

FIFTH
Sunday
IN **LENT**



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980

March 29, 2020

**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on *With One Voice*)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

The congregation stands.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Prelude

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Word

Psalm: Psalm 130

- ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**
³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?
⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**
⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**
⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.
⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.*

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

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²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The congregation is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands.

Musical Offering

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Restore in Us, O God"

Hymn #328, Below

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Cathy Crowder</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Rudy Yobs</i>

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

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

April 5

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

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

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ty Elliott

Barb Susen

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

Lane Doerring, Father of Beth Ann Doerring
Alice Goodyear, Aunt to Robin and Cathy Crowder
Heather King, Granddaughter of Eleanor Sampson
Kathy Lambertson, Friend of the Aaslestads
Madelon O'Neil, Sister of Deloris Wertman

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

Mary Bertelsen
Marie Brown
Sandra R. Hoy
Janet Lunger

Liz Ann Binns
Nancy Fitzgerald
Bob and Carol Knemoller
Glenn and Flossie Myers

Fred Brower
Pete Giesen
Peggy Lucas

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

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Stephen Dowdy, Husband of Nancy Dowdy
June Huff, Mother of Donna Gum
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law
Barbara Shifflett and Family

George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Jean Brower, Sister of Joe and Minnie Moyer, Frannie Knicely and Bobby Moyer

Family of Bill Brower, Former Grace Member

Family of Sharon Johnson, Friends of the Crowders

Family of Ian King, Grandson of Eleanor Sampson

Family of Connie Mora, Friend of the Tomeys

Family of Julie Moyer, Wife of V. A. Moyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Frannie Knicely

Vernette Nichols

Nancy Dowdy

Nicole Meicke

Sharon Lynch

Mary Bertelsen

The Needs of the World

Corona virus outbreak around the world
as well as flu victims

**All Medical Staff - Doctors, Nurses,
Housekeeping, Administration and Food
Workers at Augusta Health, UVA, Martha
Jefferson, RMH, and all local Assisted
Living and Nursing Care Facilities**

Our military and first responders - Police, Fire, EMT's

**All Whose Work is Affected by the Coronavirus
Outbreak**

Grocery, Pharmacy, other hourly workers, rail workers,
and truckers who are keeping necessary
items available

The Church

Grace Church and our care and
concern for one another

**Our Attentiveness to the Needs
around us**

WARM's Cold Weather Shelter and
WARM House, caring 24/7 for
homeless in our community



Coronavirus, Events, and Schedule Updates:

- Grace Council meets this Tuesday to make decisions about the next 4-6 weeks of Worship and other activities at Grace.
- These decisions will be shaped by our faithfulness to the God in whom we trust, and in the reason that God gives to us to find a way forward in the reality we are living.
- Remember our Lenten Worship Services which conclude this Wednesday, April 1st, and are available LIVE on You Tube. Access the Service through our www.gracewaynesboro.org website, and click on the link in the Lenten Schedule box.
- See Bishop Bob Humphrey's video message, also available on our website.

And remember that God is with us, and offers so many assurances of his care in time of need in Holy Scripture. Here's just a sample:

- *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.* (John 14:27)
- *God is love...and has been perfected among us...because as God is, so are we in the world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.* (1 John 4:16-18)
- *God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.* (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- *Cast all your anxiety and burdens on Jesus, because he cares for you* (1 Peter 5:7)

Caring for our Neighbor, and One Another:

As time continues to go by, we seek to be Church together, which includes care for one another, and for our neighbor. One way we are trying to care for one another is to establish a **phone tree** among our members to make sure we are connecting with one another, and caring for anyone who has need - grocery shopping, pharmacy pick-up, etc., as well as simply checking in, to be sure we are remembered and reminded of our unity in Christ. Look for a phone call soon, and we encourage you to take part, and be a blessing to someone else within our family of faith.

Donate a WARM "Easter Lily!"

The date for ordering real Easter Lily's is past, but there's still a big need to help Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry. If you'd like to donate the equivalent of an Easter Lily to WARM (\$12.50 each, \$25 for two) send an email to Nancy Dowdy this week or next week (by Friday, April 3rd) with who you'd like to Honor or who you'd like to give in Memory of. If you donate via www.warmwaynesboro.org, let Nancy know, or let her know you are sending a check to Grace (made out to Grace with "WARM Easter Lily" in the line item), which we'll collect and send.

Announcements



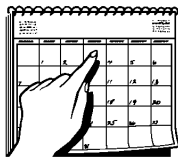
Thanks to all who submitted proposals for **Grace's Mission Endowment Fund!** Council will make final determinations of the use of the Fund at a special meeting Tuesday, March 31st.



Parking Lot Update - We anticipate beginning the paving of the Parking Lot in the Spring of this year. In planning for the updates of the parking lot (more handicapped spaces, islands in the main lot), we discovered an interim step of a site plan is required by the city. We have selected the firm of Lotts & Associates, P.C. to complete the site plan which is required by the city, and anticipate the drawings to be complete for Spring paving. We'll keep the congregation informed about the progress of drawings and paving.



We have **RE-SCHEDULED** the informational presentation by **Thrivent Action Team** presenters for Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Dessert will be served!) The presentation is open to all congregational members that have a passion for helping others in our community. (See Grace Notes for details.)



Did you know...we have the church calendar on our website? You can visit there www.gracewaynesboro.org to check events, times, locations, meeting room availability, cancellations, birthdays, etc. If you click on the event, it will give you more detail. Nancy makes every effort to keep it up to date. If you would like an item added, changed, etc., please contact the Church Office.

Life of Grace Church
March 29—April 5, 2020

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	03/29	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Youth Project Meeting via Zoom
Monday	03/30	6:30 p.m.	Book Study - via Zoom
Tuesday	03/31	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Council via Zoom
Wednesday	04/01	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship via You Tube
Thursday	04/02	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers
Sunday	04/05	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

<p>Monday Genesis 49:1-28 1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1 Mark 7:24-37</p>	Daily Lectionary	<p>Thursday Exodus 1:6-22 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Mark 8:27—9:1</p>
<p>Tuesday Genesis 49:29—50:14 1 Corinthians 11:2-34 Mark 8:1-10</p>		<p>Friday Exodus 2:1-22 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3 Mark 9:2-13</p>
<p>Wednesday Genesis 50:15-26 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Mark 8:11-26</p>		<p>Saturday Exodus 2:23—3:15 1 Corinthians 13:-13 Mark 9:14-29</p>



Members of Grace, Ministers

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Kim Hull, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,
Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Karla Rankin
and Rudolph Yobs
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Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
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Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor
Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;
8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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