

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church October 10, 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.

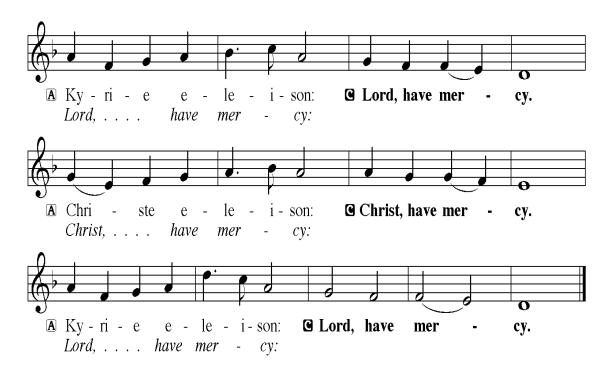
Prelude

<u>Greeting</u>

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

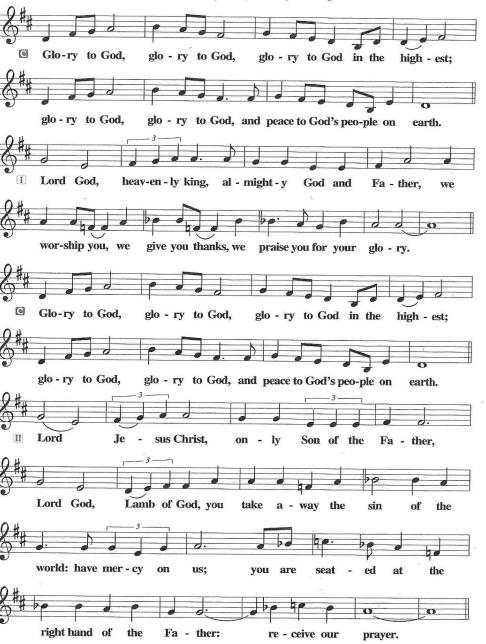
And also with you.

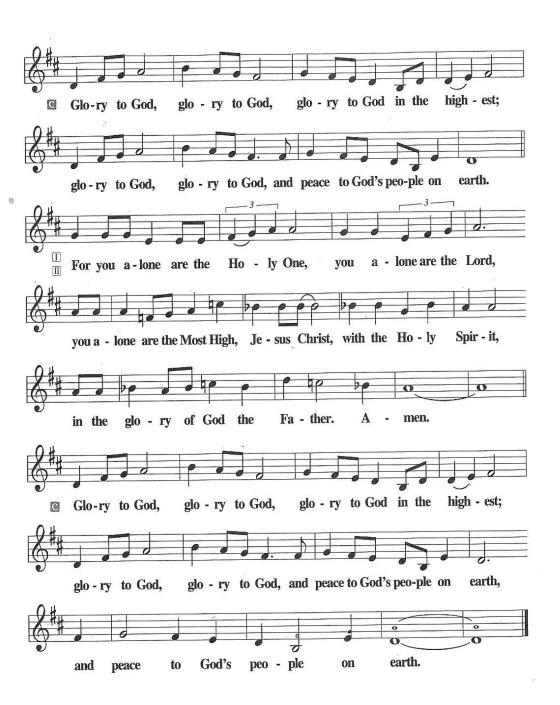
<u>Kyrie</u>



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.

Holy Provider,

Despite your people's hardened hearts, you gave them manna when they were hungry. Soften our hearts, and make us grateful for your marvelous gifts.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Exodus 16:1-18

A reading from Exodus:

¹The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said.

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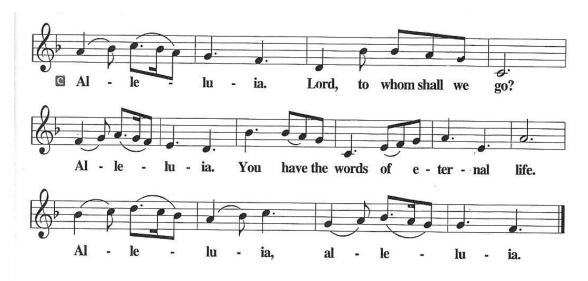
¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 6:51

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461, Page 11

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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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.

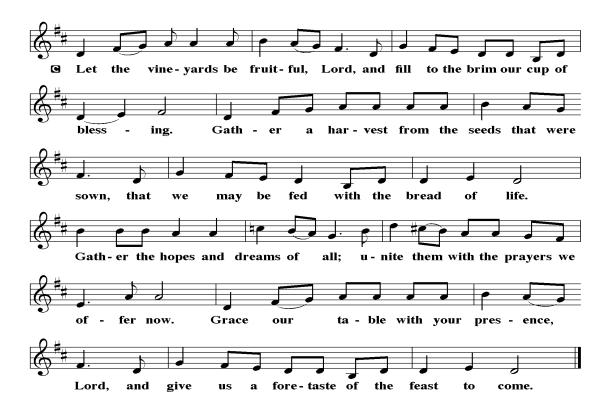
Amen.

<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.

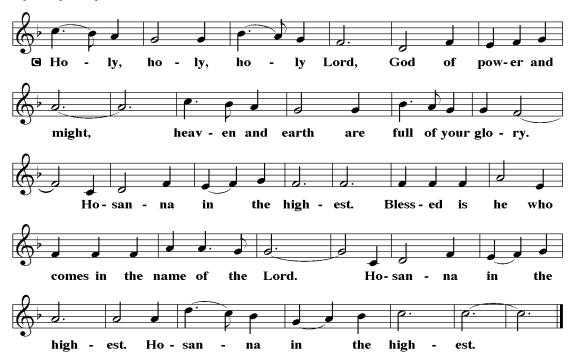
We lift them to the Lord.

