

DAY OF PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church June 5, 2022

"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 One (Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. 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

Congregation and Choir sing.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" #521, , Page 5, Verses 1, 2, 4

<u>Greeting</u>

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

O Day of Rest and Gladness



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

Kyrie





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of Spirit,

We give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your deeds of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

A reading from Acts

Acts 2:1-21

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

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

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¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'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.
18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

A reading from Philippians

Philippians 4:4-7

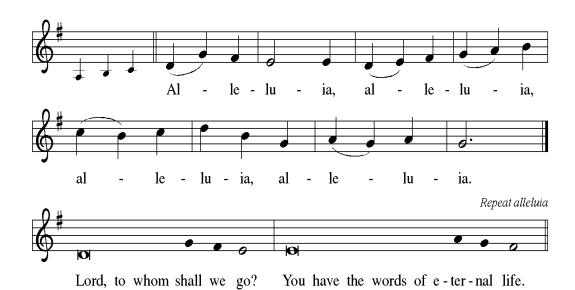
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you O Lord.

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message Pastor Van Stee

Sermon Pastor Van Stee

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" #401, Page 13

Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, 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

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema



- 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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Meal

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 to one another.

We sit.

Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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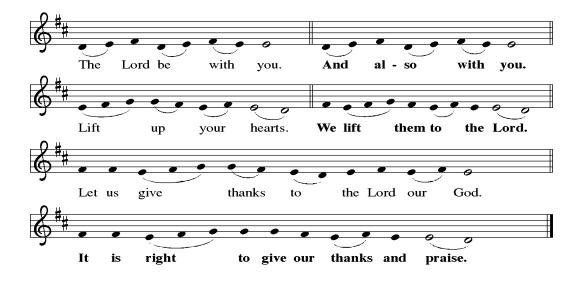
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

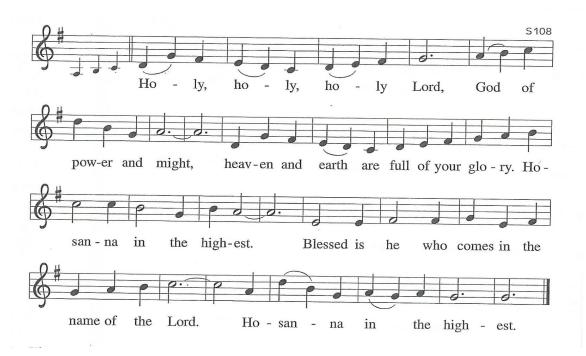
Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Thanks be to God!

"Lamb of God" may be sung.



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)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle. Those giving the bread and wine will say the following:

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

You may respond with "Amen"

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

We stand

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.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

We sit

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

<u>Blessing</u>

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Postlude</u>

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O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Linda Meyer

Altar Guild: Jane Stein/Cathy Firkin

Assisting Minister: Linda Meyer
Communion Assistants: Ron Almarode

Karen Walck

Council Person of the Week: Bob Barrette

Covid Monitor: Carolyn Hite
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Robin Crowder

Ushers: Pat Brady

Jean Morgan



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

June 12 The Holy Trinity

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.
Pastor Karen Van Stee,
Presiding and Preaching

Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15



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*) Bob Knemoller Jimmy Owens

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Judy Lambert, Friend of Linda Tomey Brandon Matthews

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

Pastor Paul and Jill during Pastor's Sabbatical
Council, Lay Leaders and staff during Pastor's Sabbatical

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

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower
Marie Brown Sandra Hoy
Phyllis Kite Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer Ingrid Sevigny
Lily Skelton Barb Susen

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Lou Lanier, Friend of Jim and Gloria Nelson
Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Curry Wilford, Brother-in-Law of Amy Warren
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Family of Michelle Matthews, Sister of Cindy Trauscht
Family of Jude Farrey

Family of Bill Pfost, Friend of Marsha Howard Family of Paul Tobias, Brother of Jan Tobias

