



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 12, 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 Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting)
(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

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

Confession and Forgiveness

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,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:
"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✙ Christ our Savior.
Amen.



Gathering Hymn: "Come All You People"

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Come, All You People

Uyaimose

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

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 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

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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.

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed,
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,

gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly Word,

God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re - peat - ed; Peace! to all pro - claimed,

make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy:

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8

We read responsively.

¹Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.
²Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
³who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
⁴You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
⁵O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
⁶Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
⁷I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.
⁸I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Continued

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

Apostles’ 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.**

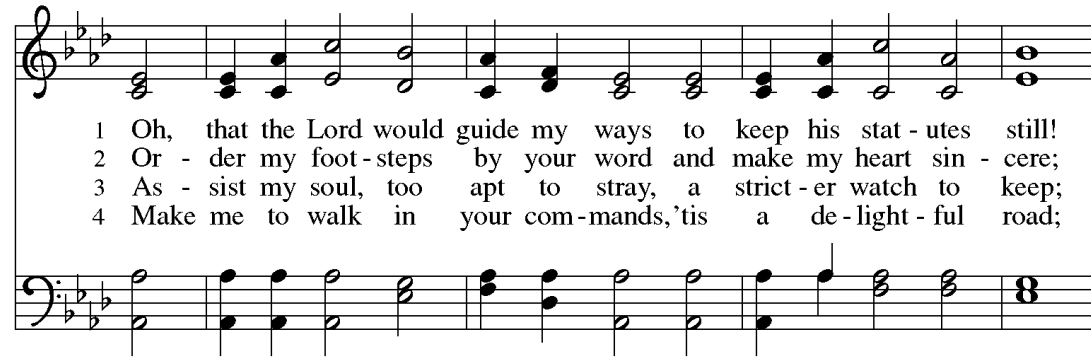
Apostle’s Creed in Swahili

**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**

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Amen.

Meal

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, offer 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)

We stand.

Offertory Song

Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Liberating God,
**you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
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:

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

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 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we wait 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

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

Come and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God!

We sit.

Baba Yetu (Lord's Prayer in Swahili)

**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.**



For the Healing of the World



Des-per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to



Je - sus; Wound - ed and bro - ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and



come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.



Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to



eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he



free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mercy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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The Holy Communion

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)*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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

The Communion Blessing

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

Amen

Post Communion Canticle “For the Healing of the World”

Verse 3, Pages 17-18

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Holy One,

**We thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
Amen.**



Sending

Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor’s rod
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

Sending Song: “O Christ, Our Hope”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Benediction ✚

O Christ, Our Hope

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through

ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Open

Altar Guild:

Assisting Minister: Robin Crowder

Communion Assistants: Cathy Crowder

Mike Trauscht

Council Person of the Week: Robin Crowder

Offering Stewards: Robin Crowder

Jean Morgan

Ushers: Karen Walck

Rew Walck



*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
Glory of our God*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



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*)

Ellen Moyer

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

Steven Eckstrom, Son of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

Russell Goff, Family Member of Gloria and Jim Nelson

Bruce Joleaud, Brother-in-Law of Mike Trauscht

Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow

Arta Smith, Friend of Rick and Kathy Bump

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

Kirsten Schwiesow – Grateful for continued healing

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

Emily Almarode

Sandra Hoy

Bill Lucas

Janet Parmer

Liz Ann Binns

Kathryn Johnson

Glenn Myers

Ingrid Sevigny

Fred Brower

Phyllis Kite

Jimmy Owens

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

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Beth Hausrath Crickenberger, Friend to Many at Grace
Nina Crowe, Mother of Cathy Crowder
Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Kathy Hale, Friend of Charlie and Bette Karol Wilson
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Ken & Letty Rosen, Friends of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

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

Family of Annette Boyette, Grandmother of Adrienne Carper
Family of Kathryn Buchanan, Former VP and Treasurer of the VA Synod
Family of Debbie Caldwell, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Cecil Layman
Family of George Savage, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Jim Wise
Family of Carl Wondersek, Father of Marlene Shaw

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Helen Moyer (2/13)	Peggy Caister (2/17)
Carolyn Hite (2/17)	Mike Trauscht (2/18)

The Needs of the World

The family of Tyre Nichols and the continued discussion of police training and accountability in our nation

U.S. Congress and our representatives, as they seek to begin their work of governance in 2023

Racial reconciliation, justice and equity in our community, and in our nation

Winter Storms and Tornadoes' continuing impact across our nation

For peace on earth: The Ukraine, Republic of Congo, Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen, Somalia

Earthquakes and flooding in California

Devastating Earthquakes in Syria and Turkey

Continued mass casualties from gun violence; three shootings in three days: 18 dead in California; two killed in Des Moines, Iowa; two killed in Chicago, Illinois.

