



***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST***

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
October 9, 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 Now the Feast and Celebration  
(Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)  
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.*

## 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

## Temple Talk

Mike Trauscht

## Prelude

## Gathering

## Confession and Forgiveness

*We stand.*

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

Blessed be the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven ✙ and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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## Apostolic 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.**



## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860  
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897

## Kyrie

P In peace, in peace...

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

P For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...  
(to Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your  
Word...(to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise, "Now the Feast" on bulletin page 6*

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
 to the God of life and love and  
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
 er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
 slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
 nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
 God.

*to Refrain*



**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

See Refrain on bulletin page 6

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

See Refrain on bulletin page 6

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **WORD**

### **A reading from Exodus**

#### **Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17**

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

*Continued*



<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

**Gospel: Matthew 5:17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

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

*We sit.*



**Children's Message**



**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*



**Pastor Pingel**

**Hymn of the Day: "On Eagle's Wings"**

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## On Eagle's Wings

*Leader or All*

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,  
 say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*  
*All*

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Leader or All*

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no  
 fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

*Refrain*

*Leader or All*

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by  
 day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

*Refrain*

*Leader or All*

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to  
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will  
 bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
*All*

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
 And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,  
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;

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.

Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.

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.

Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

## Prayers of Intercession

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

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

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

## Peace

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

PEACE  
BE 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 Response

**AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**

**Refrain**

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*to Refrain*



# HOLY

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
In great love  
you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out  
to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news  
to the poor,  
and who, on the cross,  
opened his arms to all.

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 for 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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection,  
and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us  
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills  
of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen**

I will *praise*  
the name  
of *God*  
with a song, and will  
magnify him  
with  
*Thanksgiving.*  
Psalm 69:30, NKJV



## 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

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We sit.*

## 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, **we stand.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy on us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

grant us peace,      grant us peace.

## The Communion Blessing

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

**Amen**

## The Post-Communion Canticle

### THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

God of the abundant table,  
**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

### Blessing

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and  
love.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

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### Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

## *Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



*End*  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

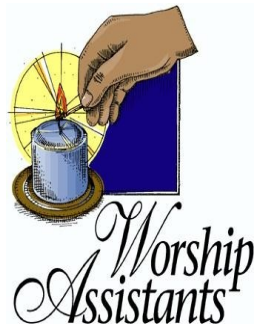
*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Gail Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jean Morgan
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Andrew Sell
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Kathy Bump Linda Meyer
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Andrew Sell
<b>Covid Monitor:</b>	Jean Morgan
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady David Proctor
<b>Ushers:</b>	Fred Biggers David Proctor



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Myrtle F. and L. C. Reid, Jr. by their daughter, Dawn Reid*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**October 16, 2022**

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Holy Communion**

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

Matthew 4:8-10





**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\*)**

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

**Samantha Hesler**—Wife of Pat and Sandy Brady's Grandson  
**Karen Mongold**, Friend of Kate Van Bremen  
**Margarett Neely**, Jill Pingel's Mother  
**Victims of Hurricane Fiona and Ian**  
**Jane Wood**, Sister-in-Law of Lesa Jackson

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

**The marriage of Sam Biggers and Micah Davenport on Saturday, October 1st**  
**The marriage of Hannah Lundstrom and Ty Comer on Saturday, October 8th**  
**Gail Johnson's 55 years of service with Augusta Health**

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

<b>Emily Almarode</b>	<b>Liz Ann Binns</b>	<b>Beth Brady</b>
<b>Fred Brower</b>	<b>Marie Brown</b>	<b>Sandra Hoy</b>
<b>Phyllis Kite</b>	<b>Glenn and Flossie Myers</b>	<b>Jimmy Owens</b>
<b>Janet Parmer</b>	<b>Ingrid Sevigny</b>	<b>Lily Skelton</b>
	<b>Kay Truslow</b>	

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

**Timothy Bradford**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle  
**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace  
**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative  
**Darren Graf**, Son of Woody and Irma Graf  
**Jen Kerney**, Friend to Many at Grace

*Continued*

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

**Regan Grant**, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump  
**James Hepner**, Father of Gloria Nelson  
**Sandy Higgs**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
**Rosalind Holt**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Joshua Horn**, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
**Helen McClung**, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow  
**Dot Metz**, Sister of Marge Cloutier  
**Larry Spoon**, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many  
**Douglas Williams**, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year  
**Toretta Wyatt**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Jim Didion**, Friend of Rick and Kathy Bump  
**Family of Mike Jones**, Son of Carl and Peggy (Moyer) Jones  
**Family of Bob Smith**, Father-in-Law of Jessica Lynch Smith

