

# 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church November 14, 2021

" A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

# Service of Holy Communion (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.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

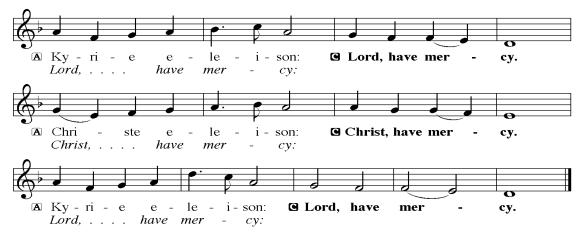
#### Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen. God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. Amen.

#### Prelude

#### Greeting

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



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung. 0 0 Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; glo - ry to God, 6# . 0 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 6# I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we 0 0 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  $(\diamond)$ -0 Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; glo - ry to God, · · . 0 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 6## -6 II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, 10 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the 100 d. world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the 8 . 0 0 0 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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#### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all people,

Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. **Amen.** 

Word

First Reading: Amos: 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

A reading from Amos:

<sup>1</sup>The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. <sup>2</sup>And he said:

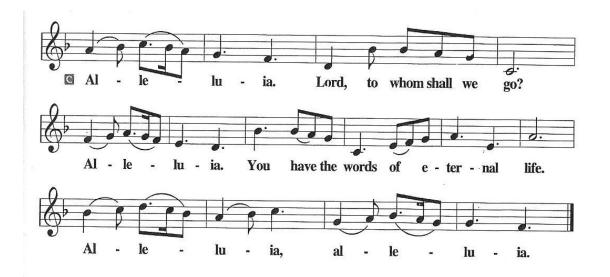
The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel: John 7:37-38

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Children's Message

<u>Sermon</u>

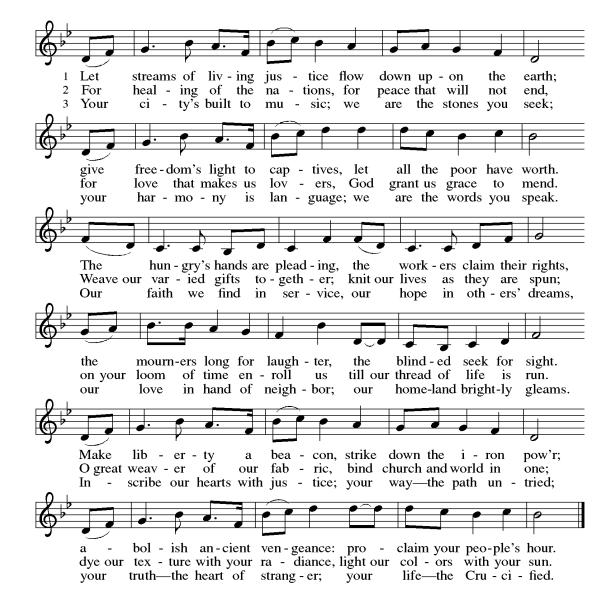
Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Let Streams of Living Justice"

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# Let Streams of Living Justice



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# Prayers of Intercession

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

#### Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

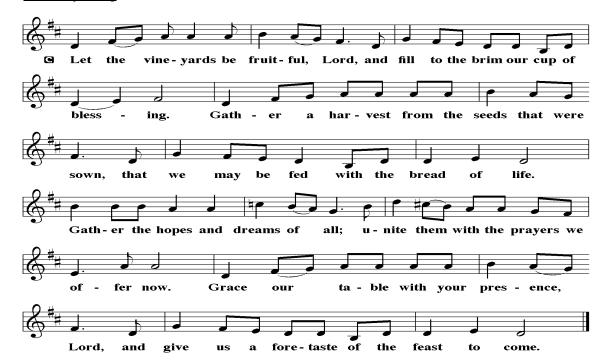
God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

