

6th Sunday of Easter

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 26, 2019

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

Holy Communion

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

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 what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness 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

Gloria Patri:

Congregation and Choir Sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Cantabile" Volckmar

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful and just God, we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

Amen

The congregation stands

Gathering Song: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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<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.

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts:

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 67

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

A reading from Revelation:

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands.

Congregation Sings



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

Gospel: John 5:1-9

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Rev. Cynthia Long

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.)

Sermon Rev. Cynthia Long

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation **stands** to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: "I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light"

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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

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you"

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.

Anthem: "O How Happy We'll Be"

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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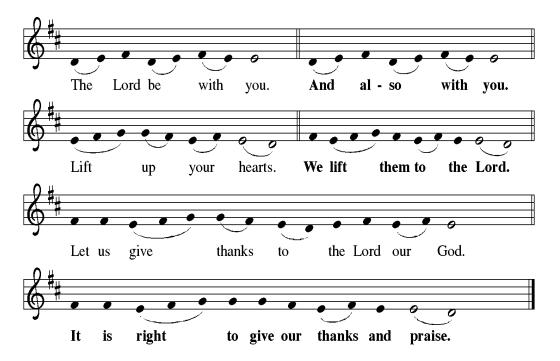
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

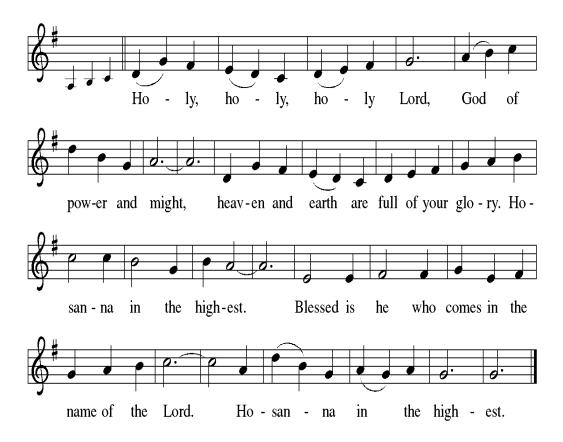
Great Thanksgiving



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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

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

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Thanks Be To God.

The congregation may be seated.

Holy Communion

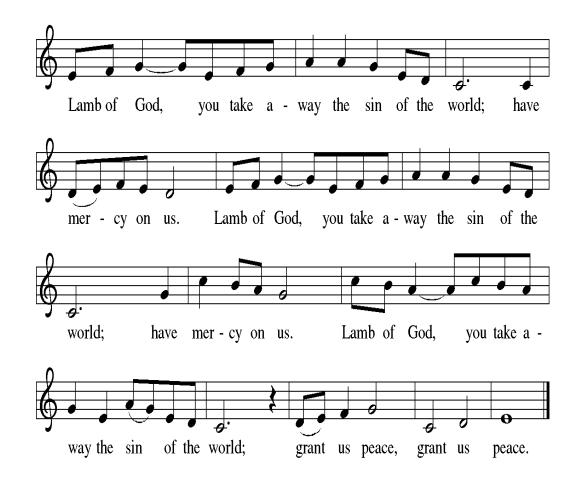
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening 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: One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, the following is announced::

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

and each person may respond

Amen.



Communion Hymns:

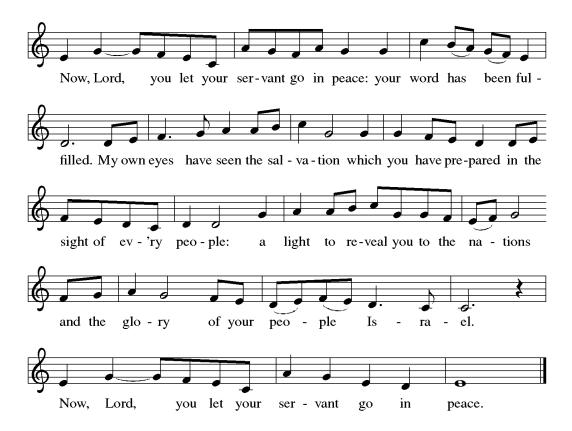
"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"	#414
"The Peace of the Lord"	#646
"Come Down, O Love Divine"	#804

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**

The Post-Communion Canticle



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The blessing of the living God, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

Amen.

