

**God
Calls
Abram**

*FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 18, 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

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, 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: *“In Christ Called to Baptize”*

#575, Page 4, Verses 1, 2, 3

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

In Christ Called to Baptize

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

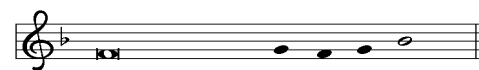
In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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 Music: ST DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt.
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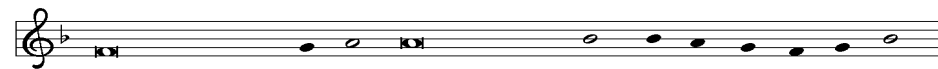
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



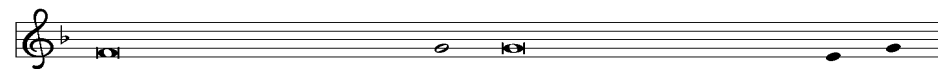
Lord, have mer - cy.



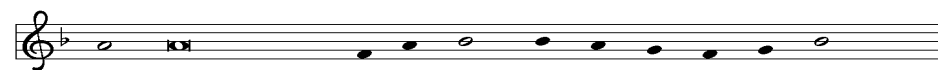
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



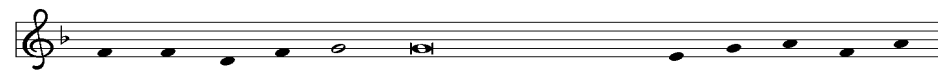
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



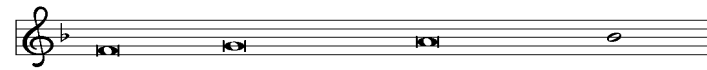
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word



A reading from Genesis

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 28:19-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "The God of Abraham Praise"

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The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.

An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.

“I Am the One I Am”—by earth and heav'n con-fessed;
 I all on earth for-sake—its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!
 I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,

I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
 and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
 and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,
 and earth and hell withstand,
 to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
 at your command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass,
 with Jesus in my view,
 and through the howling wilderness
 my way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see,
 with peace and plenty blest;
 a land of sacred liberty,
 and endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 and oil and wine abound,
 and trees of life forever grow
 with mercy crowned.

7 Before the great Three-One
 the saints exulting stand
 and tell the wonders God has done
 through all their land.
 The list'ning spheres attend
 and swell the growing fame
 and sing the songs which never end,
 the wondrous name.

8 The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high.
 “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
 they ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 to you be glory, might divine,
 and endless praise!

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 Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

Apostle's 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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)

We stand.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

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

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
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 - er and might,
heav - en 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

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.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

Invitation to Communion

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

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.***



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

The 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

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: “Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing”

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

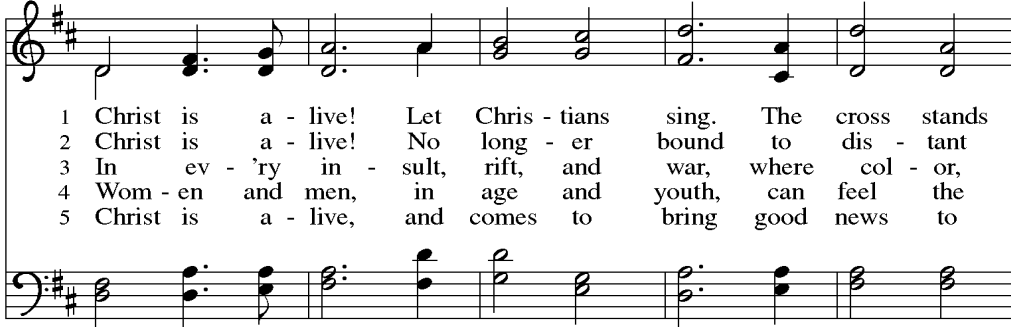
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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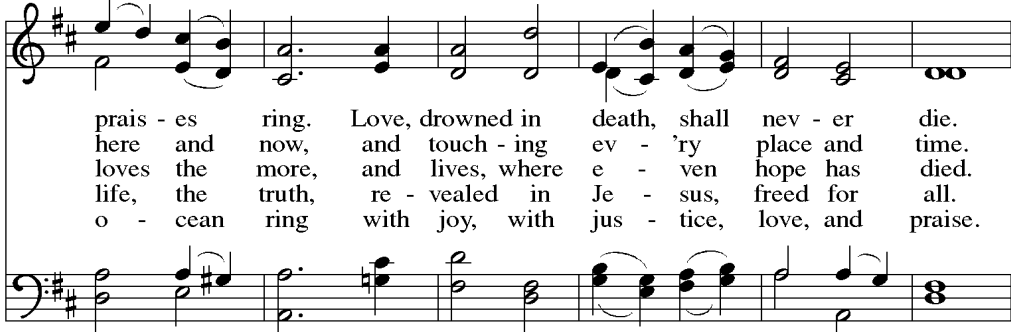
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



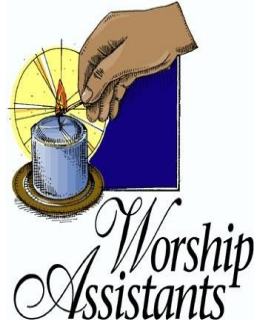
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	Martin Family
Altar Guild:	Kathy Meicke
Assisting Minister:	Gloria Nelson
Communion Assistants:	Kathy Bump Jim Nelson
Council Person of the Week:	Jean Morgan
Covid Monitor:	Jean Morgan
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
Ushers:	Pat Brady Gail Johnson



Altar Flowers

Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Lois and Winston Martin

*Keith, Ann, Sara and Trey
Jeff, Jean and Jacob*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.
Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching

Genesis 39:1-23
Matthew 5:11-12



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*)

