

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 500 South Wayne Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980

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

# Service of the Word via You Tube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

#### 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**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen** 

#### Prelude

#### Greeting

The grace of 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>

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#### **Canticle of Praise**



#### Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# Word

#### First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts:

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

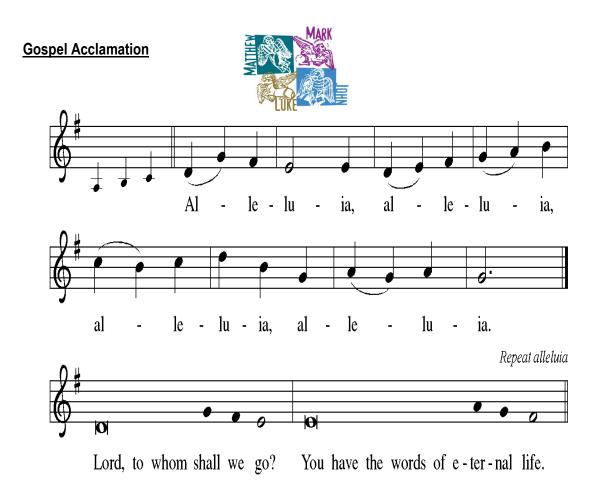
<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Gospel: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Children's Sermon

**Pastor Pingel** 

<u>Sermon</u>

**Pastor Pingel** 

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

#### Musical Offering

#### Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Peace**

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

#### Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.** 

#### Continued

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **We give you thanks and praise.** 

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

### Sending

#### Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, I Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

Sending Song: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
6 And so, throu thy goodness Good Shephe within thy ho

6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune



# Thanks to Our Worship Sistants TodayAssisting Minister:Lily PingelOffering Steward:Pat BradyAltar Flowers:Flo Walck & FamilyCouncil Person of the Week:Kathryn JohnsonChildren's Sermon:Amber & Isabelle BokelmanSpecial Music:Hannah Pingel



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God, in memory of Bob Walck and in honor of his birthday by Flo Walck and Family





**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\*) Janet Parmer

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

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

Mary Bertelsen	Liz Ann Binns
Marie Brown	Nancy Fitzgerald
Sandra R. Hoy	Bob and Carol Knemoller
Glenn and Flossie Myers	

#### Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife	Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Stephen Dowdy, Husband of Nancy Dowdy	Kyle Getler, Member Relative
June Huff, Mother of Donna Gum	
Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law	Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht
Barbara Shifflett and Family	George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

#### Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Milton Nicks, Cousin of Wilda Keefer Family of Glenn Simpson, Uncle of Wilda Keefer Family of Walter Trauscht, Brother of Mike Trauscht

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Ryan Blosser Bethanie Glover Alvin Jackson Amelia Jones

Nathan Skelton Kathryn Johnson

Fred Brower

Pete Giesen

Janet Lunger

#### The Needs of the World

Coronavirus outbreak around the world as well as flu victims All Medical Staff - Doctors, Nurses, Housekeeping, Administration and Food Workers at Augusta Health, UVA, Martha Jefferson, RMH, and all local Assisted Living and Nursing Care Facilities Our military and first responders - Police, Fire, EMT's Grocery, Pharmacy, other hourly workers, rail workers, and truckers who are keeping necessary items available Those unemployed, or facing financial hardship, due to the Covid 19 pandemic

# The Church Grace Church and our care and concern for one another Our Attentiveness to the Needs around us WARM's Cold Weather Shelter and WARM House, caring 24/7 for homeless in our community The Disciples Kitchen feeding ministry at Second Presbyterian and Basic United Methodist



Congregational Meeting-In accordance with our constitution, there will be a meeting of the congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church after worship (approximately 10:50 a.m.) on May 17, 2020 for the purpose of electing new members of the Congregation Council. Since we have been advised to continue in social distancing for at least until CONGREGATIONAL mid-June, the Council has passed a resolution at the April 21 Council meeting calling for a meeting to be held through distance technology.

This meeting will be conducted via the Zoom online service for those who have the technology and bandwidth to use it and via telephone conference into the Zoom meeting for those who cannot use the face-to-face features of Zoom. This is an effort to enable every member to have both voice and vote during the meeting. For those who have had guestions about the security of Zoom, please note that we use the subscription version provided by the Virginia Synod. which gives us a better level of security than the free version of this program. A Zoom link and/or telephone line ID and password will be sent to all Grace members with Nominee Bio information; and then a second time prior to the meeting on May 17th.

The slate of nominees will be sent out to everyone two weeks before the meeting, so look for that in your email or your regular mailbox. We are working out the details for how the voting will take place, and that information will be sent along with the slate. If you have any guestions or if you need help ahead of time in preparing to log into the meeting, please contact the church office (540-949-6171) or Linda Meyer (540-256-2277 or lameyer@cfw.com).