Sending Song: "The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

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Dismissal

You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world. Go in peace, Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: "Allegetto" Vernet

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Robin Crowder

Communion Assistants: Cathy Crowder and Donna Gum

Ushers: Ron Knicely, Dwight Moomaw, Robert Shaw

Offering Stewards: Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson

Acolyte:

Cup Gatherer:

Altar Guild: Kathy Meicke

Nursery Caregivers: Sarah Kite and Deloris Wertman

Altar Flowers: Open

Council Person of the Week: Jack Eckstrom

Children's Church:

Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

June 2, 2019

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday Church School 9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Announcements



Grace Street Walkers! Interested in starting the day with a good walk outside in the Shenandoah Valley's wonderful Spring? Starting the day thankful for Our gracious God keeping us safe through the night, and giving us a new day to be a blessing? Having the additional blessing of good fellowship combined with good exercise? Then join the Grace Street Walkers! We walk every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. Meet at Grace parking lot to walk the Greenway and/or the neighborhoods around us. No matter what your pace - there will be someone to walk with you!



Hiker Hostel Updates—Opens this Tuesday, May 28. Thanks to Grace members who are cooking the meal this Thursday. We still need volunteers this week for check-in on Wednesday, 5/29, and Friday, 5/31. For the second week, slots are available for check-in Tuesday, 6/4, and Wednesday, 6/5. We can use snacks, TAKEAHIKE boxed cereal, fruits and homemade goodies. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



WELCOME Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, and Linda Meyer have been elected as five new Council members for 2019 - 2021! Please pray for their service

to God's Mission through Grace Council! These five will be installed as Council Members on Sunday, June 2nd.

Wedding Guidelines Resolution is passed - At Grace's May 19th Congregation meeting, the Congregation voted to pass the resolution recommended by Grace Weddings Council to approve same-gender weddings at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Wedding Guidelines remain the same in terms of membership or family requirements, and pre-marital counseling recommendations.

Announcements Continued

SPEAK OUT that we communicate with each other. The church in the past has communicated by personal conversation, newsletters and other forms. In todays world, that way of communicating has changed. The communication committee would like to find out how you communicate and how we could best communicate with you. Please complete the survey insert in today's bulletin and put in the basket at the back of the church by June 9.

Christian Education/Faith Formation Survey—Congregation Council is Asking for your help in renewing our congregation's focus on and participation in faith formation and Christian education. Please complete the survey to let us know your wishes and needs in this area. Surveys are available on the table in the back of the Nave (bright orange paper). An electronic version will be sent to congregation members as well. Please complete one survey per household and place in basket in the Nave or return to the church office by June 2. Thank you!

Backpacks—Grace and St. John Evangelist Catholic Church have packed food bags for William Perry Elementary School this past school year. Each church has had volunteers that have served twice a month packing approximately 70 bags of food each week for students to take home on Fridays. Thank you to everyone who has helped this year. We will be

packing again when school starts in August.



2019 Graduates

Meghan Ansted (Daughter of Richard and Donna Marshall)
Masters in Social Work (MSW)—University of Toledo

Claire Biggers (Daughter of Fred and Caroline Biggers)

Masters in Social Work (MSW)—Virginia Commonwealth University

Accepted a position with Heartland Hospice in Richmond

Grace Day (Daughter of Christine Day) M.Ed.—University of South Carolina

Andrew McGehee (Son of John and Jane McGehee)
MBA—James Madison University

Kate Morrison (Daughter of Gary and Susan Morrison and Granddaughter of Pat and Sandy Brady)
Associate Degree in Arts & Sciences (Magma Cum Laude)—Blue Ridge Community College
Attending James Madison University in the fall

Kaitlyn Myers (Daughter of Mike and Susan Myers) MSW—Loyola University Chicago



Lily Pingel (Daughter of Paul and Jill Pingel)
Waynesboro High School.
Lily will be attending
Roanoke College in the fall.

