



*SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 12, 2021*

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

Service of the Word via You Tube
(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)
Congregational responses are in bold print

*There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand

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

Blessed be the Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit, one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the One who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Prelude

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



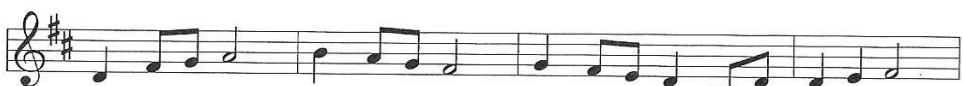
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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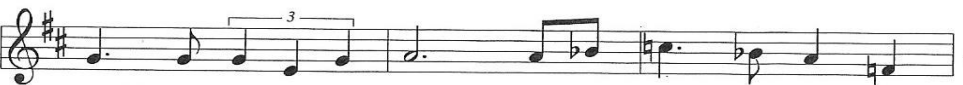
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Grand designer of all things,
The light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation,
the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and
wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good.
Amen.

We sit

Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A reading from Genesis:

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set

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them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 1:1-5

The holy gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life "

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Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

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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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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

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

The congregation remains standing for offertory song

Meal

Offertory Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance,
**you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through 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, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this is remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

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

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

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

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

Thanks be to God!

We sit

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! *At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)*

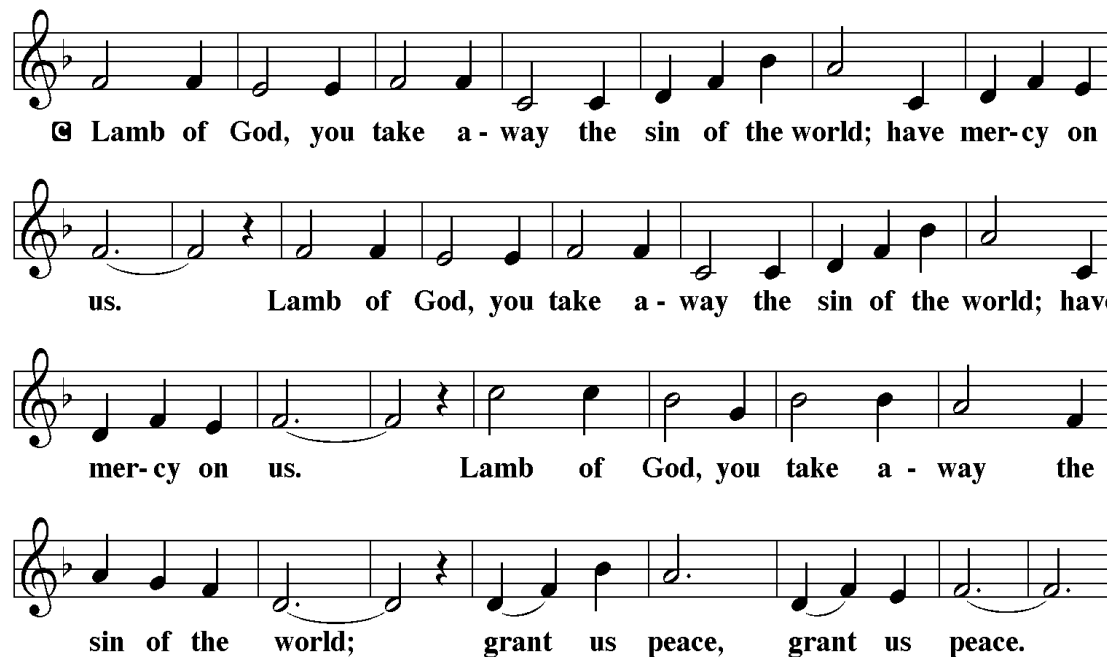
Communion Distribution: *We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The congregation stands.



