

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church October 17, 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.

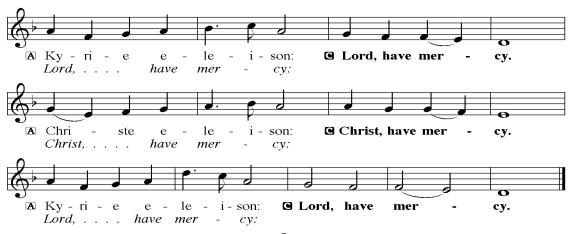
#### Prelude

#### <u>Greeting</u>

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

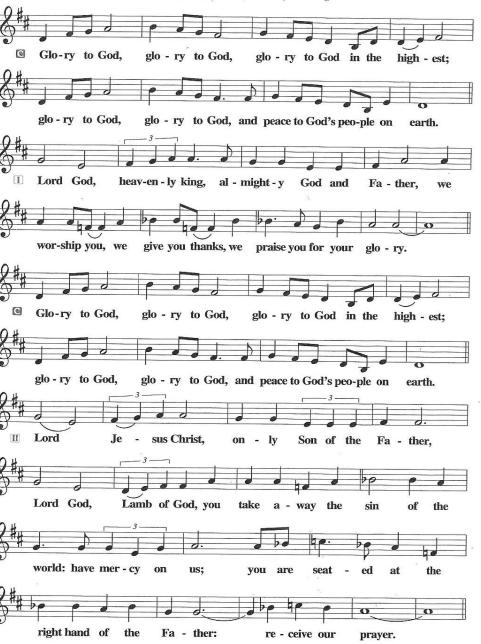
And also with you.

#### **Kyrie**



#### **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.

Beckoning God,

In the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. **Amen.** 

Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

A reading from 1 Samuel:

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

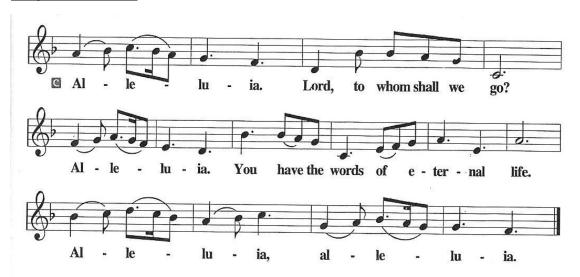
<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel: John 20:21-23

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #807, Page 9

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt. Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

#### **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.

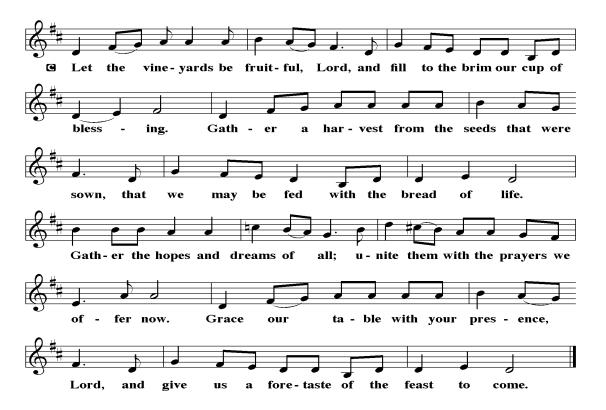
Amen.

#### **Peace**

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

#### 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.

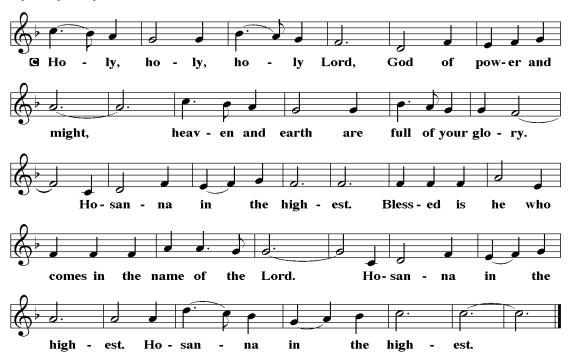
We lift them to the Lord.

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**

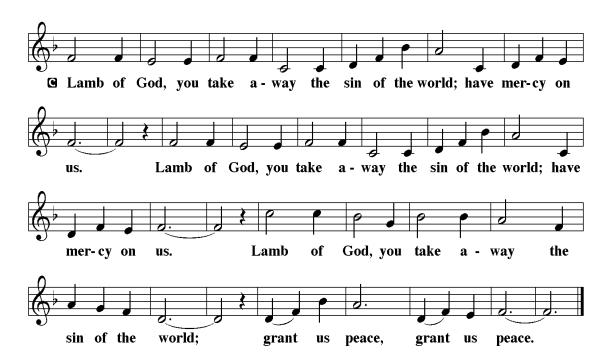
All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

#### 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: "Here I Am, Lord"

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#### <u>Dismissal</u>

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

#### **Postlude**

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#### Here I Am, Lord



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#### Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Rudy Yobs

Altar Guild: Jane Stein

Assisting Minister: Andrew Sell

Council Person of the Week: Amy Warren

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Anne R. Yobs

## Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 24, 2021 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

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

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 51:10-14 John 7:24



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

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

Andy and Jane, Request by Mail
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 Liz Ann Binns
Fred Brower Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald Sandra R. Hoy
Phyllis Kite Bob Knemoller
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
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Kyle Getler, Member Relative

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

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

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
Family of Ty Elliott, Grace Member

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year
Glen Gray
Bill Meicke
Eric Hilker
Aaron Lynch

#### 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

As we prepare to exercise the right to vote - the wisdom of God's Spirit to vote for the common good, instead of fear.

#### 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!



"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.



The Psalms Bible Study begins October 21! - This five week study looks at the various types of Psalms we find in the Bible, and we ask what these Psalms reveal to us in our daily lives, and this world we live in. Choose from 11:00 a.m. study or 7:00 p.m. study. We will start via Zoom only, unless our in-person policy changes.



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



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.



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



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: pastor-pingel@gmail.com Please discontinue the use of gracelc@lumos.net, secretary@gracewaynesboro.org, and pastor@gracewaynesboro.org.

**Monday** 2 Kings 21:1-18 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1 Matthew 8:28-34

Tuesday

2 Kings 22:1-13 1 Corinthians 11:2 (3-16) 17-22 Matthew 9:1-8

Wednesday

2 Kings 22:14—23:3 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 Matthew 9:9-17



Thursday 2 Kings 23:4-25 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Matthew 9:18-26

Friday

2 Kings 23:36—24:17 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday Jeremiah 35:1-19 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3 Matthew 9:35—10:4

#### Life of Grace Church October 17-24, 2021

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY	10/17	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	21st Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Confirmation
			Cross Anti Basism Bask Study
Monday	10/18	6:30 p.m.	Grace Anti-Racism Book Study - "The Sum of Us" via Zoom
Tuesday	10/19	7:00 p.m.	Council via Zoom
Thursday	10/21	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
Thursday	10/21	6:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Saturday	10/23	8:30 a.m.	Renewing Home Project - Deck Repair
Sunday	10/24	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	22nd Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Confirmation

#### 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.

#### **Members of Grace Congregational Council**

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Kathy Bump, Kim Hull,
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