

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church July 11, 2021

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

Service of the Word via You Tube (Based on Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting) 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 then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us 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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand

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

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son II and of the Holy Spirit, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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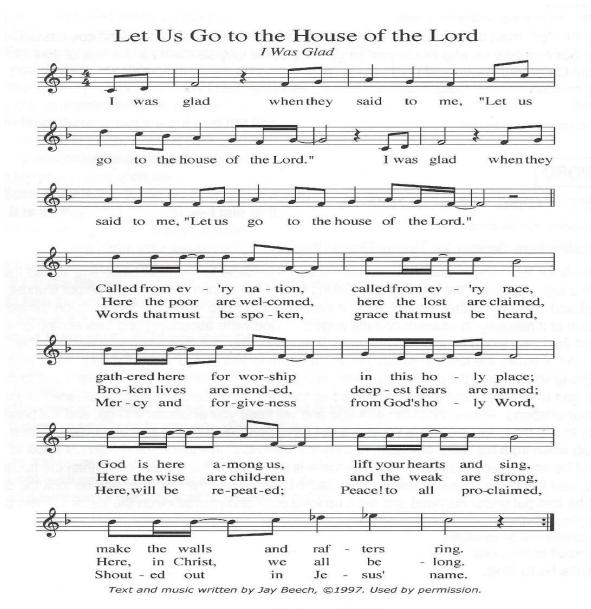
God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

Processional

Greeting

The grace 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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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Blessed indeed are they who put their trust in you, O God, our sure rock and refuge. Guard us from giving to any other the allegiance that belongs only to you. Shine upon us with the brightness of your light, that we may love you with a pure heart and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit

Word

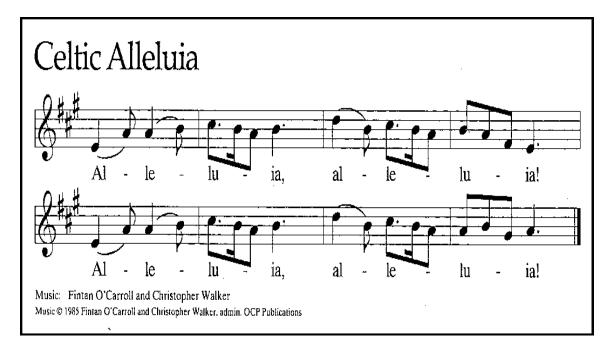
First Reading: Psalm 146

A reading from Psalms:

¹Praise the LORD!
²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 7:18-23

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²⁰When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ²¹Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. ²³And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Pingel

<u>Sermon</u>

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Let All Things Now Living"

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We stand

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.

Let All Things Now Living



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Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.

The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.

The congregation remains seated for offertory song

Meal

Offertory Song

Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; 1 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive, 3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring, 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be: that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. all and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give. to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing. what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

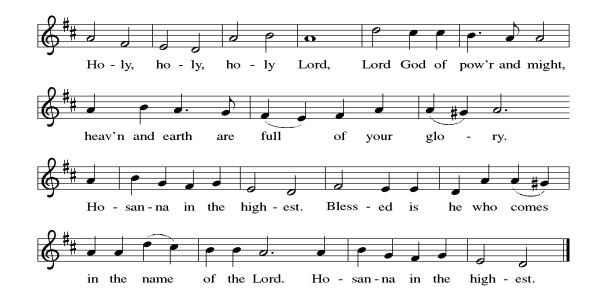
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 is 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 in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

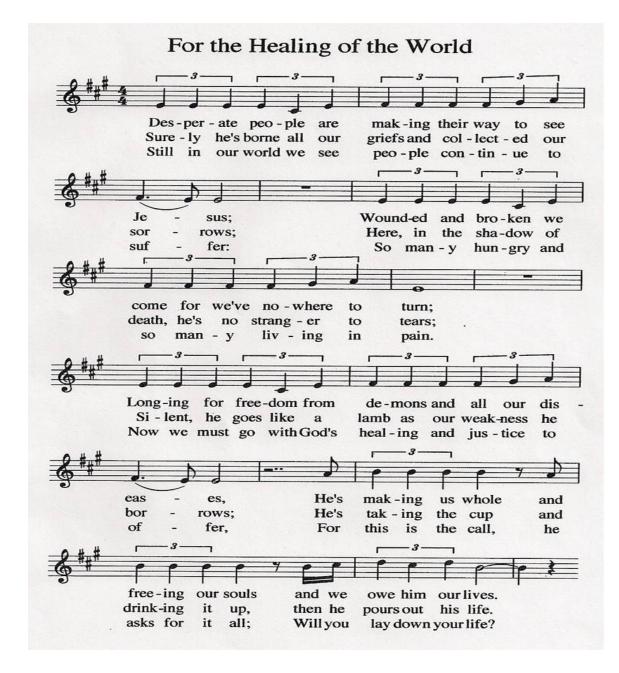
Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come to the feast!

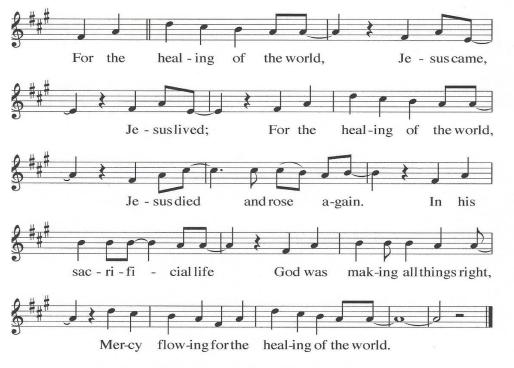
Thanks be to God!