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit, one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: *"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace "*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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



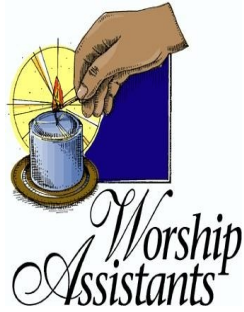
signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



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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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Martin Family
Altar Guild: Jean Morgan
Assisting Minister: Linda Meyer
Council Person of the Week: Kim Hull
Covid Monitor: Holly Carper
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady
Ushers: Lee Lynch
Bill Meicke



*The Chancel Flowers today are given
to the Glory of God and in memory of
Winston and Lois Martin
from Keith, Ann, Sara, and Trey;
Jeff, Jean and Jacob*

**Next Sunday's Schedule
and Lessons**

September 19, 2021
17th Sunday After Pentecost

**Service of Holy Communion
And via You Tube**

Pastor Paul Pingel,
Presiding and Preaching

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14
John 1:29



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks,** in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

**Bill Lucas
Flossie Myers**

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

**Carol Garvin, Daughter of Dick Tomey
Mark Neely, Brother of Jill Pingel**

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

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

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

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

Janet Parmer

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

**Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson Timothy Bradford, Friend of Schwiesows
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Kyle Getler, Member Relative Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps
George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows**

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Dick Jordan, Uncle of Mike Myers
Family of Aven Moffatt, Friend of Pastor April Cranford
Family of Clinton Tomey, Dick Tomey's Grandson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

***Karl Stein
Anne Barnes***

***Bradley Keefer
Jane Stein***

The Needs of the World

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

Afghan refugees; those who remain in
Afghanistan; those in peril under
the Taliban.

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

Victims of Hurricane Ida from Louisiana and
Mississippi to New Jersey and New
York, and their recovery

**The nation of Haiti in recovery from
earthquake and political turmoil**

Recovery from earthquake in Mexico

The Church

**Our unity in Christ with Churches in our
Community**

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

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County

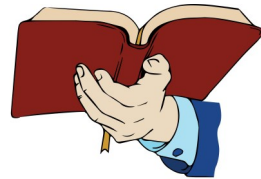
Worship WITH US

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

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



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



Narrative Lectionary Today—From September to November, we focus on Old Testament passages that tell us about God's faithfulness to us and activity to restore Creation to God's self. During Advent we hear from the prophets who point us to Jesus, and then begin our focus on John, the gospel focus of this year's Narrative Lectionary.



Pete Giesen Memorial Service on Saturday, September 25th

A memorial service for Pete will be held at 2:00 p.m. with an outdoor reception following. We give thanks for Pete's life of service that God called him to - in the Church at large, at Grace, and in his vocation as a Representative and leader in the Commonwealth.



New Member Class Starts Wednesday, September 15th! This four week class will meet in-person (masked) or via Zoom at 7p.m. We have eight (8) signed up thus far for this four week class! If you would like to attend—even as a member who would like to meet our new members and get a review of our Lutheran perspective on scripture and faith—use the sign up in the narthex, or call the church office.



Adult Christian Education at Grace! Because of concerns over the Delta Virus, we will not meet in person for Adult Sunday School (trying to meet one hour or less indoors at one time). However, there is a Weekday opportunity to meet via Zoom or masked in-person for bible Class on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We'll start with a four week study of the Epistle of James. Martin Luther didn't like it – called it the “straw epistle,” and yet, its common sense questions and wisdom speak to our modern day living. We will start Thursday, September 16th! Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the Church Office.



Children's Church starts in September! - Starting September 19th, we will have Children's Church during worship. Pre-K through 5th graders will have the opportunity to have a 15-20 minute time to learn more about the Bible readings we're using in worship, as well as opportunities for singing, playing bells and other activities to help our young people grow in Faith! Invite families, children, grandchildren and neighbors to be a part!



CROP HUNGER WALK September 26! Walk in-person or participate virtually! This Decades-long tradition sponsored by Church World Service helps Blue Ridge Food Bank, Disciples Kitchen, Valley Program for Aging Services and the Salvation Army in our community. Want to walk? Sign up in the Narthex or online at crophungerwalk.org (look for Grace Lutheran Waynesboro, and follow the instructions), and sign up friends and family to help contribute to this great way to help our community!

