

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church July 25, 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 us 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 + 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.

Continued

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 Hymn: "Built on a Rock"

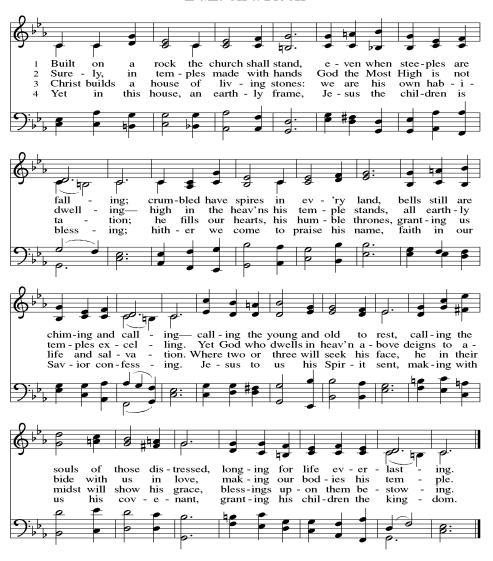
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Greeting

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.

Built on a Rock



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Hymn of Praise



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and power of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit

Word

First Reading: Ephesians 2:1-22

A reading from Ephesians:

1-6 It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

7-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Continued

¹¹⁻¹³ But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.

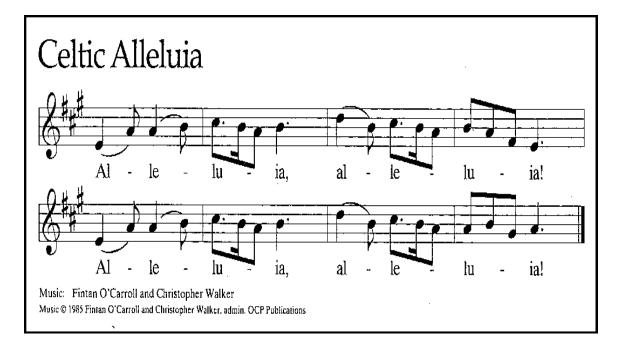
¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

¹⁹⁻²² That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You *belong* here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for 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 lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

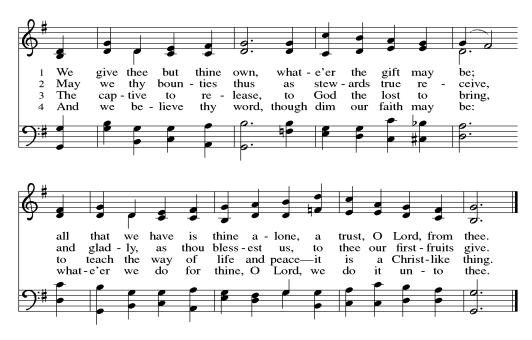
The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.

The congregation remains seated for offertory song

Meal

Offertory Song Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own



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.**

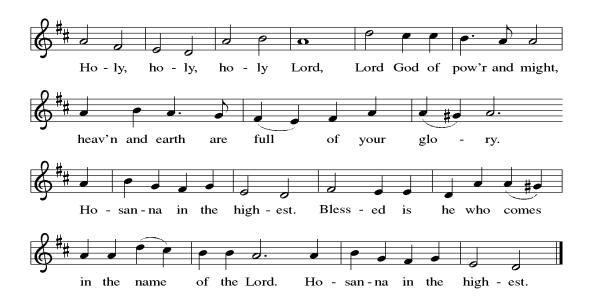
Lift up your hearts.

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.

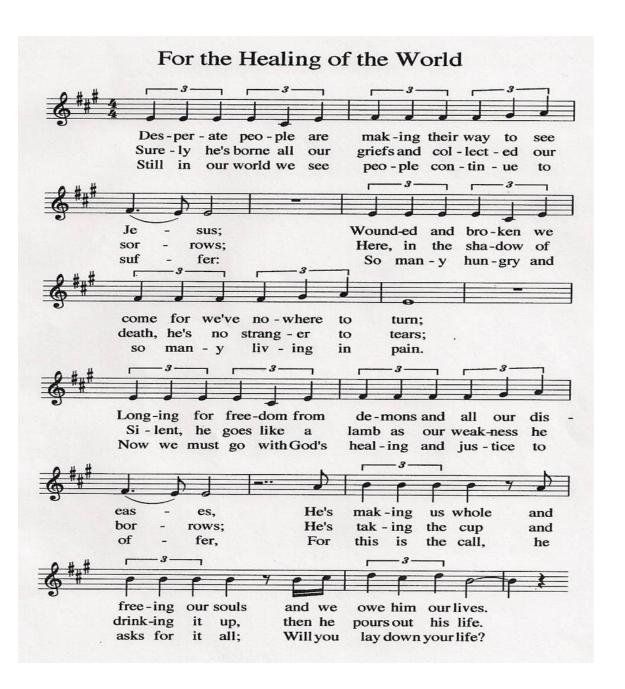
Invitation to Communion

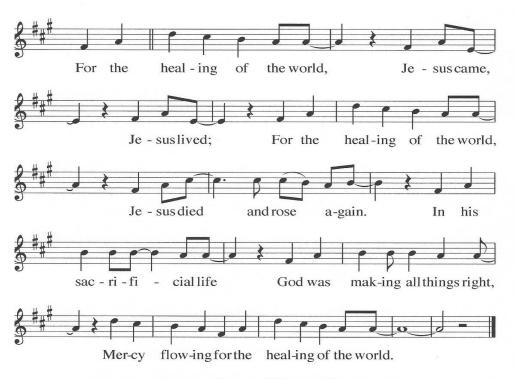
Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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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Dismissal

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: Rew and Karen Walck

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Linda Meyer

Council Person of the Week: Nancy Schwiesow

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Ushers: Gail Johnson

Carrie Jones



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Flo Walck and in honor of Rew and Karen's daughter, Sarah Walck.

