

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

May 10, 2020

" 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

<u>Greeting</u>

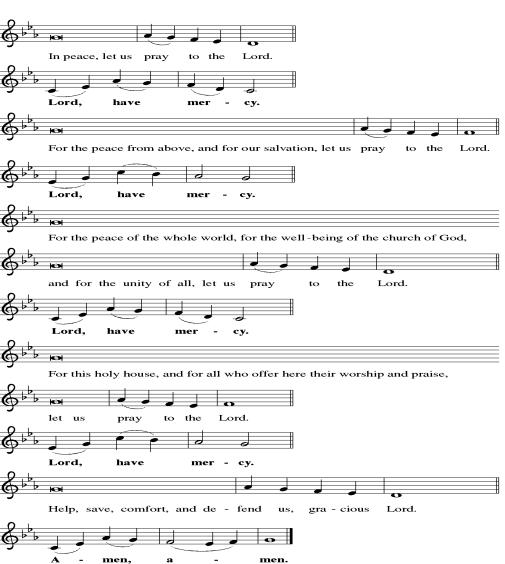
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts:

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶*Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter:

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

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"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

8 and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

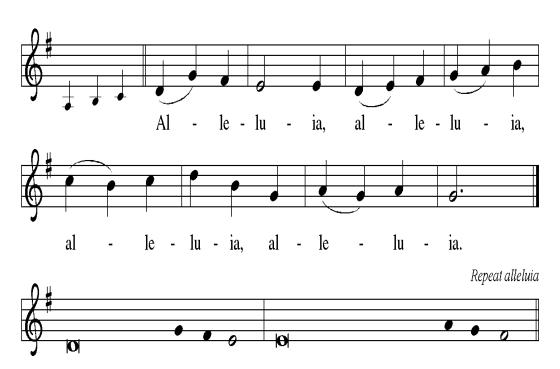
¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Children's Sermon

Franklin Family

<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.

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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, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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Dismissal

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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I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Joe Ranzini

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Gail Johnson

Council Person of the Week: Gail Johnson

Children's Sermon: Franklin Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy R. Johnson,
Tyrea H. Reid, and Myrtle F. Reid by their children and grandchildren



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word via You Tube
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. 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*)

JoAnn Harrell, Sister of Linda Tomey
Vicky Soster, Friend of the Trauschts
Rev. John Wertz, Assistant to the Bishop, Va. Synod

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

Mary BertelsenLiz Ann BinnsFred BrowerMarie BrownNancy FitzgeraldPete GiesenSandra R. HoyBob and Carol KnemollerJanet LungerGlenn and Flossie Myers

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

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Stephen Dowdy, Husband of Nancy Dowdy
June Huff, Mother of Donna Gum
Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law
Barbara Shifflett and Family

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

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

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year</u>

Carolyn Barrette John McGehee Jim Kite

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

Church of God in Christ (COGIC), the most most devastated church denomination by Covid-19 (Christ Tabernacle is COGIC)



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 questions 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 questions 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).

GRADUATES Congratulations to our Graduates!

- Nicole Meicke, daughter of Bill and Kathy Meicke, is graduating from VCU with a Masters Degree as a Family Practice Nurse Practitioner
- Sydney Rankin, daughter of Clay and Kelly Rankin (Wilson) will be attending Randolph-Macon College
- David Ranzini, son of Joe and Joan Ranzini, is graduating from UVA with a Juris Doctor degree with plans to practice law in Japan following advanced language studies classes
- 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 Christ 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!



Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod "Church Together for the Sake of the World" -Church in America

Lutheran Family Services of Virginia operates Minnick Schools across God's work. Our hands. the Commonwealth, including in Harrisonburg, which specialize in

helping special needs students that are beyond our public schools ability to care for. Most of the students' families cannot afford reliable WiFi for the students to carry out their schooling, especially during this Social Distancing time. If you would like to help, please go to https://lfsva.org/ minnickstudentwifi/





Blessed to be a Blessing: Abraham by God and would be "blessed to be a blessing," (Genesis 12:1-3) and so are all of us, as a continually would be "blessed to be a blessing," (Genesis 12:1-3). We offer Blessed to be a Blessing: Abraham was told by God that he and his ancestors would be "blessed to be a blessing," (Genesis 12:1-3) and so are all of us, as mention you in those who live by Faith, ancestors of Abraham by faith (Romans 4). We offer thanks that God is working in and through us, as the needs below continue. Let the Church Office or Pastor know if you'd like to help.

- Thanks to all our Mask Makers who have supplied over 200 adult and 35 children's masks to Augusta Health, Valley Program for Aging Services, Waynesboro Rescue Squad, the YMCA, and Disciples Kitchen (for servers and the homeless), and many others!
- Thanks to all who have provided meals and have volunteered to serve those in need at Second Pres. Disciples Kitchen, and WARM
- Thanks to all who have provided food for the Main Street United Methodist and Calvary United Methodist Food Pantries
- Thanks to all who have given of their resources for many organizations, and many in need.
- Thanks to all who have given time and help to neighbors, to seniors, and others in need of help and attention during this time of distancing



Food Pantries - There continues to be a regular demand for food in our community. We are continuing to assist two Pantries: Main Street UMC, and Calvary UMC in Stuarts Draft They need donations, specifically peanut butter, mac and cheese, personal hygiene items, dried rice and beans. If you would like to contribute, a box is set up inside the office door for you to drop them off.



Sparkhouse, which is a publisher of Sunday School materials for the Lutheran Church, is offering a Family Sunday School link that lets you share a lesson with your children that is related to the scriptures we use in worship. The "lesson" also has music, crafts and other activities to engage your children in many different ways. This is not a "live" presentation, meaning you do NOT have to access the Sunday School lesson at a specific time. You can share this at a time that is convenient to

you. Here is the link: https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/ We hope this is a blessing to your children, and a great way to help them continue to learn and grow in faith during this time when we are apart!



Children's Sermons—Thanks to the Jones, Bokelman and Franklin families for providing Children's Sermons for our YouTube worship. An invitation was sent to all families with children to take part. Call Pastor Paul or Carrie Jones to take part!



Life of Grace Church May 10-17, 2020

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Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY—SUNDAY	05/10	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Via Zoom
Monday	05/11	6:30 p.m.	Book Study via Zoom
Tuesday	05/12	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables Via Zoom
Thursday	05/14	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday	05/17	10:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:45 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Via Zoom

Monday

Exodus 32:1-20 Colossians 3:18—4:6 Matthew 5:1-10

Tuesday

Exodus 32:21-334 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 5:11-16

Wednesday

Exodus 32:1-23 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:17-20

Daily Lectionary



Thursday

Exodus 34:1-17 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 Matthew 5:21-26

Friday

Exodus 34:18-35 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday

Exodus 40:18-38 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Matthew 5:38-48



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