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year June Stiehl Susie Driskill

E. G. Rankin

The Needs of the World

The War between Russia and Ukraine For millions of refugees now in
Poland, Austria, etc.; for those
in combat; for peace

Our national conversation about abortion (see note in announcements)

Westminster and Grace's Congolese refugee family now in Waynesboro

The great increase in mental health cases in our nation

Famine in the Horn of Africa—27 million at risk

Extreme drought and extreme weather in the American West

Continued epidemic of mass shooting incidents in our nation, most recently 19 children and 2 adults in Texas

The increase of race-motivated violence

The Church

Pray for God's Plan for Grace: see the questions from our Strategic Planning Committee on p. 28.

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch Avenue,
Market Street and the YMCA.

WITH US

Welcome to Worship!

- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship. If our area is in an Orange (high risk) condition, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) condition: those who are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask, while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional, but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.
- As of Wednesday, Nelson is in "Red"; Staunton is in "Green"; with Augusta and Waynesboro in the "Yellow", or in the medium risk condition.



In the Pastor's absence, if you need any type of support or are facing a crisis, please contact Church Council President, Robin Crowder (540.476.0180) or other members of Church Council.



Hiker Hostel Opened May 30—How may you help? Linda Meyer will have the sign-up calendar in church on Sundays in May, so bring your personal calendar and find a check-in, an overnight, or a Hiker meal you can provide. This outreach is fortunate to have returning hiker alumnae interested in helping, but the Hostel depends on major participation from Grace Lutheran members!

In addition to "people help" we, as always, can use donations of the following supplies: cereal, juices, bread, jam, peanut butter, and snacks. Now that we are open: milk, fruit, ice cream, and home-baked goodies are always popular.



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 twenty-six deliveries thus far, twelve to Main Street United Methodist, and fourteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Overall, we have given well over 2610 pounds of food! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



ELCA Disaster Response—Ukraine—if you would like to help refugees in Eastern Europe, make a check out to Grace with "Eastern Europe Crisis" in the memo line. 100% of your donation goes to relief.



The Renewed Debate Over Abortion - You have, no doubt, seen the news stories about a leaked draft from the Supreme Court indicating a reversal of Roe vs. Wade. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, many years ago, put out a Social Statement about Abortion. You can find it at: www.elca.org by typing "abortion" in the "Search ELCA" box at the top of the page. In its opening page, the Statement says: "As ELCA social teaching [the Statement] draws upon this community's faith tradition that understands God's life-giving purposes as pressing "beyond the usual 'pro-life' versus 'pro-choice' language." Take a look at the ELCA document, and keep our Supreme Court, nation and women in your prayers.



DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	06/05	10:00 a.m.	Day of Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	06/06		Hiker Hostel
		7:00 p.m.	All God's Children Book Study (Conference Room)
Tuesday	06/07		Hiker Hostel
Wednesday	06/08		Hiker Hostel
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	06/09		Hiker Hostel
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Friday	06/10		Hiker Hostel
Saturday	06/11		Hiker Hostel
		10:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	06/12	10:00 a.m.	The Holy Trinity Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
		10:50	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Daily Devotions

Monday

Joshua 1:1-9 Ephesians 3:1-13 Matthew 8:5-17

Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82

Tuesday

1 Samuel 16:1-13a Ephesians 3:14-21 Matthew 8:18-27

Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Isaiah 4:2-6 Ephesians 4:1-16 Matthew 8:28-34

Morning Psalm 89:1-17, Evening 1

Thursday

Zachariah 4:1-14 Ephesians 4:17-32 Matthew 9:1-8

Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16

Friday

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Ephesians 5:1-32 Matthew 9:9-17

Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

Saturday

Ezekiel 36:22-27 Ephesians 6:1-24 Matthew 9:18-26

Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138

<u>Members of Grace</u> <u>Congregational Council</u>

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