

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church October 3, 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

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**

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.

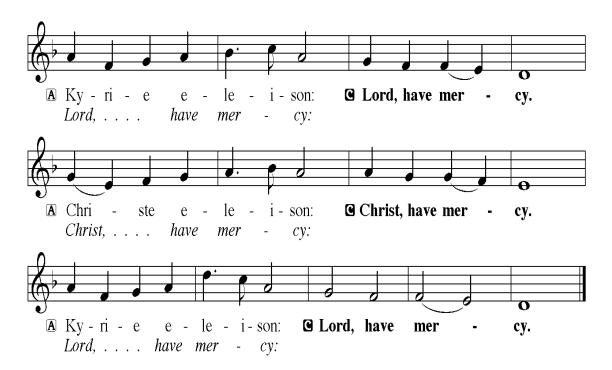
#### **Prelude**

# <u>Greeting</u>

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

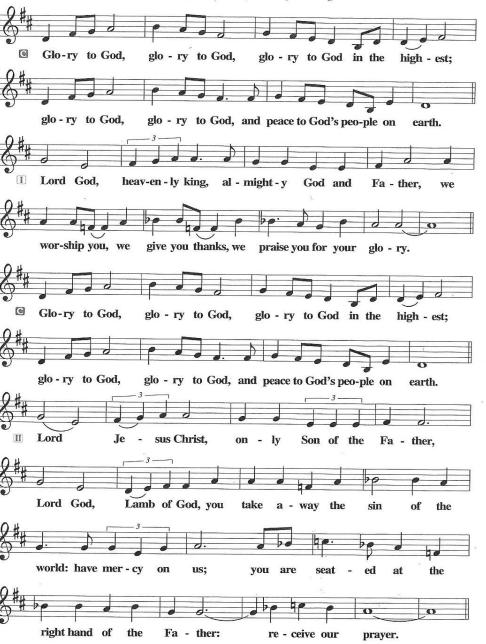
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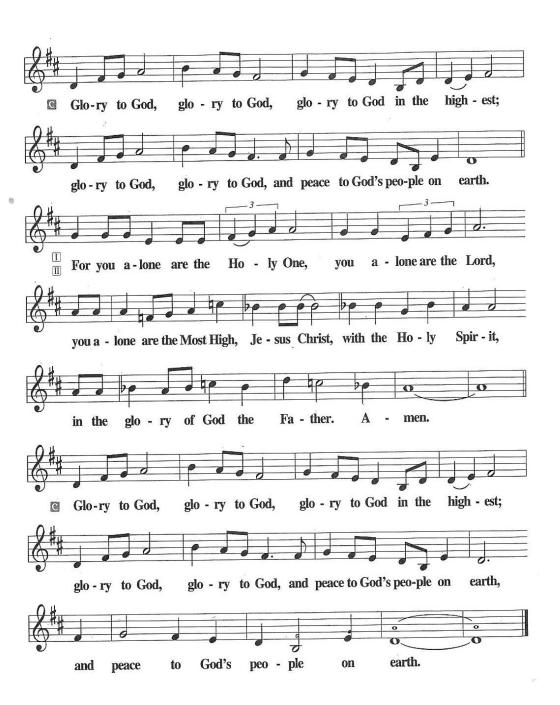
## <u>Kyrie</u>



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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





#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all people,

You remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

A reading from Exodus:

<sup>23</sup>After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. <sup>24</sup>God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>25</sup>God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

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<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

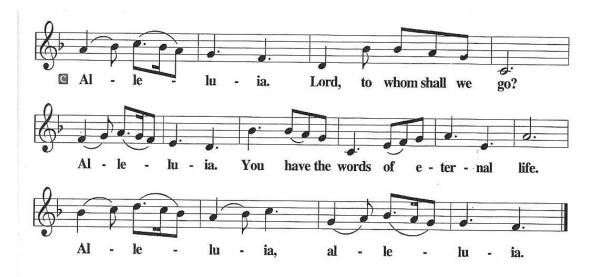
This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

<sup>10</sup>But Moses said to the LORD, "O my LORD, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup>Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." <sup>13</sup>But he said, "O my LORD, please send someone else." <sup>14</sup>Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. <sup>15</sup>You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup>He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. <sup>17</sup>Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

