

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church June 20, 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, Jay Beach Setting) Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is THEN that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes <u>us</u> a blessing in this world as we share it.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son II and of the Holy Spirit, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

Processional

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



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of hope, in Christ's Passover from death to life you restore the fallen and rebuild the broken walls. Turn to us in your great compassion, and answer us with your unfailing help, for you are the strength of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit

Word

First Reading: Psalm 69:1-16

A reading from Psalms:

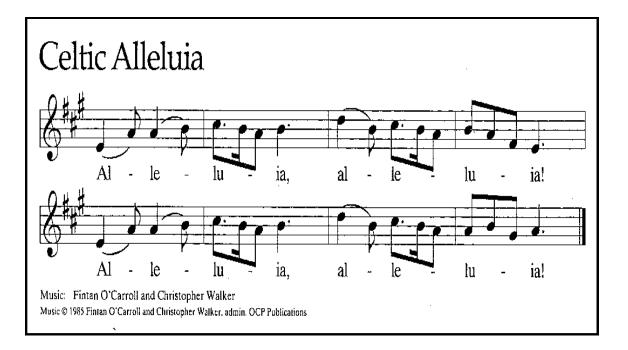
¹Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. ²I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. ³I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God. ⁴More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely. What I did not steal must I now restore? ⁵O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. ⁶Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord GOD of hosts; do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel. ⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face. ⁸I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children. ⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. ¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so. ¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. ¹²I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

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¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your faithful help ¹⁴rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the Pit close its mouth over me.
¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
Praise the LORD!

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 7:7-11

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Radecke

<u>Sermon</u>

Pastor Radecke

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

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

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.

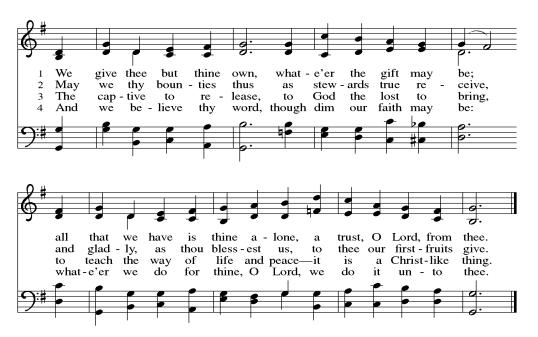
The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.

The congregation remains seated for offertory song

Meal

Offertory Song

Verses 1, 4



We Give Thee but Thine Own

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

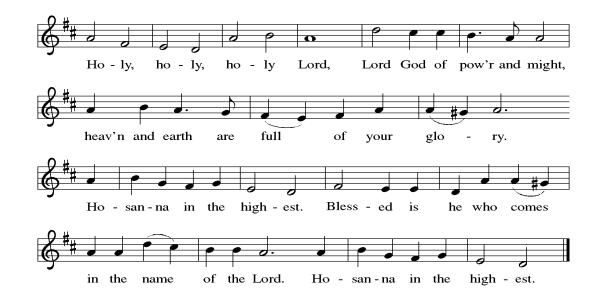
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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:



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.

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.

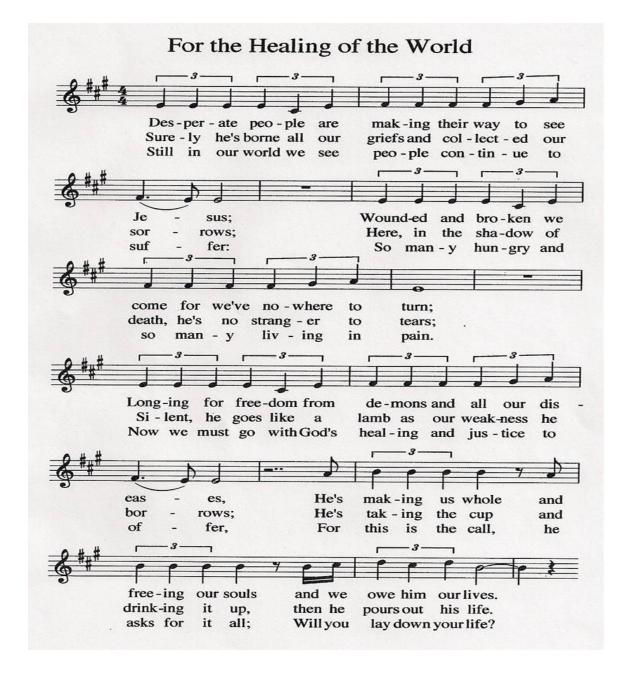
Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come to the feast!

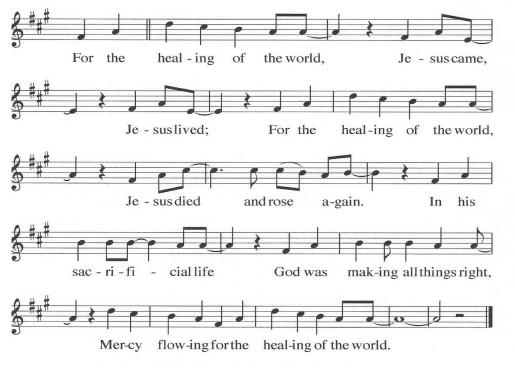
Thanks be to God!

"For the Healing of the World"

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The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.

