



## *Day of Pentecost*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
May 28, 2023*

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant  
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,  
the community, and the world.”*

# Holy Communion

Based on *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four*  
Congregational responses are in bold print

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*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 as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

## Gathering

### Gloria Patri

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

### Welcome and Announcements



## Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.



*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

## O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, 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 wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

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

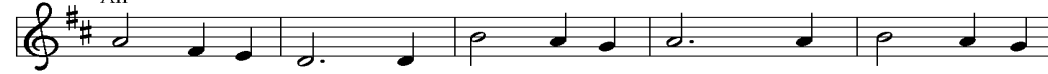
## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

### **Word**

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from Acts:

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

*Continued*



<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
<sup>5</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.  
<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

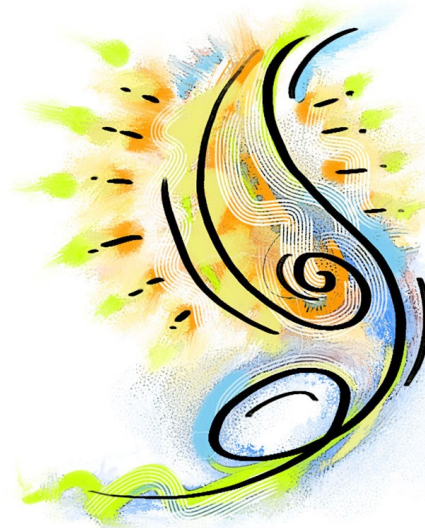
<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**





**Psalm:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*We read responsively*

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.**  
<sup>26</sup>There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
<sup>27</sup>**These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;**  
<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.**  
<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**  
<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**  
<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!**



**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

A reading from Corinthians:

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

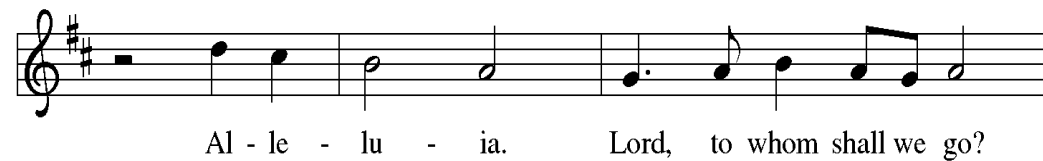
<sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" #401, Page 12, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5



# Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema*

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

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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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words*

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

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen**

### Peace

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

### Offertory

*We stand.*



Meal

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

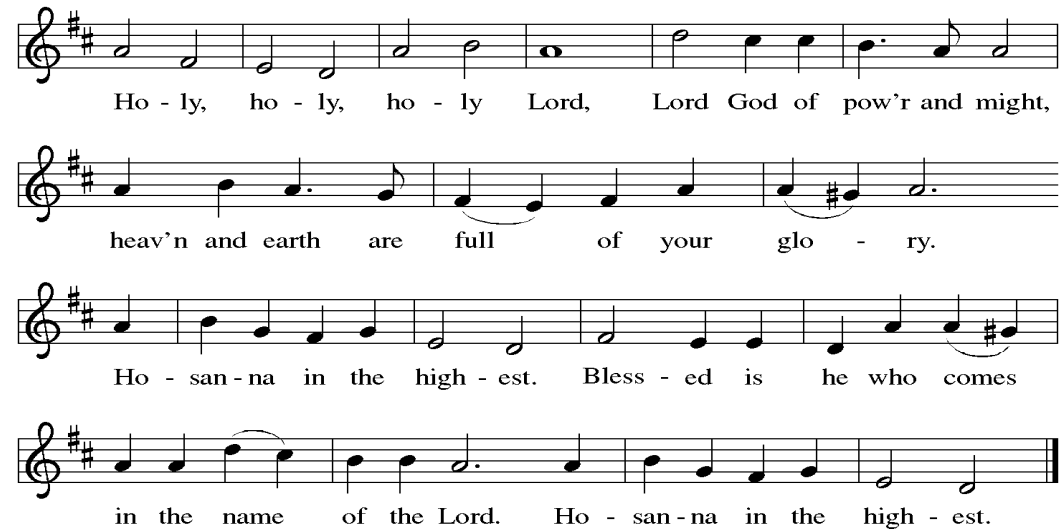
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 in 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.