## **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel: John 8:58

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

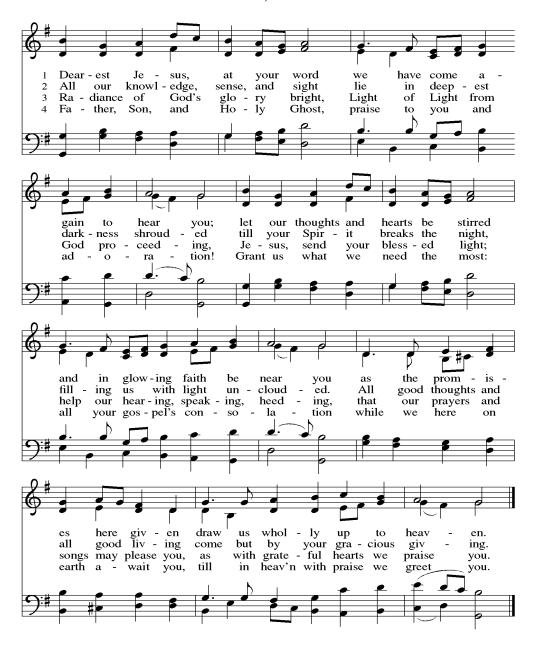
## **Children's Message**

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" #520, Page 11, Verses1, 3, 4

#### Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

#### **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.

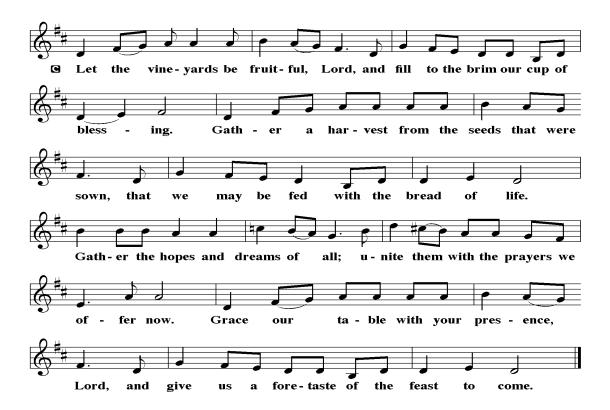
Amen.

#### <u>Peace</u>

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

## Meal

## Offertory Song



## 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.

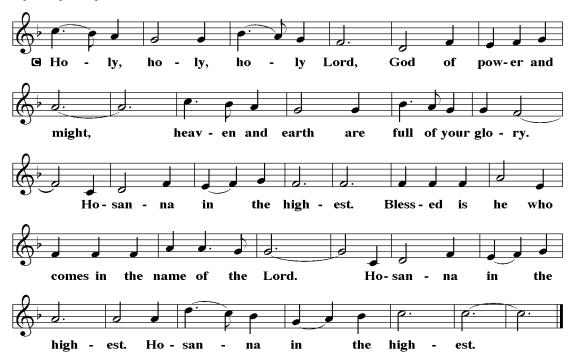
We lift them to the Lord.

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



#### 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.

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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.
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## **Invitation to Communion**

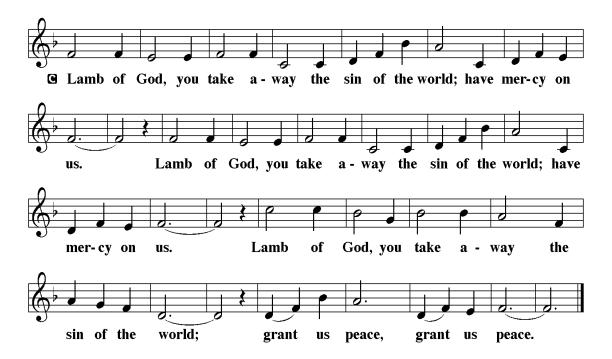
All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

#### Thanks be to God!

## **The Holy Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### Amen.



#### 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: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" #620, Page 19, Verses 1, 3, 5

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

# Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Berenice Archambeault

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Robin Crowder

Children's Ministry: Sarah Beth Kite

Deloris Wertman

Council Person of the Week: Nancy Schwiesow

**Covid Monitor:** Jean Morgan

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

**Ushers:** Gail Johnson

Jerry Kite



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of George Archambeault by his family

# Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 10, 2021 20th Sunday After Pentecost

## Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> Exodus 16:1-18 John 6:51

## Monday

2 Kings 5:1-19 1 Corinthians 4:8-21 Matthew 5:21-26

## Tuesday

2 Kings 5:19-27 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Matthew 5:27-37

## Wednesday

2 Kings 6:1-23 1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11 Matthew 5:38-48



## Thursday

2 Kings 9:1-16 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

## Friday

2 Kings 9:17-37 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 Matthew 6:7-15

## Saturday

2 Kings 11:1-20a 1 Corinthians 7:10-24 Matthew 6:19-24



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\*)

Donna Gum Flossie Myers Steven Van Stee

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

Andy and Jane, Request by Mail
David Cookus Cousin of Linda Tomey
Pastor Lauren Eanes, Muhlenberg Church, Harrisonburg
Carol Garvin, Daughter of Dick Tomey
Kevin Swisher and Family, Friends of Tom and Holly Carper

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

#### **Members/Friends Grieving**

Family of Pat Frazier, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Rick Glidden, Grace Member
Family of Mark Neely, Brother of Jill Pingel
Family of Clinton Tomey, Dick Tomey's Grandson
Family of Terry White, Al McKechnie's granddaughter's husband

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year
Imogene Hull Zachary Rankin
Marlene Shaw Tom Blosser

#### The Needs of the World

For Creation - in the midst of storms, hurricanes, flooding, earthquake and wildfires; a new sense of our care for Creation, and the real ways we need to change for the sake of the Creation we live in.

