



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

July 12, 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, Jay Beech Setting)

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

Temple Talk

Nancy Schwiesow

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
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.

Hymn of Praise

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God's Love Endures Forever

Refrain

Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's love en - dures for -

ev - er! Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's

love en - dures for - ev - er!

1 With our dreams and our fears,
2 With our strength and our weak - ness,

with our joys and our pain,
with our gifts and our needs,

we come, we come.
we come, we come.

Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.


¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



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

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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

Continued

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Amber and Isabelle Bokelman

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Mike Myers

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

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

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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“For the Healing of the World”*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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For the Healing of the World

Des-per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
 Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
 Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to

 Je - sus; Wound - ed and bro - ken we
 sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
 suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and

 come for we've no - where to turn;
 death, he's no strang - er to tears;
 so man - y liv - ing in pain.

 Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
 Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
 Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to

 eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
 bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
 of - fer, For this is the call, he

 free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
 drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
 asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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MINISTRY ASSISTANTS



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Brian Lundstrom
Offering Steward: Pat Brady
Altar Flowers: Open
Council Person of the Week: Robin Crowder
Children's Sermon: Amber and Isabelle Bokelman



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

July 19, 2020
 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word via You Tube
 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



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
Flo Walck**

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

Heaven Dudley, Friend of Linda Meyer
Tony Forbes, Cousin of Ron Almarode
Reed Forbes, Uncle of Ron Almarode
Frank & Cindy Honeycutt, Friends of Pingels
Bernice Jackson, Mother of Alvin Jackson
Monica McCall-Shadle, Niece of Sharon Lynch
Rob Tweedie, Friend of Kathy Johnson

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

Liz Ann Binns	Fred Brower	Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald	Pete Giesen	Sandra R. Hoy
Bob and Carol Knemoller	Janet Lunger	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
Kyle Getler , Member Relative	June Huff , Mother of Donna Gum
Maxine Pierce , Mother of Cindy Trauscht	Barbara Shifflett and Family
George Toop , Friend of Schwiesows	

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Mary Bertelsen, Grace Member
Family of Charles Neatrou, Genevieve Arneson's Brother
Family of Curtis Powell, Friend of Donna Gum
Family of James Sarsfield, Father of Marianne Aronson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Al McKechnie

Bobby Hite

Diane Lundstrom

The Needs of the World

Our Nation, celebrating its 244th year,
and prayers for our way forward
together

**The continuing Coronavirus outbreak
and our willingness and
discipline to help reduce the
risk**

The Church

Our neighbors on S. Wayne, The Tree Streets,
and Arch and Market

**Our children and grandchildren, and their
growth in faith**

Our sisters and brothers in neighboring
congregations: Christ Tabernacle,
St. James Baptist, St. John Episcopal
and First Baptist

**Our congregation as we prepare to resume
in-person worship**

NEWS



Temple Talks in July: In the July newsletter, Grace's Antiracism Book Study Group wrote about their almost year-long study together, and some of what they have learned over their time together. During the month of July four of the Book Study group will be sharing a Temple Talk of what they have experienced in their own lives, and/or what they have learned as fellow members of the Body of Christ here at Grace. In addition, look for future opportunities to engage in "get to know our neighbor" conversations with Christ Tabernacle coming in the next few weeks.



Thank you to all the **worship leaders**; to the Bokelman Family for the children's message and to our regular weekly stalwart helpers, Mike Myers and Owen Keefer.



In-Person Worship Resumes on Sunday, July 26th - Grace Council, in a special meeting this past Tuesday, July 7th, approved the resumption of In-Person worship Outdoors, beginning July 26th. The worship service of Holy Communion will be at 10:00 a.m. You will be encouraged to bring your own outdoor chairs, an umbrella for shade, and a mask to wear, as we will observe social distancing and other Phase III Virginia requirements to hold worship. Look for full information via letter and/or email, as well as on the Grace website. **Note:** You Tube Worship will continue to be offered for Grace

members and friends who: (1) because of health issues, or belonging to higher risk categories of susceptibility to Covid 19; OR (2) because of other uncertainties concerning a return to In-Person Worship, have chosen not to attend; OR (3) are not in the area, but have attended Grace's Worship digitally. This service will continue to be broadcast at 10AM on Sunday, as well as being available later to watch at your convenience.



"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!

NEWS



WARM and Disciples Kitchen Updates



Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry

WARM - Grace is helping provide Breakfast for the Homeless being sheltered at the Days Inn via a partnership grant with the Commonwealth of Virginia. We're serving one week in July, but our current need is for help August 17th -23rd. A bag breakfast (examples: Fast food biscuits or frozen biscuits; bananas or oranges; breakfast bars; boiled eggs; individual fruit cups; breakfast pastries) for 37 - 40 guests are needed each day. The bag breakfast needs to be served between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. each day.

WARM is also requesting snacks (chips, pre-packaged cookies, or individually packaged snack foods) for the guests. A box for WARM Snacks is located near the Church Office area inside at Grace.



SERVING MEALS
TO THE HOMELESS

DISCIPLES KITCHEN - Grace will be delivering bag lunches July 23rd to 2nd Presbyterian, and bag breakfasts to Basic United Methodist Church on July 25th.

To help with any of the above, please contact Gwen Kite (910-0508 or gwenma2002@yahoo.com) or the Church Office.



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made *three deliveries* thus far, two to Main Street United Methodist, and one to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.




Family Resources this Summer: We are sending to all Grace families a weekly Nurturing Faith email from the Virginia Synod Roots and Wings Team, that focuses on helping our children grow in faith at home. Each email has links to activities, puzzles, coloring pages and other resources that help a family to learn about the Bible readings we read each Sunday, which help a family grow in faith together!



Life of Grace Church
July 12-19, 2020

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	07/12	10:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Wednesday	07/15		Tax Day
Thursday	07/16	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
Sunday	07/19	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

<p>Monday Numbers 16:1-9 Romans 3:21-31 Matthew 19:13-22</p>	<p>Daily Lectionary</p>  <p><i>Scripture</i> OF THE WEEK</p>	<p>Thursday Numbers 17:1-11 Romans 5:1-11 Matthew 20:17-28</p>
<p>Tuesday Numbers 16:20-35 Romans 4:1-12 Matthew 19:23-30</p>		<p>Friday Numbers 20:1-13 Romans 5:12-21 Matthew 20:29-34</p>
<p>Wednesday Numbers 16:36-50 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 20:1-16</p>		<p>Saturday Numbers 20:14-29 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 21:1-11</p>



**Member of Grace
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Linda Meyer, President

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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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