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With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



### Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

***We sit.***

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### The Holy Communion

*We sit.*

***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, you may respond as follows:***

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

### The Communion Blessing

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

*We stand*

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

**Blessing**

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** *"O Day Full of Grace"*

**#627, Page 21, Verses 1, 3, 4, 5**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

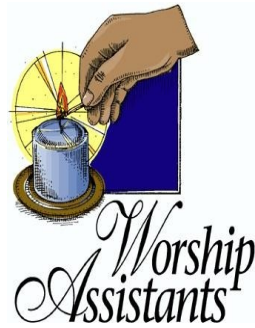
earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

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<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Open
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Donna Gum
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Allison Fink Karen Walck
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Bob Barrette
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Almarode Lee Lynch



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers this morning  
are given to the Glory of God*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**June 4, 2023**  
**The Holy Trinity**  
**Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel**  
Presiding and Preaching

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20



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 four (4) weeks)

Susan Myers

David Proctor

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

Larry Fridley, Son of Linda Tomey

Shirley Gilmmett, Friend of the Lynches

Scott Noble, Friend of the Proctors

Tim Smith, brother of the Rev. Pat Nabers

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

**Congratulations to High School and College Graduates!**

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Marge Cloutier

Sandy Johnson

Jimmy Owens

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Bill Aldridge, Friend of the Kites

Cathy Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Mike Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

David Jones, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

Chris Jordan, Cousin of Mike Myers

Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke

Kirsten Schwiesow, Daughter of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps

Sue Smoot, Friend of the Radeckes

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**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

**Family Nickie Aldridge, Friends of the Kites  
Family of Matt Olli, Brother-In-Law of Brian Lundstrom**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**June Stiehl (6/1)**

**Susie Driskill (6/2)**

**The Needs of the World**

**First responders: police, fire, medical  
personnel, often in harms way in  
their work**

Many Instances of War and Conflict around  
the World (Ukraine, Syria, Myanmar,  
Ethiopia, Sudan)

**Our President, Vice-President, Senators,  
Congress, Governor and local  
leaders as they work for the  
Common Good**

Tornado devastation in Mississippi, Alabama  
and Virginia Beach; storms, flooding

**For God to break the stiff-necked political  
impasse that refuses to address  
gun violence in America**

The immigration crisis at our U. S. borders;  
refugees in the millions around  
the world

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**


The United Methodist Church and  
our neighbor UMC churches  
in Waynesboro

**We celebrate the 200th  
anniversary of Zion  
Lutheran, Waynesboro,  
and pray for their  
continued ministry**

**Our Neighbors**

Our Neighbors in the Berkeley  
Glenn Area



<p><b>Monday</b>          Isaiah 63:7-14          2 Timothy 1:1-14          Luke 11:24-36          Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82</p>		<p><b>Thursday</b>          Isaiah 65:17-25          2 Timothy 3:1-17          Luke 12:13-31          Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b>          Isaiah 63:15—64:9          2 Timothy 1:15-2:13          Luke 11:37-52          Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102</p>		<p><b>Friday</b>          Isaiah 66:1-6          2 Timothy 4:1-8          Luke 12:32-48          Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>          Isaiah 65:1-12          2 Timothy 2:14-26          Luke 11:53—12:12          Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b>          Isaiah 66:7-14          2 Timothy 4:9-22          Luke 12:49-59          Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138</p>



**Our “Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends”** – A continuing part of our Prayers during worship involves our prayer for relatives and friends, as well as for Grace members. We know the importance of continued prayer, especially as those we love and care for face longer term illness and recoveries. We *also* want to be sure that we can continue to add the names of all friends and relatives who are in need of prayer, and include this list during Sunday prayer. Therefore, we will begin a new policy of keeping “Ongoing Needs for Prayer” *for three (3) months*, and then removing the names (*unless by request for names to remain on the list longer*).



**Grace on the "ground floor"** - Grace has been working with other local congregations to establish an Assistance Ministry that helps all Waynesboro congregations to pool their resources to

- Better help local people and families in crisis with rent and other assistance
- Have one place where people in need can go, rather than "shop" all the churches
- Establish a database so as many people as possible are helped, with no duplication of services
- Offer casework services to families so they can receive the help they need to move from living in crisis to functional living more able to focus on children and the more routine challenges of daily life.

Grace Council on May 16th approved our congregation as a "charter member" of this Assistance Ministry. We will be a part of putting together the policies on how the fund is used. Currently approximately 10 other congregations have expressed interest, with the hope that we continue to grow the number of participating churches. Please pray for this Ministry, and getting it up and running as soon as possible, as the need is great!



The **All God's Children Anti-Racism Book Group** is taking the summer off! Our last meeting will be on **Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Grace conference room. We will discuss chapters IV (Hate) and V (Love) of *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.

We will resume meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month (same time, same place) on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** and discuss Tony Morrison's only short story, *Recitatif* (including the 2022 Introduction by Zadie Smith).

Through the summer, members are asked to preview potential sources for future discussions and experiences. These can include books, articles, events, movies, programs, web- or podcasts, field trips, guest speakers or anything that deepens our understanding of racial equity and justice in the world. We plan to map out an agenda for the next year at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know ([rcbump0621@gmail.com](mailto:rcbump0621@gmail.com)).



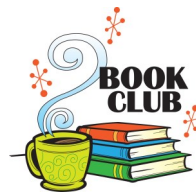
The “**First Sunday Fellowships**” are in full swing! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign- up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

**Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:**

June 4	Worship and Music/Adult Choir
July 2	<b>Open</b>
August 6	Altar Guild
September 3	<b>Open</b>
October 1	Quilters
November 5	<b>Open</b>
December 3	<b>Open</b>



**Missing?** Sunglasses, a cell phone and umbrella have found their way to our Lost and Found since last week. See Pastor Paul if you are seeking to find!