Medical personnel at Augusta Health and nationwide; scientists working on the Covid vaccine certification for children; the hard hearted

Our children, teachers, professors, and all school and college personnel

First Responders, EMT's, Fire, Police

For our nation—our President,
Vice President, Senators,
Representatives, Governor, local
officials—that their work be
guided by God's wisdom and for
the common good.

#### The Church

# Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

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)

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the community

#### **Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors on Arch and Market Streets



Worship at Grace - A recent, highly urgent notice from Augusta Health announced the crisis situation we find ourselves in our area. We have Covid rates higher than at any point since March 2020 in Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro! Eleven deaths last week, two deaths alone last Tuesday, and expectations that this current wave of infection will spike in mid-October. Because of this information and after much discussion by Council:

- Beginning October 3rd, we will return to YouTube and Zoom worship until levels of infection in our area are reduced.
- All meetings and classes will be held via Zoom during the same time period.
- All outside groups using our Fellowship Hall or Conference Room areas will not meet.
- A letter from Grace Council was sent to all members and friends of Grace.
- Contact any Council member or Pastor if you have questions.
- Pray for those suffering from Covid,
- And if you have not been vaccinated, please do so. We averted influenza, smallpox, polio, rubella, measles, whooping cough and many other diseases through vaccination. The same possibility is true of Covid-19. God has blessed us with the creativity of modern medicine to alleviate suffering and death.



Holy Communion Chalices available from the Church Office -Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for each Sunday's worship over these next few weeks as we meet virtually!

## "Coffee Fellowship After Worship via Zoom" is still available!! -

Ron Almarode hosts a fellowship time via Zoom immediately following worship. It's a great opportunity to engage in casual fellowship, as well as being kept up to date about the concerns and needs for prayer by Grace members and friends. We will be sending this link weekly with the other links to Worship and other activities available via Zoom.



**Children's Message -** Beginning today, for the next few Sundays, we will return to a Children's Message, most offered by children and families! Once we are past this time of "Covid peak" and can return to in-person worship, we will continue Children's Church.



**Adult Education at Grace -** continues online via Zoom. An Email or U.S. Mail reminder of the Zoom link to class is sent each week. This is our third week of studying the Epistle of James. Join us!



More Blessing Through Grace's Mission Endowment Fund!

After distributing \$19,995 to the community around us thanks to your grant requests submitted earlier this year, \$7,575 remains to be distributed through our Christian Education, Social Ministry, Disaster Relief and Special Music Funds. If you would like to make a grant request for a local, national, or international need from these funds, call the church office for an information and grant request form in the and return the request form by Wednesday, October 13th. Grace Council will review the requests and select the grants at its October meeting.



The total raised for the 2021 CROP Walk from Grace was \$835. Four Grace members and Pastor Pingel went on the walk on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. If you would still like to donate to this project, you may do so at crophungerwalk.org. Thank you to everyone who donated or walked. Karen Walck



**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.

**Renewing Homes Deck Project "All Hands on Deck!"**—There's an opportunity to help a family in Staunton to repair a deck on Saturday, October 23. Call Jerry Kite for more details and to sign up. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Grace.



**Email Address Changes -** Due to consistent sending and receiving problems with our current "gracewaynesboro" and "lumos"-based email addresses, we ask that you change your address book to include the following addresses:

For Nancy Dowdy and the Church Office: Grace.lc@comcast.net For Pastor Pingel: pastorpingel@gmail.com
Please discontinue the use of gracelc@lumos.net,
secretary@gracewaynesboro.org, and pastor@gracewaynesboro.org.



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 <u>eighteen</u> 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 1,600 pounds! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

## Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

Matthew 25:34-35



<sup>34</sup>Then 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; <sup>35</sup>for 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.



# Life of Grace Church October 3-10, 2021

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	10/03	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	19th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom  Confirmation
Tuesday	10/05	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables via Zoon
Wednesday	10/06	7:00 p.m.	New Member Class Via Zoom
Thursday	10/07	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)  Bible Study via Zoom  Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom  Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday	10/10	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	20th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom  Confirmation



#### **Members of Grace**

## **Congregational Council**

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Jerry Kite, Vice-President
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Kathy Bump, Kim Hull,
Jean Morgan, Nancy Schwiesow,
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