



First Sunday
in
Lent

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

February 21, 2021

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

Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on ELW Setting Four)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.*

*MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, the **✝** Son, and the Holy Spirit.
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are **✝** forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

Musical Presentation

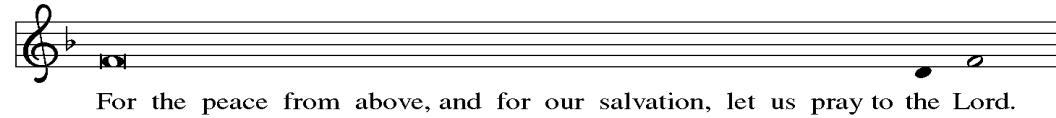
Greeting

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

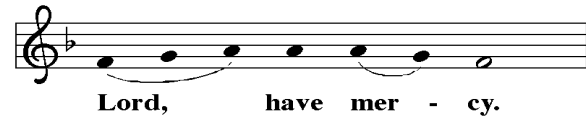
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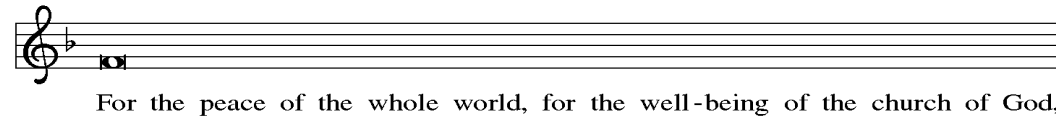
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



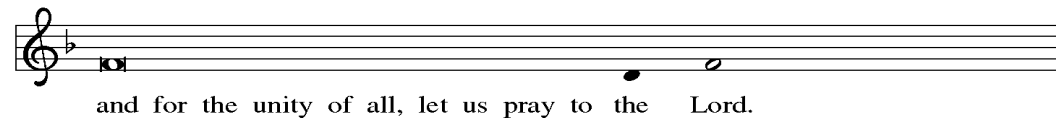
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



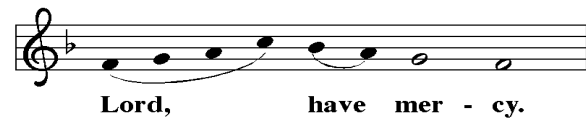
Lord, have mer - cy.



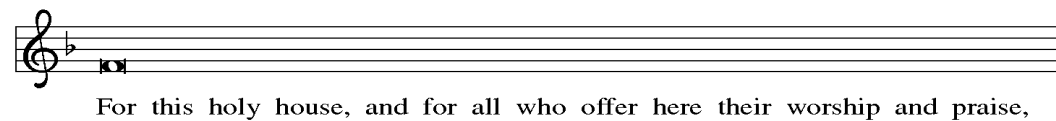
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



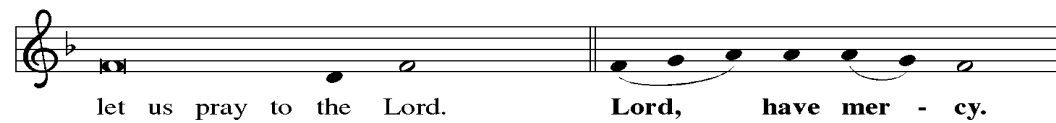
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



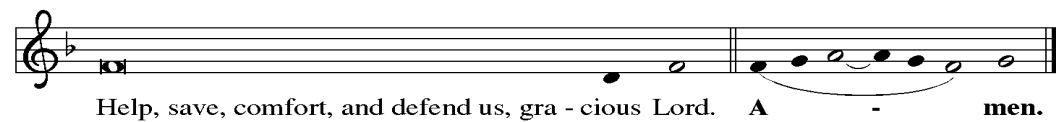
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



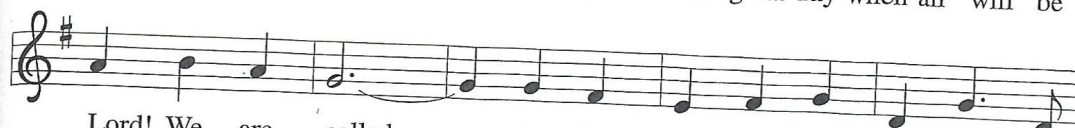
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

