



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

September 13, 2020

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

Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.*

*MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Prelude

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise: *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Lord God, grand architect of the universe, Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

A reading from Genesis:

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for

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themselves. ⁸They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah 612

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' repeated across the systems. The first system has chords G, D7, and G. The second system has chords C, Am, and D. The third system has chords G, G, B7, and Em. The fourth system has chords Am, G/D, D, and G.

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

Gospel: Luke 11:4

The holy gospel according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Amber and Isabelle Bokelman

*Isabelle will be singing A song titled In The Beginning - by Robert C. Evans
Permission has been given for Isabelle to perform these songs*

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: *"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"*

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly




signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by




light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.



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 Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version
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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



MINISTRY
ASSISTANTS


Assisting Minister: Kathy Bump

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: The Martin Family

Council Person of the Week: Holly Carper

Children's Sermon: The Bokelman Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lois and Winston Martin, given by the Martin Family: Ann, Keith, Sara, Trey, Jeff, Jean and Jacob



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

September 20, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-6



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 Hull
Bobby Moyer

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

Irwin Bohmfalk, Friend of Goodriches
Tony Forbes, Cousin of Ron Almarode
Ginger Hood, Sister-in-Law of Kathy Johnson
Jim Sellers, Friend of the Crowders
Alex Zuber, Associate Pastor at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church
Philip Bouknight, Pastor at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, and Family

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

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

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

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

Hannah Lundstrom
Tom Sheaffer

Gary Morrison
Linda Tomey

Fred Biggers
Imogene Hull

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**

**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

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Holy Communion Next Sunday - For all who have signed up for Holy Communion, your Holy Communion chalices will be delivered this week (you will be notified which day), OR can be picked up if you indicated you would come to Grace to do so. *PLEASE NOTE:* if you'd like to take part in Holy Communion on the 20th, call the Church Office if you haven't signed up. It will be necessary to use the Holy Communion chalices with bread and wine that are being supplied. Please do not supply your own Communion elements.



PRAYERS
for Unity

Anti-Racism forums—A letter was 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: tomorrow, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:00 a.m.; Sunday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Please email or call the church office to let us know which date and time you would like to participate.



We continue to meet live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. via YouTube worship (available through our website, www.gracewaynesboro.org), or by Zoom (by phone, audio only). We will continue to hear God's Word proclaimed, which God promises will not leave us empty in our lives (Isaiah 55:11), even and especially during the Coronavirus time! And we encourage you to take advantage of our **Coffee Fellowship** via Zoom after each worship service (the Zoom link to the Fellowship is sent each week via email and U.S. Mail) ; and to continue connecting with one another in the many ways we have shown our love and care for one another and our community over the last many weeks.

OR, DVD'S ARE AVAILABLE! If you would like a DVD of the previous Sunday 's Worship Service, our technology guru Owen Keefer would be happy to send you a DVD of the worship service, that you can put in your DVD player and watch at your convenience! Just let Owen Keefer or the Church Office (949-6171) know, and we'll send it to you!

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Confirmation Begins this Sunday! Thea Franklin, Karley Hull, and Kiera Mahoney are this year's class. Please keep them in your prayers as they study the Old Testament.

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



CROP Hunger Walk—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 20th to 27th. The CROPWalk 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 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.

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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. 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 **today!**

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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 **eight** 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.



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) 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 13-20, 2020**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— 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
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class via Zoom
Monday	09/14	7:00 p.m.	Racism Forum
Tuesday	09/15	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Council via Zoom
Sunday	09/20	10:00 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class via Zoom

Monday

Job 4:1; 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27
Acts 9:19b-31
John 6:52-59

Tuesday

Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21
Acts 9:32-43
John 6:50-71

Wednesday

Job 6:1; 7:1-21
Acts 10:1-16
John 7:1-13

Daily Lectionary



Thursday

Job 8:1-10, 20-22
Acts 10:17-33
John 7:14-36

Friday

Job 9:1-15, 32-35
Acts 10:34-48
John 7:37-52

Saturday

Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22
Acts 11:1-18
John 8:12-20



**Member of Grace
Congregational Council**

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Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor

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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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