

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 31, 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 Six (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.

#### **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**

#### <u>Gathering</u>

#### **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, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

#### Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God.

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "The Trumpet Sound, the Angels Sing"

#### **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**.

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#### **Kyrie**



#### **Canticle of Praise**



#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

#### A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

We sit.

Word

#### A reading from 1 Peter

#### 1 Peter 4:1-19

¹Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), ²so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. ³You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. ⁴They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. ⁵But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. <sup>16</sup>Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

<sup>18</sup>And

"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?"

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**





Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

#### Glory to you O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

<sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

**Pastor Van Stee** 



Sermon Pastor Van Stee



Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

#### We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

#### **Apostle's Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

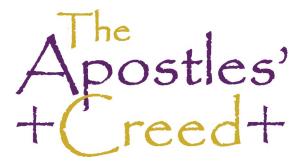
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia; 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. Ninamwamini Roho
Mutakatifu, Kanisa kikristo takatifu, ushirika
wa watakatifu, ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa
mwili, na uzima wa milele. Amina



#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

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 Response



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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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#### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

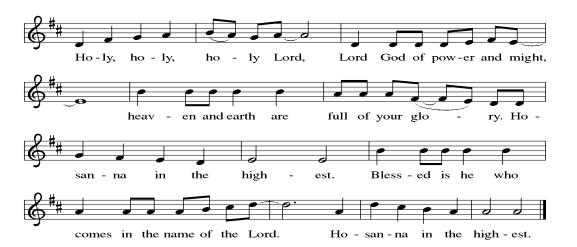
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### Thanksgiving at the Table

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 for the 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.

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.

#### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe; ufalme wako ufike, utakalo lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku, utusamehe makosa yetu, kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi, lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.



#### **Invitation to Communion**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God!

#### The Holy Communion

#### The congregation may be seated.

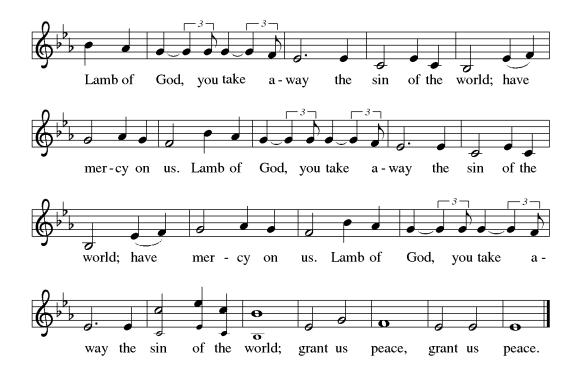
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening 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.



#### 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

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

#### Sending

#### **Blessing**

The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

Sending Song: "We All Are One in Mission"

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#### <u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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#### We All Are One in Mission



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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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### Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Open

Altar Guild: Susan Myers
Gloria Nelson

Assisting Minister: Mike Trauscht
Communion Assistants: Gail Johnson

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Donna Gum

Council Person of the Week: Jean Morgan

Covid Monitor: Gail Johnson
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Ushers:

Robin Crowder

Karen Walck

Rew Walck



# Chancel flowers are given today to the Glory of God

# Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

#### **Holy Communion**

10:00 a.m. Pastor Mark Radecke

Presiding and Preaching

1 Peter 5:1-14 Matthew 20:25-28



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\*)

Emily Almarode Donna Dodge

**Jimmy Owens** 

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

Louise Harris, Friend of Bobby & Carolyn Hite
Bishop Emeritus James Mauney
Judy and Rolando Limm, Friends of Donna Gum
Beth Massie, Friend of Sylvia Almarode

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

Birth of Malachi Alan Dolan July 11, 2022, Son of Jake and Becca Dolan,

Grandson of Tom and Holly Carper

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

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
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
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year
Laren Ward, Friend of Nancy Schwiesow

#### Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Dennis Casey, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Family of Loren Dittmer, Brother of Carol Wolf
Family of Mark Hammock, Friend of Ron and Sylvia Almarode
Family of Pete Rufe, Grace Member
Family of Paul Sager, Friend of Sandy Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year
Sloane Franklin Gail Johnson



#### 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

Westminster and Grace's Congolese refugee family, Mmeswa/Madawa 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, heat and fires in the American West and Europe

Continued epidemic of mass shooting incidents in our nation, most recently the shootings this week in North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Washington, Virginia, Texas, California, Georgia, Louisiana

The increase of race-motivated violence

#### The Church

#### **Pray for God's Plan for Grace**

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

#### **Our Neighbors**

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



#### Welcome to Worship!



- Ron Almarode will give the CDC "color" status of Waynesboro each week in his telephone message. We will base the use of masking on the status of Waynesboro.
- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship.
- If our area is in an Orange (high risk) status, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) status, 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.



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. (The Council Person of the Week is listed with the week's worship assistants.)



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. You can continue to borrow and return books there anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the materials you've read and hope you will join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racist Pledge. Get to know the treasures in the LIBRARY, including P. Buckley Moss. Contact the church office, Carolyn Barrette, Rick Bump, or Linda Meyer for more information.



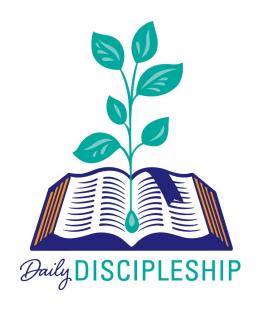
**Worship at Barren Ridge**—You are invited to join St. James Lutheran, Fishersville, and Bethlehem Lutheran, Waynesboro, for worship together outdoors at Barren Ridge winery on Sunday, August 14th, at 11:00 a.m. Grace will have our regular service at 10:00 a.m.



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 <a href="twenty-seven">twenty-seven</a> deliveries thus far, twelve 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 2865 pounds of food! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Saturday mornings, August 6 and September 10, Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches will be teaming together for two area home repair projects. We have worked with Renewing Homes in the past; they provide supplies, most tools and skilled leadership. If you are interested in helping with one or both projects, please let me know. I can be reached at email jerrykite@ntelos.net or cell number 540-910-3372. We will be providing additional information as it becomes available.



Monday

Numbers 22:1-21 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 21:12-22 Morning Psalm 5, Evening82

Tuesday

Numbers 22:21-38 Romans 7:1-12 Matthew 21:23-32 Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Numbers 22:41—23:12 Romans 7:13-25 Matthew 21;33-46 Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1 Thursday

Numbers 23:11-26 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 22:1-14 Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16

Friday

Numbers 20:1-13 Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 22:15-22 Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

Saturday

Numbers 24:12-25 Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 22:23-40

Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138



### Life of Grace Church July 31-August 7, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	07/31	10:00 a.m.	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube  Pastor Karen Van Stee  Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom
Wednesday		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
	08/03	Noon	Strategic Planning Committee (Conference Room)
Thursday	08/04	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	08/06	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/07	10:00 a.m.	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Mark Radecke Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom



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