We Are Called

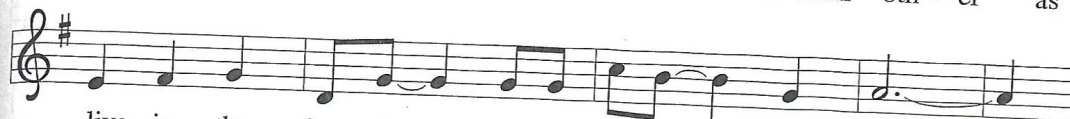
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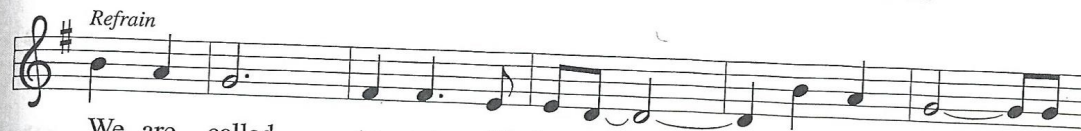
1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O-pen your heart! Show your . . mer-cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth-er as



live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God.
 ha-tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis-ters and broth-ers . . . u-nit-ed in love.



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-



oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God,
How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer.
Amen.

Word

Psalm: Psalm 15

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? ²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; ³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; ⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; ⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Gospel Acclamation



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: Luke 10:25-42

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Stollings/Cooper Family

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Musical Offering

Installation of Council Member—Amy Warren

Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing in the name of the Father, Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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

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

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

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

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



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

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| Assisting Minister: | Susan Myers |
| Offering Steward: | Pat Brady |
| Altar Flowers: | Open |
| Council Person of the Week: | Gail Johnson |
| Children's Sermon: | The Stollings/Cooper Family |

*The Chancel Flowers today are given
to the glory of God*



Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

John 17:11: ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday In Lent
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Lament over Jerusalem
Luke 13:1-9, 31-35
Psalm 122



New Council Member Installed - Amy Warren was elected by Grace Council to fill the term of Anne Putnam, who resigned at the end of 2020. We are grateful for Amy's willingness to serve, and give thanks for the gifts and talents God has given her as she serves in leadership at Grace! She'll be installed as a part of the 1st Sunday in Lent worship service.



Annual Congregation Meeting—Grace's annual congregation meeting will be held today immediately after worship. The Zoom link has been sent via email and U. S. mail. Your attendance is important to ensure a quorum and approval of the Annual Report. And, our time together is a blessing to hear God's spirit at work in and through us, as well as to see and hear familiar faces in our time together!



Lent: Broken and Healed on the Cross - From Brokenness to Restoration on the Cross, and in Our Lives Today - This is our theme for the Season of Lent. We join with our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem to worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent via You Tube and Zoom. All will be recorded at Grace and broadcast Live. We all have experienced brokenness; come, worship and experience the healing of God's Word this Lenten Season.

- **February 24 - Broken Promises** (Peter's promise to never deny Christ)
- **March 3 - Broken Hearts** (many people: Mary Magdalene, Jesus at the fickleness of his followers' loyalty, the disciples at his death, the crowds who were disappointed at Jesus' refusal to act in the way they thought he should)
- **March 10 - Broken Trust** (Judas' betrayal of Jesus)
- **March 17 - Broken Justice** (Jesus before Pilate)
- **March 24 - Broken Bread** (Last Supper, Body of Christ)

Noon Ecumenical Lenten Services also available: The many-year tradition of Noontime ecumenical worship services of the downtown Waynesboro area churches will continue to be available virtually this Lenten Season. Go to the First Presbyterian, Waynesboro You Tube page to find worship services at noon Wednesdays *beginning February 24th*. St. John Roman Catholic, First Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, St. John Episcopal, First Baptist and Main Street United Methodist will also be participating.



Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation - Grace Lutheran and Christ Tabernacle are gathering every 3rd Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Constitution Park on "even months," and North Park on "odd months" to pray together to ask God to guide us toward Racial Reconciliation so that, as Jesus prayed before his crucifixion, "they may be one, as the Son and the Father are one." (John 17:11) You are invited to take part in this outdoor discipline! Please mask as we gather at the "fish" Love sign in Constitution Park on February 20th.