Our Book Group has met for the last time until next September. During the summer we will explore new books to enjoy when we resume our meetings September-May. We meet every 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., at Silk Road, to discuss, eat, and socialize. Everyone is welcome. The list of books being considered can be obtained from Kathy Bump.



**Hospitality and Grace**—Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and hospitality? Join us for a book/study group! We will read Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition by Christine D. Pohl (9 chapters, 187 pages). If interested, please contact Eric Hilker 978-793-9845, Pastor Paul Pingel, 540-216-4454, or Susan Myers, 434-760-1660.



**School Backpack Ministry**—The food backpack program for 2022-2023 school year finished on May 17th. Grace members have helped pack the food bags twice a month. Grace and St. John's Catholic work together on this ministry packing food for William Perry and Wenonah Elementary Schools. Approximately 4,500 bags of food have been packed this year. A food bag is sent home with some students each Friday. The bags contain a variety of foods such as peanut butter, cereal, canned beans, fruits, peas, carrots, dried beans, rice and canned tuna or chicken. Each week the students receive at least 6 items in the bag. Thank you to the many volunteers from Grace who help with this ministry.



**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 pantries. We have made thirty-three deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and eighteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,570 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



#### **Covid Policy at Grace**

- Masking is optional during worship.
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

#### ***We continue to encourage:***

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu



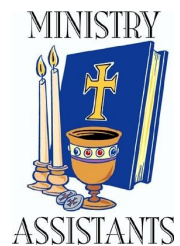
If the church **office door is locked** during open hours, please knock and give Nancy a few minutes to answer. For safety reasons, she is locking the door when alone at the church, especially first thing in the morning. Thank you for your patience!



**Hand Bell Choir**—The choir is looking for ringers. Anyone interested, get in touch with Sam Moyer, 540-471-1059



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**We Need Your Help at Grace!** One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue. If you are not already actively assisting, please consider helping with the Altar Guild (contact Jean Morgan), Assisting Ministers (contact Donna Gum), Communion Assistants (contact Donna Gum), Offering Stewards (contact Pat Brady) and/or Ushers (contact Jack Eckstrom). You may also contact the church office.



**Reminder**—Please have articles, etc. for **Grace Notes** to the Church Office by the 20th of the month for next month's publication. If you need more time, please send Nancy a note and let her know when she will receive it. In addition, please have announcements, etc. for **Sunday bulletins** to the Church Office by Wednesday morning. Nancy's email is: [Grace.lc@comcast.net](mailto:Grace.lc@comcast.net)

# Hiker Ministry May 22 – June 17

We serve Appalachian Trail through-hikers through the “bubble” of time when they are going through our area from Georgia, heading to Maine, providing showers, a warm, dry, safe place to sleep, breakfast and snacks, and a Thursday evening dinner.

## Needs:

1. **Snacks and breakfast foods** – particularly cereals, bread, fresh fruit, ice cream, cookies, etc. They can be left in the kitchen area of the Youth Room or at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays.
2. **Thursday evening dinners** – small groups of Grace members or community provide a dinner for hikers each Thursday while hikers are here.
3. **Volunteers to staff while hikers are here.** We are open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. each day during that time except for Saturdays and Sundays. While we have volunteer coordinators who are on duty each day/night, volunteers from Grace and friends are needed to help with check-in each evening, staying overnight, and helping with check-out each morning. These are not difficult jobs and involve mostly greeting and orienting hikers as they come in to stay the night, showing them the ropes and rules, and supporting whatever needs they might have. **Please check the calendar on the table as you enter the sanctuary to see where volunteers are needed and to see the responsibilities.**

We ask for two volunteers for each shift, so you do not need to do this alone. The “shifts” are as follows:

- Check-in 5 – 8 p.m.
- Overnight 8 p.m. – 7 a.m. (and we provide comfy cots in a private Sunday School room, so you do not need to stay awake all night – the hikers usually go to bed pretty early too!)
- Check out 7 – 9 a.m.

The benefits include getting to know hikers from all over the United States and the world! We've had hikers stay with us who were from Canada, Israel, Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, South Africa and many other countries. They are often on a personal journey of growth and healing and you can be a part of their journey and their story.

If you have any questions about the tasks involved, please feel free to call the church office (540-949-6171) or Linda Meyer (540-256-2277) or Jean Morgan (540-943-1929).



**Life of Grace Church**  
**May 28—June 4, 2023**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	05/28	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:10 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)  Day of Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Affirmation of Baptism—New Members  K-5 Sunday School
	05/29		Hiker Ministry
Tuesday	05/30		Hiker Ministry
Wednesday	05/31	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hiker Ministry Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	06/01	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Hiker Ministry Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Zoom Meeting
Friday	06/02		Hiker Ministry
Saturday	06/03	11:00 a.m.	Hiker Ministry Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	06/04	10:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	Holy Trinity Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Installation of New Council Members  First Sunday Fellowship—Worship and Music  K-5 Sunday School

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