



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

May 17, 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

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.

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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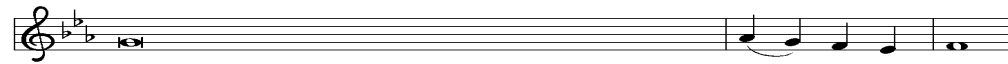
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



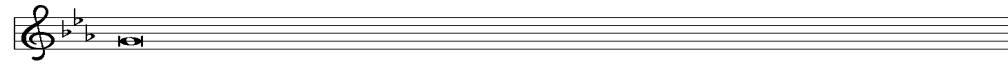
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



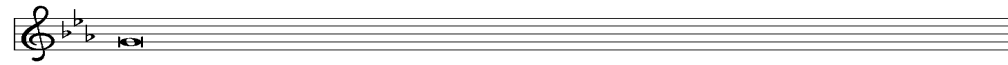
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

A reading from Acts:

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

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

Gospel: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Jones Family

Sermon

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 Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

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: *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

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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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Come, We That Love the Lord
We're Marching to Zion

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

MINISTRY



ASSISTANTS

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

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| <i>Assisting Minister:</i> | <i>Tripp Franklin</i> |
| <i>Offering Steward:</i> | <i>Pat Brady</i> |
| <i>Altar Flowers:</i> | <i>Open</i> |
| <i>Council Person of the Week:</i> | <i>Kim Hull</i> |
| <i>Children's Sermon:</i> | <i>The Jones Family</i> |



*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
glory of God*



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word via You Tube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



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*)
Ty Elliott

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)
JoAnn Harrell, Sister of Linda Tomey
Joshua Horn, Friend of the Trauschts
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 Bertelsen
Marie Brown
Sandra R. Hoy
Glenn and Flossie Myers

Liz Ann Binns
Nancy Fitzgerald
Bob and Carol Knemoller

Fred Brower
Pete Giesen
Janet Lunger

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Lisa Gray
Anne Putnam

Richard Marshall
Eleanor Sampson

The Needs of the World

Coronavirus outbreak around the world
as well as flu victims
All Medical Staff - Doctors, Nurses, Administration
Food Workers and Housekeeping, at
Augusta Health, UVA, Martha Jefferson, RMH,
Western State Hospital, 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
The purposeful ways we seek to know God in
daily life
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 devastated
church denomination by Covid-19
(Christ Tabernacle is COGIC)

NEWS



OUR 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!



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God's work. Our hands.

Virginia Synod "Church Together for the Sake of the World" -

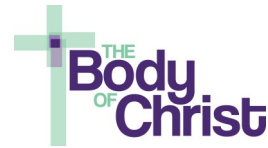
Lutheran Family Services of Virginia operates Minnick Schools across the Commonwealth, including in Harrisonburg, which specialize in helping special needs students that are beyond our public schools

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/>



"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!

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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 by Zoom—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!



1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

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 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

NEWS



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.



Water for WARM—During this coronavirus time, many homeless have found shelter and protection through a program of WARM at the Days Inn. There is a need for bottled water. If you can help, email cws@warmwaynesboro.org or call the church office.



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!




A **note** from last Sunday's Assisting Minister and physician Joe Ranzini: *Social distancing recommendations are still in place across the country as recommended by the CDC. This continues to be a dangerous time even as we are tired of being isolated . While we wait for the development of an effective vaccine, which is the only way this virus is going to be defeated, please wear a mask in public, wash your hands frequently and/or use hand sanitizer every time you touch a surface that someone else might have touched and stay at least 6 feet from others to avoid spreading droplets that contain the virus to others or have them spread the virus to you. If you need cloth masks, please contact the church office. Members in the congregation are making cloth masks for all who need them. Please stay healthy.*



Life of Grace Church
May 17-24, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY—SUNDAY	05/17	10:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
		11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Via Zoom
Monday	05/18	6:30 p.m.	Book Study via Zoom
Tuesday	05/19	7:00 p.m.	Congregation Council Via Zoom
Thursday	05/21	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday	05/24	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Easter Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Via Zoom

<p>Monday Leviticus 16:1-19 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18</p>	<p>Daily Lectionary</p> 	<p>Thursday Leviticus 19:26-37 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 Matthew 6:25-34</p>
<p>Tuesday Leviticus 16:20-34 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 6:7-15</p>		<p>Friday Leviticus 23:1-22 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 Matthew 7:1-12</p>
<p>Wednesday Leviticus 19:1-18 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Matthew 6:19-24</p>		<p>Saturday Leviticus 23:23-44 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 Matthew 7:13-21</p>



Members of Grace, Ministers

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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;

8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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