Lindsey Skelton (Daughter of Lee and Sharon Lynch)

Special Education Degree with Honors—Mary Baldwin College
Accepted a teaching position with Augusta County Schools

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 keep 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

Myrtle Kite
David Schwiesow
Lily Skelton
Barb Susen
Dick Tomey

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Ray Bragg, Friend of the Tomeys
Family of Stuart Davis, Cathy Crowder's Cousin
Family of Dale Marshall, Cousin of Rick and Donna Marshall
Bill Moore, Friend of Lisa and Glenn Gray

Members/Friends Celebrations

Our eight graduates from high school and college! (see Graduates Page)

Ongoing Need for Prayer

Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns, Grace Members
Jean Brower, Grace Member

Fred Brower, Grace Member

Marie Brown, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee

Rev. Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow

Kyle Getler, Member Relative Sandy Johnson, Grace Member Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member Janet Lunger, Grace Member Sandra R. Hoy, Grace Member Bob and Carol Knemoller, Grace Members Peggy Lucas, Grace Member

Glenn and Flossie Myers, Grace Members

Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall, wife of Steve Meicke, on their mission in Bolivia,

Son and daughter-In-Law of Bill and Kathy Meicke

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Tom Sheaffer, Grace Member

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends

Kurt Doerring, Brother of Beth-Ann Doerring
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Colton Kopcinski, Friend of Almarodes and Madee Project
Carlton Londeree, Friend of the Tomeys

Kate Morrison, Student Trip by Blue Ridge students to China,
Daughter of Gary and Susan Morrison and Granddaughter of Pat and Sandy Brady
Krista Traynor and Family, Daughter of David and Vivian Proctor
Cooper Trueblood, Friend of Almarodes

The Needs of the World

Victims of attacks on Appalachian Trail Hikers
Political Crisis in Venezuela

Our government leaders—President, Senators, Congress, Judicial, State and Local **Tensions with Iran**

The Church

The ELCA and its future direction (see elca.org/future)
The church in Sri Lanka following

Easter Bombings

Victims of church attacks in Burkina Faso

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Brodie Franklin Lesa Cusac/Jackson Ron Almarode Hunter Fitzgerald Roger Bowers Bill Kelly

Life of Grace Church May 26—June 2, 2019

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY 05/26			Pastor—Off
	10:00 a.m.	6th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Rev. Cynthia Long, Preaching & Presiding	
Monday	05/27		Memorial Day—Office Closed
Tuesday 05/	05/00	5:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel
	05/28	7:00 p.m.	Roundtables
Wednesday	05/29		Hiker Hostel
Thursday	05/30	5:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Street Walkers
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	05/31	5:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel
Saturday	06/01	5:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel
Sunday	06/02	10:00 a.m.	7th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding Council Installed

Daily Lectionary

Monday

Psalm 63 2 Kings 23:15-25 Revelation 11:1-14

Tuesday

Psalm 63 1 Samuel 17:55—18:5 Revelation 11:15-19

Wednesday

Psalm 63 2 Samuel 2:1-7 John 16:25-33

Thursday

Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday

Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Saturday

Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:26-31 Luke 21:20-24



Members of Grace, Ministers

Robin Crowder, President Linda Meyer, Vice-President Secretary

Jack Eckstrom, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull, Carrie Jones, Gordon Putnam, Marlene Shaw, Rudolph Yobs

Hannah Pingel/Laura Shaw, Youth Co-Representatives

Ron Almarode, Treasurer Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music 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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