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

Our friends in Christ at St. John Episcopal, as they offer Godspeed to their rector, Benjamin Badgett at the end of February

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Wenonah area

Monday

Isaiah 63:1-6
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Mark 11:1-11
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47

Tuesday

Isaiah 63:7-14
1 Timothy 1:18—2:8
Mark 11:12-26
Morning Psalm 196, Evening 99

Wednesday

Isaiah 63:15—64:9
1 Timothy 3:1-6
Mark 11:27-12:12
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 91

**Thursday**

65:1-12
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Mark 12:13-27
Morning Psalm 147;13-21, Evening 116

Friday

Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Timothy 5:(1-16) 17-22 (23-25)
Mark 12:28-34
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 62

Saturday

Isaiah 66:1-6
1 Timothy 6:(1-5) 6-21
Mark 12:35-44
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63



Called Congregation Meeting on February 19th - Following Worship, we will have our Annual Congregation Meeting, with a presentation of our 2022 Annual Report. Please plan on coming to this important meeting in the life of our congregation!



Shrove Pancake Supper—Bethlehem will be having their traditional pancake supper again! Tuesday, February 21st, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Free-will offering requested.



Ash Wednesday begins Lent on February 22nd - The Season of Lent is a time to (re)consider WHO WE ARE in our daily lives - baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection - and what that means for how we live them, and how we see the World.

Here's our Ash Wednesday Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. - in the Chapel - Ash Wednesday Worship with Ashes and Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. - We are joined - here at Grace - by our brothers and sisters from First Baptist and St. John Episcopal - Ashes and Holy Communion are a part of worship



Wednesday Morning Prayer Group—The group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. They pray for the people on the Grace prayer list and for the concerns of both members and our community, nation and world. There is no need to lead or pray out loud, you can join in the group prayers or sit quietly. The session only lasts 20-30 minutes and is not a commitment for every week. We invite you to join us whenever you can.



Grace Photo Directory—Jack Eckstrom will be taking photos today immediately after the service in the back of the church. If you have not signed up but would like to have your picture in the church directory, please stay. The process does not take long. Our schedule for the photos is the following Sundays after the service: February 19th and February 26th. In addition, Thursday, February 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for each date is located in the back of the church. For those unable to take part, you can provide a photo of yourself and/or family. Cell phones are great for taking pictures. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Hite, 540-292-0977, or the church office.



The “First Sunday Fellowships” have begun! 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 all of the groups at Grace, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.



Let mutual
love continue.
Do not neglect to
show hospitality to
strangers, for by
doing that some
have entertained
angels without
knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

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). Grace member Eric Hilker, PhD in Religion and Ethics, will lead our group as we learn the history of hospitality, how it has evolved, what it means today, and talk about our own experiences. What does "hospitality" mean to us, to Grace church? How do we continue to evolve our "hospitality-ministry"? If interested, please meet with us immediately after church on Feb 26th - we'll answer questions and organize when/where to get started! Or, contact Erik Hilker 978-793-9845, Pastor Paul Pingel, 540-216-4454, or Susan Myers, 434-760-1660.



3Rs - Raising Resources for Readers will hold our NINTH annual Celebration/Fundraiser at Basic City Beer Co. on Sunday, February 26th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. All Grace Church members are invited to attend and we encourage you to invite others. So many of you have been long-time and generous supporters - THANK YOU! Please join us on the 26th for a good cause and let us celebrate 9 years of providing books to our local, Waynesboro students!



Grace - WARM Cold Weather Shelter: As Christians, we are called to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and care for the sick.

Thanks to all the volunteers for providing such gracious and humble hospitality to our homeless neighbors January 23 - 30. We received wonderful feedback from numerous guests:

- "We are so glad to be back here!" (returning from the December 5-12 week)
- "I'm FULL!" "It was so delicious!" "Can I have seconds?" (one guest had SEVEN helpings one night!)
- "Is there any way I can get a shower tonight?" (so we opened 14-15 slots instead of just 12)
- "Do you have any more socks?" (and more were brought in)
- "Thank you for letting us have Sunday School with you."
- "We felt so welcome. It felt like YOU WANTED US to be here!"

Thank you to everyone that contributed: prayers, finances, greeting, cooking, staying overnight, shopping, cleaning! We had just under 80 different volunteers for the week which included 46 different members of Grace who invited 3 friends to join us, 13 volunteers from Waynesboro-Kiwanis, 11 from Zion Lutheran Church, 4 from St. John's Episcopal Church, plus one intern, Hannah Doty (Mike and Terry Doty's granddaughter)! These volunteers put in over 425 hours of work from set-up to break-down, not counting a lot of shopping and cooking hours. At the last minute, Karen Van Stee brought our Adult Sunday School class downstairs; we had about 4 Grace members and 6-8 guests fully participating; then 13 guests joined us for our Service of Holy Communion!

Thank you Grace church for your generosity, your warmth, your willingness to be hands-on. Susan Myers



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.



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-one** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and sixteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,248 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.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk]) in the narthex
- 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 receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will
- mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- 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
- Masking for Covid, flu or other infections



**Life of Grace Church
February 12-19, 2023**

February 10– 18, 2023 -Mission Trip—Centro Infantil Cristiano Nicaraguense (CICRIN)

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	02/12	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Adult Bible Class—Matthew Sixth Sunday After Epiphany <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship Zoom
Tuesday		9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	02/15	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Grace Women's Book Group Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	02/16	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Newcomers' Club (Fellowship Hall) Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCEJ Group Zoom Meeting
Saturday	02/18	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room) Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (Constitution Park)
Sunday	02/19	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class—Matthew Transfiguration of Our Lord <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Congregational Meeting Confirmation Class



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