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout  
the Year Celebrating Birthdays**

*Glenn Gray*

*Lindsey Skelton*

*Susan Smith*



**The Needs of the World**

**Westminster and Grace's Congolese  
refugee family, the Mmeswa/  
Madawa family, are now in their 4th  
month in Waynesboro**

The great increase in mental health cases  
in our nation

**Extreme drought, water shortage, heat  
and fires in the American West  
and Europe**

Continued epidemic of mass shooting  
incidents in our nation

**Teachers in our schools, and our children's  
learning this school year**

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**

Our friends in Christ at St. John's Episcopal

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

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Pelham Area.



**Monday**

Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28  
Acts 13:44-52  
John 10:19-30  
Morning Psalm 57, Evening 85

**Tuesday**

Job 29:1-20  
Acts 14:1-18  
John 10:31-42  
Morning Psalm 54 Evening 28

**Wednesday**

Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31  
Acts 14:19-28  
John 11:1-26  
Morning Psalm 65, Evening 125

**Thursday**

Job 29:1; 31:1-23  
Acts 15:1-11  
John 11:17-29  
Morning Psalm 143 Evening 81

**Friday**

Job 29:1; 31:24-40  
Acts 15:12-21  
John 11:30-44  
Morning Psalm 88 Evening 6

**Saturday**

Job 38:1-17  
Acts 15:22-35  
John 11:45-54  
Morning Psalm 122 Evening 100



**The Covid Policy of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, revised to the following as of Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- Masking during worship will be optional in all cases - the CDC Orange color will no longer mandate universal masking during worship.
- The CDC color of Waynesboro AND Augusta County will continue to be noted during the Phone Blast on Fridays, and will be on display on a table in the Narthex to inform worshipers of the risk level in our area.
- We will no longer register people for tracing at the table in the Narthex.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be made available on the narthex table where the CDC colors are displayed.
- Holy Communion will still be offered in the way it is currently offered. For now, pastor and assistants will still mask, during Distribution.
- We will take down the tape on the pews EXCEPT for a section (eight pews, meaning four taped and four usable pews) designated as a Socially Distanced worship area. Masking will not be required in this section.
- ANYONE who wishes to mask anywhere in the worship space is welcomed and encouraged to do so.

*Education will continue concerning:*

- the continuing risk of Covid, especially those who are immuno-compromised
- the importance of vaccination
- courtesy toward one another who have differing opinions
- encouragement to stay home when not feeling well
- the effectiveness of masking not only for Covid but flu, colds, etc.
- the shift of contact tracing onto individuals who attend worship - that in the event of contracting Covid, the worship attendee should be report their infection to those around them in worship, and the Church Office
- *will continue regularly in newsletter, bulletin and other Grace communications.*

This policy also applies to meetings other than Sunday worship: Valley Music Academy, Bridge, Newcomers and all other building users and events.

Food events – Funeral luncheons, receptions, special events, etc., will also be governed by this policy.

We will review the policy automatically in early December, OR if there is a dramatic change in infection and/or danger from current CDC or other official policy.



**Now the Feast and Celebration** - We offer God our praise and worship this morning using a different liturgy. Written by well known contemporary Composer, Marty Haugen, we have used the liturgy in the past here at Grace. Note the liturgy includes the Contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer. Martin Luther called this prayer one of Jesus' greatest gifts to us, and praying it in a slightly different way helps us to pay attention to the power of what we pray to God as we prepare to receive the sacramental gift Jesus gives us, to share in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sin, and new life, even to eternity.



**New Member Class Available in October!** If God's Spirit is calling you to join in membership with the people of Grace, we'll be scheduling a class in October that works best with the schedule of everyone possible. There is also the opportunity to attend the class via Zoom if family or Covid levels prevent us from meeting together in-person. See the Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex, or call Nancy Dowdy at the Church Office 540-949-6171 if you are interested!



**An Invitation to You on October 15th "Falling in Love"** - As noted in Pastor's sermon on September 18, there will be a Forum at First Baptist, Waynesboro's Fellowship Hall, where Grace and Christ Tabernacle congregations are invited to hear about what a group of our members have been doing the last two + years as a Coalition for Christian Equity and Justice. and inviting you to take part as well. It starts at 11:00 a.m. Please plan on attending, and mark your calendars!