Want to donate toward our team? See Karen Walck in the Narthex or online at crophungerwalk.org (and look for Grace Lutheran Waynesboro to donate). Call Karen Walck with any questions 765-480-9920 and come walk for a great cause!

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation to the Grace CROP Walk Team last Sunday. We have \$150 towards our \$1500 team goal. If you would like a fundraising packet, please see Karen Walck. She will have them available Sunday morning and at the Ice Cream Social on Sunday afternoon. Instructions for on-line giving are on the back table in the sanctuary.



God Work's, Our Hands! Every September, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encourages all ELCA congregations to have a "God's Work, Our Hands" effort of service in the community. We have two: (1) **Warm Shelter Meals**—An email was sent out to collect for meals for the Warm Shelter, now housed in Verona. If you haven't brought your items yet, leave them in the Seminar Room as indicated. (2) **Renewing Homes Ramp Build**—There's an opportunity to help a family in Staunton to repair a deck on Saturday, September 25th. Call Jerry Kite for more details and to sign up. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Grace.



Work Day at Grace—On Saturday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m. there will be a work day to trim bushes and pull weeds around the Church. Depending on number of people helping, it should take 3 hours or less. Tools or items that might be helpful could include: gloves, electric trimmers, battery operated trimmers, rake, favorite tools for pulling weeds, leaf blower, weedeater and other items you think would be helpful. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Kite.



School Food Backpacks—We will be packing for both Wenonah and William Perry at Grace. They estimate 200 plus bags to be packed, either Tuesday or Wednesday. We will be alternating weeks with St. John’s Catholic Church. We need two teams of about 4 or 5 to pack. We will start packing at 9 and it will take approximately an hour. We do ask that we stay masked and preferably have had a vaccination due to the close quarters of the packing process. We could also use a couple people who would be willing to alternate weeks setting up the delivered food from the Blue Ridge Food Bank. If you can help with this outreach, please contact Gwen Kite at gwenma2002@yahoo.com or 910-0508.



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



You Can Help In This World of Need!

Hurricane Ida Relief: To help those whose lives were devastated by the force and fury of Hurricane Ida, make checks payable to Grace, with “Hurricane Ida” in the memo line. Or go to elca.org

Haiti Crisis: To help this nation in whom more than 1 million are homeless because of the recent earthquake, make checks payable to Grace, with “Haiti Crisis” in the memo line. Or go to elca.org

Afghan Allies: To help those refugees coming from Afghanistan to our shores (VA is a primary area of refugee settlement), make checks payable to Grace, with “Afghan Allies” in the memo line.



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

Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse



Matthew 25:34-35

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

<p>Monday 2 Chronicles 6:32—7:7 James 2:1-13 Mark 14:53-65</p>	 <p>Meditations</p>	<p>Thursday 1 Kings 11:1-13 James 3:13—4:12 Mark 15:12-21</p>
<p>Tuesday 1 Kings 8:65-9:9 James 2:14-26 Mark 14:66-72</p>		<p>Friday 1 Kings 11:26-43 James 4:13—5:6 Mark 15:22-32</p>
<p>Wednesday 1 Kings 9:24—10:13 James 3:1-12 Mark 15:1-11</p>	<p>Saturday 1 Kings 12:1-20 James 5:7-20 Mark 15:33-39</p>	



Life of Grace Church
September 12-19, 2021

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY	09/12	10:00 a.m.	 16th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Grandparents Day Ice Cream Social—Grace Church
		10:50 a.m.	
		3:00 p.m.	
Monday	09/13	7:00 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Study - "The Sum of Us" (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	09/14	6:30 p.m.	Youth and Children Meeting (Conference Room)
Wednesday	09/15	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Fellowship Hall Stage)
		7:00 p.m.	New Member Class
Thursday	09/16	8:00 a.m.	Newcomers Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study Via Zoom
		1:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Via Zoom		
Saturday	09/18	8:30 a.m.	Workday at Grace
		3:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (North Park)
Sunday	09/19	10:00 a.m.	 17th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		10:50 a.m.	



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