# **Congratulations to our Graduates!**

- Sydney Rankin, daughter of Clay and Kelly Rankin (Wilson) will be attending Randolph-Macon College
- Laura Shaw, daughter of Robert and Marlene Shaw (Grace Christian) will be attending George Mason University
- Paige Smith, daughter of Aaron and Jessica Smith and granddaughter of Lee and Sharon Lynch (Waynesboro) will be attending Virginia Tech
- Tyler Wertman, son of Marc Wertman and Tammy Wertman, brother of Matthew Wertman, and grandson of Deloris Wertman, is graduating from Roanoke College with plans to attend Grad School at UVA in the Fall.

We send our prayers that God's gifts will bless them to be a blessing in their work, life and faith!





"Coffee Fellowship" after Worship on Sundays! In an effort to gather us for fellowship and conversation as the Body of Christ here at Grace, we invite you to bring your cup of coffee (or other beverage, or just yourself!) and join a Zoom meeting after Sunday worship (approximately 10:45 -10:50 a.m.) whose purpose is for us to see and check in with each other,

to enjoy a smile and a laugh, to share what's on our hearts - what Martin Luther called a sign of the church - "the mutual consolation of the brothers and sisters." Look for an email or U.S. Mail note this week with information on joining the Fellowship!



Being the Body of Christ in the Midst of Coronavirus - During these times, our communications have changed. If you have a prayer need, or are facing an important life event - surgery, radiation or chemotherapy, or other important event that would be important for Grace congregation to know or be in prayer about, please contact the Church Office, or call

Pastor Paul at 540-216-4454. One of the "Marks (or signs) of the Church" is the "mutual consolation of the brothers and sisters," Luther wrote 500 years ago. While we are hoping that regular phone calls and other communications keep us connected, your communications are also most appreciated.



Bible Class, Book Study Resume by Zoom: Please note that the Bible Study Class time is Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.; the morning class will NOT continue. The Book Study continues Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
The Bible Study continues the Book of Acts, an amazing book

about God's Spirit at work in the world, helping the Church to sharing the Good News and to be the blessing God has made us to be through Jesus Christ!

• The **Book Study** is a resumption of studying the book "How to be an Antiracist" by Ibram Kendi. The book challenges us to a more active way of living against racism in our daily lives. Because we are in the final chapters of the book, an email link will be sent to those who signed up for the Study. Look for our next Book Study sign up in the next month!





We always thank Thank You's Along our Journey: To Mike Myers and many soloists who have helped lead worship these past weeks...to Nancy Dowdy for faithful service to the congregation during this whole time of physical distancing...for many behind the scenes who have helped with offering and financial matters, altar guild and flowers, worship leader scheduling -Pat Brady, Carol Varner, Jean Morgan, Brad and Owen Keefer, Ron

Almarode, Donna Gum, to assisting ministers these past seven Sundays; to mask makers, food providers for WARM and Disciples Kitchen, for serving volunteers at Disciples Kitchen, donors to Main Street United Methodist Food Pantry; and individuals who have helped others to get groceries, run errands, take people to doctor appointments, etc. And to those who have been generous and cheerful with financial gifts to Grace, and many other organizations who have helped others in need during this time.



Main Street United Methodist Church is providing a **Curb-Side Food** Pantry Monday through Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. They need ALTEN donations, specifically peanut butter, mac and cheese, personal hygiene AN IN items, dried rice and beans . If you would like to contribute, a box is set Volunteers up inside the office door for you to drop them off.



Virus Q&A—Hal Aaslestad, Grace member and retired virologist, gave a presentation about viruses and how they function, and began a Q&A about viruses and the coronavirus in particular that will continue this coming Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.. Details have been sent out via email and letter.



# Life of Grace Church May 3-10, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting		
TODAY— SUNDAY	05/03	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding		
		10:45 a.m.	Cof	fee Fellowship via Zoom	
Monday	05/04	6:30 p.m.	Book Study via Zoom		
Tuesday	05/05	7:00 p.m.	Virus	Virus Zoom with Hal Aaslestad	
Thursday	05/07	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom		
Sunday	05/10	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding		
Monday Exodus 18:13-27 1 Peter 5:1-14 Daily Leo Matthew (1:1-17) 3:1-6		<b>Ctionary</b> <b>Ctionary</b> <b>Ctionary</b> <b>Thursday</b> Exodus 20:1-21 Colossians 1:24—2:7 Matthew 4:1-11			
Tuesday Exodus 19:1-16 Colossians 1:1-14 Matthew 3:7-12			<b>Friday</b> Exodus 24:1-18 Colossians 2:8-23 Matthew 4:12-17		
Wednesday Exodus 19:16-25 Colossians 1:15-23 Matthew 3:13-17		<b>re</b> e week	<b>Saturday</b> Exodus 25:1-22 Colossians 3:1-17 Matthew 4:18-25		