Grace Responds to Souper Bowl of Caring! Here are our results so far for the Souper Bowl of Caring! Grace has donated 82 pounds of food to the Calvary United Methodist Food Pantry in Stuarts Draft, and \$863.79 to the Blue Ridge Food Bank! Thanks to all who helped achieve a "win" in the Souper Bowl of Caring to help those who are hungry in our area.



Covid-19 Vaccines - If you need help signing up for a vaccine through the Central Shenandoah Health District - which is the area of Virginia we are a part which distributes the vaccine - please call the Church office, or go yourself to bit.ly/cshdinfo. Information shared this week indicates that we have approximately 50,000 people in Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro over the age of 65. To vaccinate everyone will take time. But it is important to enter your information to "get in line."

Being A Blessing in our Community of Faith - This time of Coronavirus can be isolating. We are blessed that so many of you have reached out to others during this time where we often find ourselves at home much more than in times past. I Corinthians speaks of the importance of Consolation - bearing one another's burdens. If God's Spirit puts someone in mind from Grace, or someone in your neighborhood or community, give them a call, especially someone you may not have thought of or contacted in awhile! A simple hello or check-in can be a great blessing, and can lift a burden of loneliness or isolation that someone may be experiencing. It's an easy way to share in the Word and Work of Jesus!



*Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, **names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks.** If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need"*

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

**Emily Almarode
Margaret Quickel**

**Sandy Brady
Dick Tomey**

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

Ernie Graham, Friend of Schwiesows
Rick Huff, Brother of Donna Gum
Cathy Osborn, Relative of Franklins
Kay Snead, Friend of Berenice Archambeault
Patricia and Dennis Wasielewski, Relatives of Bradys

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

Our Confirmed Sisters and Brother—Quinn Franklin, Kaitlyn Hull and Zachary Rankin

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

Liz Ann Binns	Fred Brower	Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald	Pete Giesen	Sandra R. Hoy
Bob Knemoller	Glenn and Flossie Myers	Janet Parmer

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace	Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey	Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum	Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht
George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows	

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of John Davis, Friends of the Lynches
Family of Whit Davis, Father of Friends of Pastor Pingel
Family of Carol Knemoller, Grace Member
Family of Mary Jane Lever, Friends of the Pingels

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Mike Trauscht	Carol Bowers
Ed Driskill	Carol Varner

The Needs of the World

The deliveries of Covid-19 vaccine and
frontline healthcare workers

**Families affected by Covid-19 - death,
health, employment**

Winter storms and severe temperatures
across our Nation

**Glacier avalanche in India and the
families of 181 victims and
200 missing**

The work of WARM (Waynesboro
Area Refuge Ministry) for
the homeless

**Students, teachers and their learning
and teaching.**

The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace

**Our unity in Christ with Churches
in our Community**

Our trust in God, our refuge and strength
(Psalm 46)

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Westwood Hills area



Life of Grace Church
February 21-28, 2021

Day of the	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	02/21	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	First Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Council Installation Annual Meeting Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	02/22	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	02/23	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Round Tables via Zoom
Wednesday	02/24	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Season of Lent Evening Prayer via YouTube
Thursday	02/25	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Bible Study via Zoom Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom Bible Study via Zoom
Friday	02/26	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	02/28	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Second Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

<p>Monday Ruth 1:1-14 2 Corinthians 1:1-11 Matthew 5:1-12</p>		<p>Thursday Ruth 2:14-23 2 Corinthians 3:1-18 Matthew 5:27-37</p>
<p>Tuesday Ruth 1:15-22 2 Corinthians 1:12-22 Matthew 5:13-20</p>		<p>Friday Ruth 3:1-18 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Matthew 5:38-48</p>
<p>Wednesday Ruth 2:1-13 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17 Matthew 5:21-36</p>		<p>Saturday Ruth 4:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:10 Matthew 6:1-6</p>

**Members of Grace
Congregational Council**

Linda Meyer, President

Jerry Kite, Vice-President

Bob Barrette, Kathy Bump,

Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,

Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,

Kathryn Johnson, Amy Warren

Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative

David Proctor, Secretary

Ron Almarode, Treasurer

Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor

Mike Myers, Organist,

Director of Music

Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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