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

Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

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, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

We sit

Sending

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Healing of the World"

Pages 14-15, Verses 2, 3

<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

<u>Postlude</u>

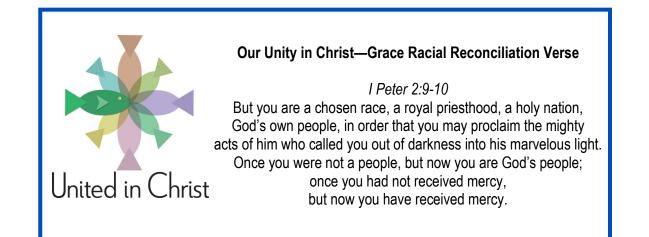
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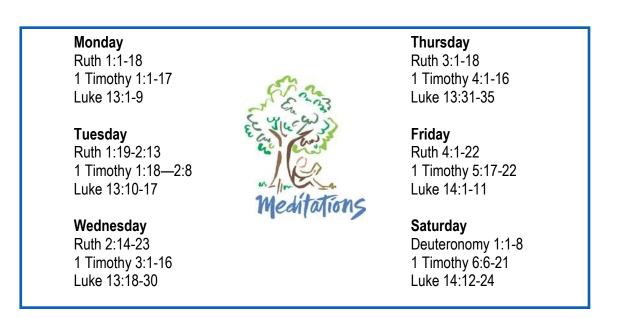


| Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today | | |
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| Altar Flowers: | Gail Johnson | |
| Altar Guild: | Jean Morgan | |
| Assisting Minister: | Mike Trauscht | |
| Council Person of the Week: | Kathy Bump | |
| Offering Stewards: | Pat Brady | |
| Ushers: | Ron Almarode and Jack Eckstrom | |

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of our glory of our Lord in memory of Jack E. Johnson and Leonard C. Reid, Jr. by their children







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 Praver" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*

Beth Ann Doerring Frannie Knicely

Brad Keefer Jane Stein

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Kathey and Eddie Cassano, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Linda Tomey Larry Fridley, Son of Linda Tomey Rick Huff, Brother of Donna Gum Nathan Machen, Nephew of Linda Tomey Kendrick McCarty, Son of Pastor Rob McCarty of Christ Lutheran, Staunton Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows Rick White, Son of Vernette Nichols

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes) Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower Marie Brown Ty Elliott Nancy Fitzgerald Sandra R. Hoy **Bob Knemoller** 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 |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife | Kyle Getler, Member Relative |
| Ernie Graham, Friend of the Schwiesows | Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps |
| George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows | |

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Members/Friends Grieving Congregation of Annex & Crimora United Methodist Church and Family of Pastor Gayle Thornberry, Friends of Donna Gum

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year</u> Jessi Blosser Libby Caister

The Needs of the World

Continuing gun violence and not becoming numb to its occurrence

Our world and controlling pollution and being good stewards

Summer, vacations and our regard for one another as the pandemic wanes

Crisis in Israel and Gaza

Mental health cases rapidly increased over the last year

Drug and alcohol addiction in our area

The border crisis and continuing debate over immigration

The Church

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County

Announcements



Thanks to Pastor Mark Radecke for preaching and presiding today! Mark has served in the Virginia Synod for many years, including at Christ, Roanoke, and for 16 years served and taught at Susquehanna University (ELCA affiliated) in Selinsgrove, PA. His spouse Tami is VP, Community Partnerships at Augusta Health. We give thanks for Mark's sharing of his pastoral gifts today



Pastor Paul and family are away on vacation to see family in SC. They will return Thursday. Contact Nancy at the Church Office or Kathy Bump, Council Person of the Week, in case of pastoral emergency.



In-Person Worship at Grace - A notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing the worship guidelines for the month of July:

- Starting *July 4th*, masking will optional in worship for all in attendance who are fully vaccinated.
- Those who are not vaccinated or partially vaccinated we ask you continue to mask.
- Distancing continues, with every other pew blocked off.
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- You Tube and Zoom continue to be available

The full set of guidelines is available from the email/letter sent this past week, or online at our website.



Summer Sermon Series on the Psalms - For years, we have always spoken or sung a Psalm as a part of worship. It has been called our Prayer book, our Songbook. There are Psalms that we know by heart (Psalm 23), or verses that we know from hymns, or have provided hope and comfort over the ages. This is the third of six Sundays we will be preaching from the Psalms as we "drink deeply from the Psalms" and learn about their central place in worship, and life.

Announcements



Temple Talk on June 27: Ron Almarode will offer a brief Temple Talk next Sunday about this year's Synod Assembly that was held Virtually this year on Saturday the 12th. Ron and Donna Gum were our lay delegates this year, with the Theme of Boldness in witness, as a part of the overall focus of the Synod to be Faithful, Bold and Serving in our witness to the gospel.



Fresh Air INSIDE Grace! Grace's air conditioning in the worship space has been revised so that we meet all current standards for fresh air into the worship space as it is cooled for summer. This is an important step, especially in these times of concern for air quality as a means of reducing viral spread. Colonial Webb, a firm from Charlottesville, accomplished the work this past week.



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>sixteen</u> deliveries thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! **Overall, we have given** well over **1,200 pounds**! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop



Fresh Air, God's Creation, Christian Fellowship! Enjoy walk on the Greenway or the Tree Streets in downtown Waynesboro, on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.! In this time where outdoor fellowship no longer requires masks, our Grace Walker group has resumed! Come and enjoy good exercise, good fellowship and the beauty of Spring and Summer! They meet in the Grace Parking Lot.



Life of Grace Church June 20-27, 2021

| DAY OF WEEK | DATE | TIME | MEETING |
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| TODAY— SUNDAY | 06/20 | 10:00 a.m. HAPPY Fallet's Day 10:50 a.m. | 4th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Mark Radecke, Presiding and Preaching Pastor—Vacation Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |
| Monday | 06/21 | | Pastor—Vacation |
| Tuesday | 06/22 | | Pastor—Vacation |
| Wednesday | 06/23 | | Pastor—Vacation |
| Thursday | 06/24 | ON VACATION 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. | Pastor—Vacation Image: Color of the state of |
| Sunday | 06/27 | 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. | 5th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |



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