Jimmy Owens

Carolyn Shields

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

Judy Lambert, Sister-in-Law of Linda Tomey

Margarett Neely, Jill Pingel's Mother

Jane Wood, Sister-in-Law of Lisa Jackson

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

Lauren Ward's successful surgery and positive medical diagnosis,

Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

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

Emily Almarode

Liz Ann Binns

Beth Brady

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)

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

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 Keith Brown, Former VA Synod Treasurer
Family of Jim Didion, Friend of Rick and Kathy Bump
Family of Norman Sell, Uncle of Andrew Sell
Family of Bob Smith, Father-in-Law of Jessica Lynch Smith
Family of Peggy Wood, Friend of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Anne Barnes
Cathy Crowder
Fred Biggers

Jane Stein
Gary Morrison
Emma Hilker

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

**Flood victims in Kentucky, Texas,
Buchanan County, VA**

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

The Church

Pray for God's Plan for Grace

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

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Basic City Area.



Monday

Judges 17:1-13
Acts 7:44—8:1a
John 5:19-29
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47

Tuesday

Judges 18:1-15
Acts 8:1-13
John 5:30-47
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 9

Wednesday

Judges 18:16-31
Acts 8:14-25
John 6:1-15
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 134



Thursday

Job 1:1-22
Acts 8:26-40
John 6:16-27
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 130

Friday

Job 2:1-13
Acts 9:1-9
John 6:27-40
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 40

Saturday

Job 3:1-26
Acts 9:10-19a
John 6:41-51
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 23



Welcome to Worship!

- Pastor Paul 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.



God's Work Our Hand Day Project with Renewing Homes

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with two Renewing Homes projects on Saturday, September 10. Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches teamed together to do two home repair projects with one project in Staunton replacing a front porch and a similar project in Waynesboro. Grace has 10 members volunteer for these projects.



Our regular day of quilting will be Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gwen Kite, 540-910-0508 or Amy Warren, 540-471-2362.



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!



Mental Health and Trauma Workshop for High School Youth today -

The Waynesboro Downtown Churches (Ecumenical Group) are sponsoring this workshop *at the Wayne Theater* today at 3:00 p.m. There will be a great presentation by ARROW (Augusta Resources for Resiliency, Opportunity and Wellness), an opportunity for Youth to submit questions about Mental Health for discussion by local experts, and time for small group discussion. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be served at the close of the event. See the Wayne Theatre or Grace websites and Facebook pages, and sign-up!



Join the Grace Lutheran Waynesboro team for the **2022 CWS Crop Walk**. The walk will take place in person on Sunday, September 25, starting at Ridgeview Park at 2:00 p.m. Karen Walck will have collection envelopes with her on Sunday, August 28 and on September 11 and September 25. She will also be available in the narthex to accept donations for the team. If you would like to make an online donation to a walker or to the team (Grace Lutheran Waynesboro), visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova>. Online donations are preferred. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Currently, Karen Walck, Gwen Kite and Sarah Beth Kite have signed up to walk. Our Grace Lutheran CROP Walk Team has only raised \$100 of our \$1500 goal. Please help us to feed the hungry in our community and the globe through Church World Service. There is still time to sign up to walk too. Visit www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova to donate or sign up to join the team. If you would like additional information, please contact Karen Walck. The local Facebook page is "waynesboro east augusta crop walk."



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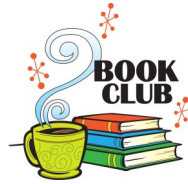
Grace Receives a \$10,000 Gift for Ministry! - A gift was received in honor and thanksgiving of Grace members in the amount of \$10,000 by a dear friend, for the Grace members to designate for use within the ministries of the congregation. The recipients of the gift wish to remain anonymous. \$5,000 of the gift has been designated for Grace and Westminster Presbyterian's Refugee Ministry. The other \$5,000 has been designated for Youth Activities, in particular those ecumenical activities that allow Grace Youth to participate with other Youth in the Community. God provides gifts for ministry, and has richly blessed Grace's ministry through this generous honorarium!



New Adult Education begins next Sunday! Pastor Karen Van Stee begins 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.



Grace Women’s Book Group—The Grace Women’s Book Group will have it’s next meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread. The book we will be discussing is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. We are a casual group, so even if you haven’t read the book, but are interested in the group and future books, come anyway-have lunch and fellowship. Call Kathy Bump-(317) 440-8900 with any questions.



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.



Pastor Paul accepts Invitation to Serve on the Synod Tapestry Committee - The Tapestry Committee helps our Synod to "love justice" as God does (see Amos 5:24), and work for social justice in areas of Racial Justice, Care of Creation, LGBTQiA Inclusion, and Women's Justice. Pastor Paul's focus will be on Racial Justice Team. There is a goal over the next few months for Tapestry to host Racial Justice workshops around the Synod, and Grace will host an event for our area in late October or November.



Want to know what is happening at Grace???

- Check out our calendar located on the website: <http://gracewaynesboro.org/>. It is located under the “More” heading. **ALSO**, if you are planning a meeting, please let the Church Office know so it can be added to the calendar and space reserved.
- If you are not receiving our Friday phone blasts and would like to be kept up to date, please let the Church Office know and we will see that you get added to the “call list”.



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-eight deliveries thus far, thirteen 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 2960 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
September 18-25, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	09/18	10:00 a.m.	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
		3:00—5:00 p.m.	Mental Health and Trauma Workshop for High School Youth (Wayne Theatre)
Monday	09/19	7:00 p.m.	All God's Children Book Study (Conference Room)
Tuesday	09/20	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	09/21	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	09/22	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	09/24	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	09/25	10:00 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
		11:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Luncheon Meeting
		2:00 p.m.	Crop Walk (Ridgeview Park)

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