# <u>Peace</u>

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

# Meal

#### **Offertory Song**



# Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

#### Holy God,

the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

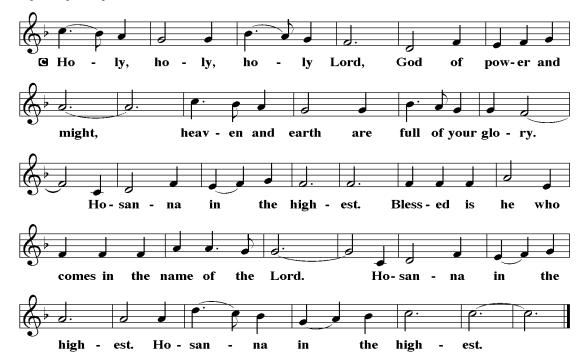
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** 

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



#### 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.

#### Continued

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

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

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

#### Amen

#### Lord's Prayer

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

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

# Invitation to Communion

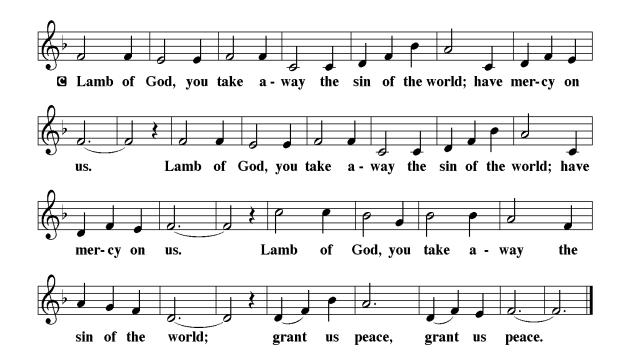
A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

# 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.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

# Sending

# <u>Blessing</u>

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ++ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

Sending Song: "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

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

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude

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Let Justice Flow like Streams



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#### Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today Altar Flowers: Peggy Marks Altar Guild: Jean Morgan Assisting Minister: Marsha Howard Children's Service: Jane Blosser Amy Warren Council Person of the Week: Robin Crowder Covid Monitor: Holly Carper Offering Stewards: Pat Brady David Proctor Gail Johnson Ushers: Jerry Kite



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles A. Marks III

> Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons November 21, 2021 Christ the King Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Isaiah: A Child is Born Isaiah 9:1-7 John 8:12



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\*) Stephen Van Stee

<u>Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)</u> Lois Dettweiler, Mother of Donna Marshall Redd Fitzgerald, Friend of Donna Gum Liz Erskine Leichliter, Friend of Sharon Lynch Patricia Morrison, Mother of Gary Morrison Sherando United Methodist Church

> Joys and Celebrations (*Remain on List for 4 weeks\**) Sylvia Almarode on being cancer free after treatment

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

Liz Ann Binns Marie Brown Sandra R. Hoy Bob Knemoller Janet Parmer Fred Brower Nancy Fitzgerald Phyllis Kite Glenn and Flossie Myers Barb Susen

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)Janice Collins, Friend of GraceNancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's WifeKyle Getler, Member RelativeRegan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy BumpGeorge Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

#### Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Keven Swisher, Friends of Tom and Holly Carper Family of Catherine Henson, Mother of Dave Matheney and Friend of Gail Johnson Family of Margaret Straw, Friend of Nancy Dowdy Family of Teresa White, Friend of the Schwiesows Family of Bill Faistenhammer, Friend of Nancy Dowdy Family of Chip Stratton, Friend of Linda Meyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation M	embers Throughout the Year
Willie Keefer	Tom Varner
Sam Moyer	Jackie Meeks

# 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.

Worldwide crisis over immigration— Polaris/Belarus, U.S./Mexico/Central America and elsewhere

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

First Responders, EMT's, Fire, Police

Our newly elected governor, representatives and local leaders

Our Veterans who have served with selflessness

# 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

Reverend Phyllis Diamond, newly installed at Pleasant View Lutheran, Staunton (11/13/21)

# Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Tree Streets



**Welcome to Worship!** We gather in praise, we hear a living Word from our God, and God nourishes us at the Table so we can go forth as Ambassadors, as Salt and Light, wherever we are! Please remember the following as we continue to worship together in a transitional time with concerns from Covid, and *bearing with one another* with care and Christian friendship:

- We continue to mask during worship
- Fellowship is a blessing of our time together! Since the narthex area is tight because of additional tables and equipment necessary during this pandemic time, remember social distancing, and take good conversations outside.
- Smart phones are a marvel of our time! As is the Word and Grace of God as we worship together! Please check your phone before worship and mute, silence or turn your phone off before the service begins.



