yahoo](mailto:gwenma2002@yahoo) or 910-0508. We can make the walk as long or short as you wish any day during that week. There is definitely a need for feeding the hungry both locally and globally during this pandemic. **Let’s make this the most successful CROP Walk ever!**

**Grace Walkers and the CROP Walk-** For nearly a year, some Grace members have been walking the Greenway on Thursday mornings. It has been a great way to have fellowship, build new friendships, get exercise and enjoy the beauty of nature on the Greenway. It has been especially helpful during this time of isolation due to coronavirus when we can’t worship together as a congregation. We can social distance on these walks and still have fellowship. Some weeks we’ve had as many as 6 walkers and sometimes as few as 2 but there has been someone from Grace to walk with every week.



# NEWS



Child Care

## **Child Care Needs for Students in School, and Grace - With**

Waynesboro and other school districts beginning with Distance or Hybrid Learning, the need for Student care while parents are working has been great and immediate. Grace Council, at its August meeting, voted to work with the "C4" (YMCA, United Way, Community Foundation, Boys and Girls Club) to provide space for this great need. ONE OF THE NEEDS REMAINING IS STAFFING, NOT ONLY AT GRACE, BUT AT OTHER FACILITIES AS WELL. If you know of anyone looking for full-time or part-time employment in this program, please notify Pr. Paul, or email [childcare@unitedwaysaw.org](mailto:childcare@unitedwaysaw.org). Look for future announcements about volunteer needs as well.



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 **next Sunday, September 13th.**



## **Anti-Racism forums—**

A letter is in the process of being sent out to the congregation inviting you to take part in a discussion forum about the actions we at Grace can take together to show our support for our black brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as other people of color, and share our anti-racist stance in the community. Four forums are planned in September; we hope for your participation!

# NEWS



**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.



**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.




During this time of Coronavirus, we want to be sure that you are able to receive **Christ in Our Home** daily devotion booklets. If you are not familiar with them, they are a booklet with a daily scripture reading, devotion and prayer that help to develop a good discipline of faith in daily life, seeking God's Word to help and guide us in whatever comes our way as followers of Christ in this world. The October – December booklets are available. If you would like to have a copy sent to your address by U.S. Mail, please email ([secretary@gracewaynesboro.org](mailto:secretary@gracewaynesboro.org)) or call Nancy Dowdy at the Church Office, 540-949-6171. Or you can come by and pick up a copy during daily Office Hours, Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or Friday, 8:30 a.m. – Noon.



**Life of Grace Church  
September 6-13, 2020**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— 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	09/07	6:30 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom
Sunday	09/13	10:00 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

<p><b>Monday</b> Judges 17:1-13 Acts 7:44—8:1a John 5:19-29</p>	<p><b>Daily Lectionary</b></p>  <p><i>Scripture</i> OF THE WEEK</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Job 1:1-22 Acts 8:26-40 John 6:16-27</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Judges 18:1-15 Acts 8:1-13 John 5:30-47</p>		<p><b>Friday</b> Job 2:1-13 Acts 9:1-9 John 6:27-40</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Judges 18:16-31 Acts 68:14-25 John 6:1-15</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b> Job 3:1-26 Acts 9:10-19a John 6:41-51</p>



**Member of Grace  
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