"For the Healing of the World"

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The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

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: We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.

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

Amen.

The congregation stands.

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Healing of the World"

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<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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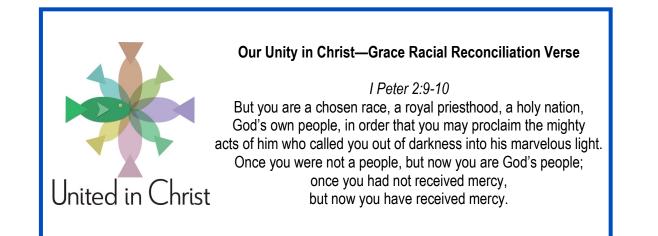


Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today		
Altar Flowers:	Open	
Altar Guild:	Jean Morgan	
Assisting Minister:	Tripp Franklin	
Council Person of the Week:	Jerry Kite	
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady	
Ushers:	Fred Biggers and Jean Morgan	



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





Monday

Deuteronomy 30:1-10 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 Luke 18:31-43

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 30:11-20 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33 Luke 19:11-27

T**hursday** Ecclesiasticus 44:19-45:5 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Luke 19:28-40

Friday Ecclesiasticus 45:6-16 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Luke 19:41-48

Saturday

Ecclesiasticus 46:1-10 2 Corinthians 13:1-14 Luke 20:1-8

Meditations

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks* Sylvia Almarode

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Chris and Emily Lassiter, Friends of Franklins Reverend Janice Ely Lowden, Friend of Grace Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow Eileen O'Rourke, Friend of Kathy Johnson Laura Rowley, Daughter-in-law of Kathy Johnson

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)Liz Ann BinnsFred BrowerMarie BrownTy ElliottNancy FitzgeraldSandra R. HoyPhyllis KiteBob KnemollerGlenn and Flossie MyersJanet ParmerSandra R.Sandra R. Hoy

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy JohnsonJanice Collins, Friend of GraceNancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's WifeKyle Getler, Member RelativeErnie Graham, Friend of the SchwiesowsRegan Grant, Friend of the BumpsGeorge Toop, Friend of the SchwiesowsRegan Grant, Friend of the Bumps

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<u>Members/Friends Grieving</u> Family of Charles Riker, Grandfather of Ashley Stollings Congregation of Annex & Crimora United Methodist Church and Family of Pastor Gayle Thornberry, Friends of Donna Gum

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the YearZanny BandySandra BradyCindy GlennZoey MahoneyCarolyn ShieldsCarolyn Shields

The Needs of the World

The Church

Our nation on its 245th anniversary

The victims, families, and friends of the 18 dead and 145 unaccounted for of the Surfside, Florida condo collapse

Continued vigilance and care in a nation and world weary of Covid-19

The nation of Afghanistan as U.S. troops pullout

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County

Announcements



In-Person Worship at Grace - A notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing the worship guidelines for the month of July:

- Starting *July 4th*, masking will optional in worship for all in attendance who are fully vaccinated.
- Those who are not vaccinated or partially vaccinated we ask you continue to mask.
- Distancing continues, with every other pew blocked off.
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- You Tube and Zoom continue to be available

The full set of guidelines is available from the email/letter sent this past week, or online at our website.



Summer Sermon Series continues with Ephesians - God's Plan of Grace - Paul's letter to the Ephesians is a masterful letter that focuses on the Grace of God. God's Grace is past, present and future, for you and for me! After our final Sunday on the Psalms TODAY, we will begin our series on Ephesians next Sunday, July 18th.



Book Study Class—"The Sum of Us - What Racism Costs Everyone and How We can Prosper Together" will reconvene on Monday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion will be based on Chapters 3 and 4.



Round Tables All Committees meeting this Tuesday - We meet in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday evening, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. Zoom is available for those unable to attend in person. Let the Church Office know by tomorrow afternoon.

Announcements



Fresh Air INSIDE Grace! Grace's air conditioning in the worship space has been revised so that we meet all current standards for fresh air into the worship space as it is cooled for summer. This is an important step, especially in these times of concern for air quality as a means of reducing viral spread. Colonial Webb, a firm from Charlottesville, accomplished the work this past week.



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 <u>sixteen</u> deliveries thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! **Overall, we have given** well over **1,200 pounds**! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Fresh Air, God's Creation, Christian Fellowship! Enjoy walk on the Greenway or the Tree Streets in downtown Waynesboro, on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.! In this time where outdoor fellowship no longer requires masks, our Grace Walker group has resumed! Come and enjoy good exercise, good fellowship and the beauty of Spring and Summer! They meet in the Grace Parking Lot.



Life of Grace Church July 11-18, 2021

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	07/11	10:00 a.m.	7th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	7/12	7:00 p.m.	Grace Anti-Racism Book Study (Fellowship
Tuesday	07/13	7:00 p.m.	Round Table Discussions
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
Thursday	07/15	1:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle (Zoom)
Saturday	7/17	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (North Park, 800 Bridge Avenue)
Sunday	07/18	10:00 a.m.	8th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



Members of Grace

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