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

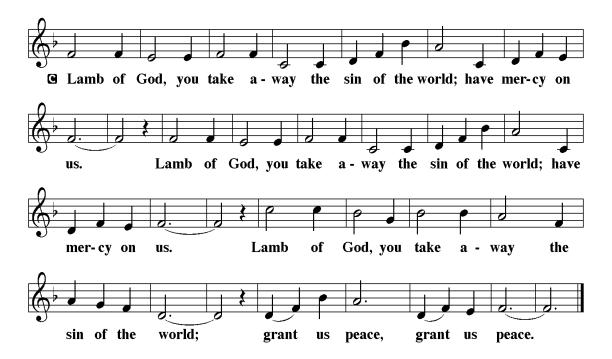
All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

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: "God Be With You till We Meet Again" #536 Page 19, Verses 1, 2

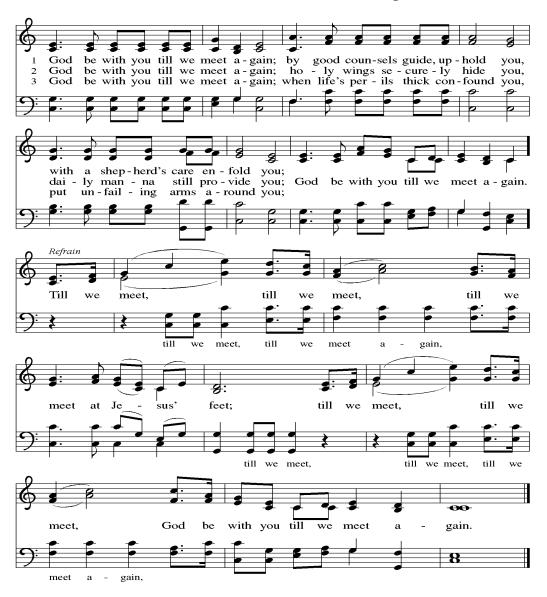
Dismissal

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

Postlude

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God Be with You Till We Meet Again



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Gail Johnson

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Kathy Bump

Children's Message: Bokelman Family

Council Person of the Week: Andrew Sell

Covid Monitor: Bill Lucas

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Ushers: Ron Almarode

Rick Bump



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Leonard C. Reid, Jr. by his daughter, Dawn Reid

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 17, 2021 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> 1 Samuel 3:1-21 John 20:21-23

Monday

2 Kings 17:24-41 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Matthew 6:25-34

Tuesday

2 Chronicles 29:1-3; 30:1 (2-9) 10-27 1 Corinthians 7:32-40 Matthew 7:1-12

Wednesday

2 Kings 18:9-25 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Matthew 7:13-21



Thursday

2 Kings 18:28-37 1 Corinthians 9:1-15 Matthew 7:22-29

Friday

2 Kings 19:1-20 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday

2 Kings 19:21-36 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Matthew 8:18-27



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
Faye Dickerson, Friend of Gail Johnson
Pastor Lauren Eanes, Muhlenberg Church, Harrisonburg
Charles List, Nephew of the Pat and Sandra Brady
Carrie Peters, Niece of David and Nancy Schwiesow
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)

Timothy Bradford, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow **Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace **Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife **Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

Regan Grant, Friend of the Richard and Kathy Bump **George Toop**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Dottie Sheaffer Bob Barrette

Marge Cloutier Lindsey Skelton

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

The families of many abused in French congregations, over the past decades, and the Church's repentance - a new direction - away from this abuse, and advocacy and support for those abused

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! Because of this information and after much discussion by Council:

- Beginning October 3rd, we returned 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!



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

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

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.





Next Bible Study begins October 21st!

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.



Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation at North Park this Saturday - our regular time of prayer, co-sponsored by Christ Tabernacle on 3rd Saturdays continues for the tenth time at Constitution Park, this Saturday, October 16th, 3:00 p.m. The time of prayer and fellowship typically is 30-45 minutes. Come for prayer and reconciliation this Saturday!

Grace Anti-Racism Book Study delayed one week - Our second week of the month study of The Sum of Us by Heather McGee has been delayed one week to the third Monday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. We'll be discussing the final two chapters of the book.





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.



Book Study is Rescheduled - We will delay the monthly book study of <u>The Sum of Us</u> one week to Monday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting by Zoom and looking at the last two chapters of the book.



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.



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



Many thanks to all who helped supply items for the Salvation Army request to fill "Homework Toolboxes". They announced that they were able to supply all 653 preschool and kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta County with Toolboxes this year! Thank you, everyone! Amy Warren

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.



Life of Grace Church October 10-17, 2021

| DAY OF WEEK | DATE | TIME | MEETING |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------|--|
| TODAY— SUNDAY | 10/10 | 10:00 a.m. | 20th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching |
| | | 10:50 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Confirmation |
| Monday | 10/11 | Indigenous Peoples Day | Pastor—Out of Town |
| Tuesday | 10/12 | | Pastor—Out of Town |
| Wednesday | 10/13 | | Pastor—Out of Town |
| | | 8:30 a.m. | Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) |
| Thursday | 10/14 | 6:00 p.m. | Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom |
| Saturday | 10/16 | 3:00 p.m. | Prayer Vigil For Racial Reconciliation (Constitution Park) |
| Sunday | 10/17 | 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. | 21st Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Confirmation |



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