



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

September 20, 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

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: *“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”*

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Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - s-age, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.

Word

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis:

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' repeated in the first three systems, and 'Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!' in the fourth system. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, D7, G, C, Am, D, G, B7, Em, Am, G/D, D, G.

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Gospel: Luke 3:8

The holy gospel according to Luke:

⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Jones 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.

Meal

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ Our 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.

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, 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.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God.

The pastor will lead the congregation in the Holy Communion, using the Holy Communion chalices (with bread and wine sealed in them) provided.



☞ **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.

Holy Communion

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.
Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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: *"Many and Great, O God Are Your Works"*

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Wakantanka taku nitawa

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

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

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

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

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



MINISTRY
ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister: Cathy Crowder

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: The Martin Family

Council Person of the Week: Robin Crowder

Children's Sermon: The Jones 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 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

God Works through Joseph
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21
Luke 6:35



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 Hull
Jimmy Kite
Bobby Moyer
Alexandra Spellman
Rudy Yobs**

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
Barry Schwiesow, Brother of David Schwiesow
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

Members/Friends Grieving
Family of Joann Harrell, Linda Tomey's Sister

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

Zachary Rankin

Marlene Shaw

Tom Blosser

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 Hurricanes Laura and Sally in
Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and
Florida

**Wildfires in California, Oregon and
Washington State**

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

The Church

**Our Confirmands: Thea Franklin,
Karley Hull, and Kiera Mahoney**

Our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James
and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches

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

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Wayne Hills and
Basic Neighborhoods

NEWS



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. Three forums remain in September: 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 celebrate Holy Communion this morning together for the first time in six months, by You Tube, Zoom (phone), and by Car Worship. Eucharistic Ministers will bring the Meal to those who are homebound or otherwise not able to be with us electronically or outdoors. **Coffee Fellowship** follows the worship service via Zoom. God is present with us! We give thanks that no matter where we are, Jesus declares, "I am with you!"



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.

NEWS



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>.



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.



Confirmation Began Last 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.



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.



Daily Lectionary

Monday

Job 12:1-6, 13-25
Acts 11:19-30
John 8:21-32

Tuesday

Job 12:1; 13:3-17, 21-27
Acts 12:1-17
John 8:33-47

Wednesday

Job 12:1; 14:1-22
Acts 12:18-25
John 8:47-59

Thursday

Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16
Acts 13:1-12
John 9:1-17

Friday

Job 19:1-7, 14-27
Acts 13:13-25
John 9:18-41

Saturday

Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7
Acts 13:26-43
John 8:10:1-18



Life of Grace Church
September 20-27, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	09/20	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Confirmation Class via Zoom
Monday	09/21		Nancy Dowdy on Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office
Tuesday	09/22		Nancy Dowdy on Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office
Wednesday	09/23	11:00 a.m.	Nancy Dowdy on Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office Racism Forum via Zoom
Thursday	9/24		Nancy Dowdy on Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office
Friday	9/25		Nancy Dowdy on Vacation Carolyn Hite in Church Office
Sunday	09/27	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Racism Forum via Zoom Confirmation Class via Zoom



**Member of Grace
Congregational Council**

Linda Meyer, President

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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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