**The Psalms Bible Study -** Week four of five continues with the study of 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. Join in-person in the Conference Room or via Zoom!



The **Giving Tree** has been put up in the Nave. If you would like to participate, please come by the church to pick up one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag(s) taken in the book, purchase appropriate gift(s), and bring <u>unwrapped</u> gift(s) with the original tag attached back to the Nave by Sunday, **November 28**. If you have questions, please contact Jane Stein, 943-3327.



**Grace Youth join Four Downtown Congregations -** Sunday, November 21st at 2:30 p.m., our Youth (7th - 12th grade) are invited to take part with Westminster Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. John Episcopal and St. John Roman Catholic Youth to make a meal for Afghan refugees that are living in Harrisonburg! We'll also get to know each other in some fun ways. We'll meet at Westminster Presbyterian. Contact Pastor if you have any questions!



Invitation to Prayer Group at Grace - Our World, Our Nation, Our Community, The Church, Grace Lutheran, individual joys and concerns from our lives. In all these things, we "take it to the Lord in prayer," not only praying for what we need, but also listening for what God will speak. If you are interested in a weekly Prayer Group, sign up on the Sheet on the table in the Narthex, or call the Church Office. We'll offer a few times, and select the time that the most people can attend. Sign-up and indicate times you can attend, and we will start in mid-November.



Time and Talent Survey - the offertory in the old green hymnal reads, "we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions," so in this time of Stewardship, please find enclosed the latest Time and Talent Survey. It has been awhile since we have offered the Time and Talent Survey to the whole congregation, and we encourage you to pray, look over the ministries, activities, and proposed new areas of ministry contained in the Survey, and let God's Spirit lead you to consider the ways you can offer your time and talent at Grace! We'll collect the Surveys <u>next Sunday</u>, and hear a Temple Talk as a part of worship.



**Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J)** - Our renamed discussion group with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ has engaged with local police and school authorities to follow up on their request for community input regarding racial equity and justice. A group of four members, including Linda Meyer, Pr. Paul, and Bishop Brown will be meeting tomorrow 11/15. Please keep them in prayer! AND, come to North Park this Saturday, November 20th, 3pm, for our monthly Prayer Vigil for Christian Unity and Racial Justice!



"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.



**Request from Disciples' Kitchen**—The past several years, we have helped with gift bags that are given to those attending the lunch meals at Second Presbyterian Church. This year, we would like to collect 35 men's regular size body wash/shampoo and 35 men's deodorants. There will be a tote in the hallway for your donations. We do need to have them by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Gwen Kite.



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>twenty</u> deliveries thus far, nine to Main Street United Methodist, and eleven to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **126 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist. **Overall, we have given well over 1,800 pounds**! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Holy Communion Chalices remain available from the Church Office - Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for Sunday worship if you are watching via You Tube or Zoom.



DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	11/14	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	25th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Time and Talent Sunday Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Tuesday	11/16	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	11/17	9:00 a.m.	Nancy Dowdy Off—Carolyn Hite in Church Office Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	11/18	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<ul> <li>Nancy Dowdy Off—Carolyn Hite in Church Office</li> <li>Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)</li> <li>Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</li> <li>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</li> <li>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom (CCE&amp;J)</li> <li>Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)</li> </ul>
Saturday	11/20	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (North Park)
Sunday	11/21	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Christ the King Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom Youth Ecumenical Event

# Monday

Nehemiah 9:1-15 Revelation 18:1-8 Matthew 15:1-20

#### Tuesday

Nehemiah 9:26-38 Revelation 18:9-20 Matthew 15:21-28

#### Wednesday

Nehemiah 7:73b—8:3, 5-18 Revelation 18:21-24 Matthew 15:29-39

#### ⊺hursday

1 Maccabees 1:1-28 Revelation 19-1-10 Matthew 16:1-12

#### Friday

1 Maccabees 1:411-63 Revelation 19:11-16 Matthew 16:13-20

#### Saturday 1 Maccabees 2:1-28 Revelation 20:1-6 Matthew 16:21-28



#### <u>Members of Grace</u> <u>Congregational Council</u>

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