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 1, 2021 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Service of the Word In-Person And via You Tube

10:00 a.m. Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> Ephesians 4:1-16 John 15:1-4

Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse



Isaiah 2:2-4

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Monday

1 Samuel 5:1-12 Acts 5:12-26 Luke 21:29-36

Tuesday

1 Samuel 6:1-16 Acts 5:27-42 Luke 21:37—22:13

Wednesday

1 Samuel 7:2-17 Acts 6:1-15 Luke 2022:14-23



Thursday

1 Samuel 20:24-42 Acts 213:1-12 Mark 2:23—3:6

Friday

1 Samuel 21:1-15 Acts 13:13-25 Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday

1 Samuel 22:1-23 Acts 13:26-43 Mark 3:19b-35



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.

<u>Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*</u> Sylvia Almarode

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

Linda & Darl Davis, Friends of Gail & Sandy Johnson Carolyn Fitzgerald, Aunt of Linda Meyer Family of Pat Grabowsk, Friend of Linda Meyer Chris and Emily Lassiter, Friends of Franklins Reverend Janice Ely Lowden, Daughter of Grace Family of Ralph Meyer, Uncle of Linda Meyer 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 Binns Fred Brower Marie Brown
Ty Elliott Nancy Fitzgerald Sandra R. Hoy
Phyllis Kite Bob Knemoller Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer

Continued

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

Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson Janice Collins, Friend of Grace Kyle Getler, Member Relative Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows Timothy Bradford, Friend of Schwiesows Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife Ernie Graham, Friend of the Schwiesows Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Pete East, Former Grace Member Family of Marilyn Hawkins, Friend of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Cindy Trauscht Sherry Helsel
Sloane Franklin Gail Johnson

The Needs of the World

The victims, families, and friends of the dead and 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

Crisis in Virginia's mental hospitals and its affect on staff, patients and our communities

The Church

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Congregational Church of Laconia, New Hampshire and Pastor Neil Wilson who are dealing with an opioid crisis and homelessness

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County





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 months of July and August:

- Masking is 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
- We also ask you to share the peace safely distranced
- 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 and how it changes the way we live in this world. We continue our series on Ephesians with the second chapter.



Grace Christian Education Survey for Families with Children and Youth - Our Children and Youth Team has sent out a Survey to all families about our Fall Christian Education and Youth Activities. PLEASE fill out the survey and return it via email to Nancy Dowdy, or via U.S. Mail, so we can get ready for a great Fall together.



Pandemic Memorial Service - During the Covid-19 Pandemic from March 2020 through March 2021, Eight saints of Grace entered into the eternal promises of God. During this time, we had only graveside services, many with family only. To give an opportunity for us at Grace to give thanks for these saints, and also to give opportunity for family and friends to gather at Grace, we will be scheduling the Memorial Service on a Saturday in early August. We are contacting families to determine the date that works best, and will publish the date with more information about time as soon as we are able.



The Salvation Army has contacted Grace Lutheran with a request for **school supplies** for Kindergarten students in Waynesboro and East Augusta Co. The request is for: pencil boxes/pouches, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencils, markers and crayons. Any items can be brought to the hallway outside of the church office by July 30. They will be collected and delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution.

You may also make a monetary contribution by August 10 to be used to purchase needed supplies...just write "Homework Toolboxes" in the memo of your check. The address is: Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1065, Waynesboro, VA 22980



Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 will be a back-to-church **Ice Cream Social** for children of *all* ages, from 2 to 102! It will also be a time to share what's going on with Christian Education for everyone, and Youth activities. We will meet on the side playground and provide ice cream, bowls, spoons, and waters. A sign-up sheet for attendance and to bring toppings will be emailed out and posted in the back of the nave in August. Be on the look out! We look forward to welcoming back our families with children and youth and give thanks to those who serve this valuable ministry. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating. See you soon!



Worship Notice: After our confession, please note we are now singing as the cross comes down the aisle and the candles are lit. As you sing, please sing conversationally, with the same voice you would as if talking to someone in normal conversation, as a precaution during this time when Covid cases are on the upswing.



Covid Vaccines will be available at Westminster Presbyterian Church, supported by Augusta Health, Saturday August 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Johnson & Johnson or Pfizer 1st dose. Saturday, August 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the second Pfizer 2nd dose will be available. If you would like more information, please call Westminster at 540-942-1145.



As we move back to In-Person worship, please consider assisting with worship. **Altar Guild** volunteers are needed. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact Jean Morgan, 540-943-1929, or the Church Office, 540-949-6171.

Also, **Offering Stewards** are needed. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact Pat Brady, 540-932-3677, or the Church Office, 540-949-6171.



The flower chart is located in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for **altar flowers** as there are a lot of open Sundays. Any questions, please call the Church Office, 540-949-6171.



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 seventeen deliveries thus far, eight to Main Street United Methodist, and nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, 130 pounds of food went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! Overall, we have given well over 1,300 pounds! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



BEYOND THE ARCHITECTURE

The Story of Waynesboro City Churches & Their People

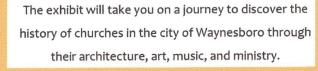






GRAND OPENING AND RECEPTION

Sunday, August 15, 2020 1:00 – 4:00 PM











First Presbyterian Chu



Life of Grace Church July 25-August 1, 2021

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	07/25	10:00 a.m.	9th 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
Thursday	07/29	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		1:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/01	10:00 a.m.	10th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube tor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	offee Fellowship via Zoom



Members of Grace

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