**New Adult Education began September 25!** Pastor Karen Van Stee began a **Fall Sunday School** class available at **9:00 a.m.** The focus of the class will be on the Gospel of Matthew, using the ELCA's Book of Faith curriculum. We began with the gospel of John last Spring. Come and grow in Good News! as we study the gospel of Matthew.



**Children and Youth Planning Continues** - Pastor Paul continues to visit and call parents with families and children, and we will be making an announcement about Children and Youth activities from our Children and Youth Committee in the next week or two. As a people of God together, we encourage EACH OF US to welcome and encourage our children and youth as they grow not only physically, but also in our Faith together.



Youth and their people are invited to an **Ice Cream SUNDAY Party**, October 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring yourselves and something to the party at: [bit.ly/glwiyouth](https://bit.ly/glwiyouth) or contact Peggy Caister at 540-487-6021 or [caisterpeggy@gmail.com](mailto:caisterpeggy@gmail.com)



**Mission Endowment Fund Awards Are Approved by Council** – Thanks to everyone who submitted proposals for the remaining Mission Endowment Funds. There was \$3,610 from the Grace Fund to award, and they've been given to the following agencies:

- \$1,500 for Sin Barreras (“Without Borders”) – a non-profit which provide education, resources and support to Spanish-speaking residents. A Waynesboro office of this Charlottesville based non-profit opened in 2021 to serve Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro residents.
- \$500 for The Haven – a Charlottesville shelter for homelessness and those facing extreme poverty.
- \$500 for Valley Mission – which has served residents in Staunton since 1971.
- \$610 for Georgia’s Friends/Georgia’s House – which helps women with drug/alcohol and mental health problems in Charlottesville and Albemarle County.
- \$500 for Western State – helping individuals who need help while seeking treatment (for education, therapeutic and preventative resources, recreational activities).

Thanks to Grace for your creative use for the blessing of the community Around us. God blessing us to be a blessing!



Thank you to all Grace Team members who walked in the 2022 CROP Walk on September 25. Walkers were Gwen Kite, Sarah Beth Kite, Pastor Pingel and Karen Walck. Thanks to our generous members, the Grace Lutheran Team raised \$947 of our \$1,500 goal. There is still time to contribute towards this cause at [www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova). Our team name is Grace Lutheran Waynesboro. I appreciate everyone’s support of this project to help alleviate hunger in our community. Karen Walck





### Disaster Response across the U.S. and around the World:

- Hurricanes Fiona and Ian caused great damage to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Newfoundland; Ian drenched Florida and the Southeast.
- Typhoon Merbock caused widespread flooding in Alaska, with a very narrow time frame available for repairs before freezing weather sets in.
- A 7.7 magnitude earthquake shook Papua New Guinea in an area with a strong Lutheran presence (ELC-PNG), causing damage to buildings, roads and schools.
- Widespread flooding has washed away whole towns in Pakistan, with 1500 people believed killed.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used around the world to help those responding to natural disasters. Put “Lutheran Disaster Response” in the line item of your check.



**Covid Bivalent Booster Update** - The FDA and CDC approved a new Bivalent COVID vaccine for administration to help tackle traditional COVID variants and the new Omicron variants. This approved Bivalent “Booster Only” vaccine is now approved for administration and is designed to help fight against the new COVID variants. *Augusta Health has received the Bivalent vaccine and is now offering it.* For more information or to schedule your Bivalent booster you may log on to Augusta Health’s website at [www.augustahealth.com](http://www.augustahealth.com). Bivalent Booster Clinics will be held at the Waynesboro Primary Care location (Lew Dewitt Blvd.) on Mondays and Wednesdays.



**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 ***twenty-nine*** deliveries thus far, fourteen to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3075 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**October 9-16, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	10/09	10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>
Monday	10/10	 Indigenous Peoples Day	<b>Nancy Dowdy on Vacation,</b> <b>Jean Morgan in Church Office</b>
Tuesday	10/11	9:30 a.m.  7:00 p.m.	<b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Round Table Discussions</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	10/12	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
Thursday	10/13	8:30 a.m.  Noon  5:30 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot) <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Virginia Organizing Meeting</b> (Conference Room) <b>CCE&amp;J Group (Zoom)</b>
Saturday	10/15	11:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)) <b>Coalition for Christian Equity and Justice Forum</b> (First Baptist Church)
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