



*FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
June 16, 2024*

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

# *Service of the Word and HOLY COMMUNION*

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Jay Beach Setting)

**Congregational responses are in bold print**

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the 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.*

*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 the parts 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 marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**



**Gathering Song:** "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

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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*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first three staves contain the main melody and lyrics. The fourth staff begins a three-part setting of the chorus. The fifth and sixth staves continue the three-part setting. The seventh and eighth staves conclude the piece with a final cadence.

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."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
Here the poor are wel-comed, here the lost are claimed,  
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,  
3  
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.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**Word**



## First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel:

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**<sup>2</sup>to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**  
<sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
**<sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

**<sup>12</sup>The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**  
<sup>13</sup>They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.  
**<sup>14</sup>In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,**  
<sup>15</sup>showing that the LORD is upright;  
**he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.


<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*We stand.*

**Celtic Alleluia**



The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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

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### Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark:

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children Sermon

Pastor John Wertz

Sermon

Pastor John Wertz

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Your Hands Have Formed"

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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.

Imani ya Mitume

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, ankaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.

Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina.



**Prayers of Intercession**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

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

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Meal**

**Peace**

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*



**Offering**

**Offertory**

*We stand.*



**Offertory Response: "God's Love Endures For Ever"**

$\text{♩} = 144$

Voice



Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er

5



Oh give thanks! Oh - give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er!

9



1. With our dreams and our fears, with our joys  
2. With our strength and our weak-ness with our gifts

14



and our pain and our needs we come, we come, we come, Oh give thanks! Oh

20



give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er! Oh give thanks! Oh

24



give thanks! God's love en-dures for - ev - er **Fine**

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

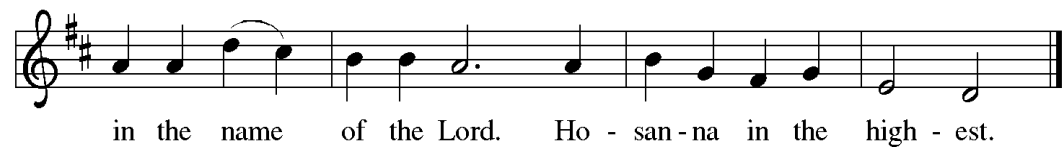
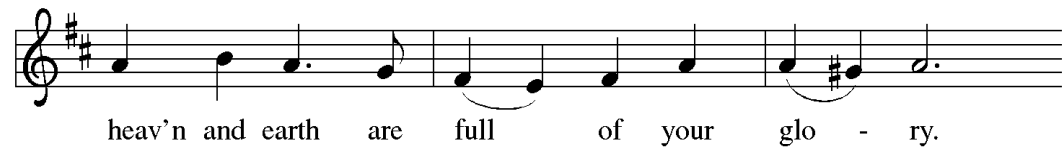
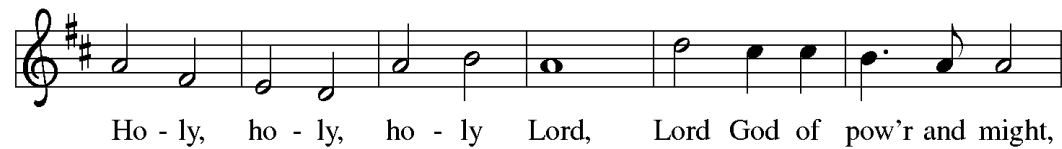
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



## 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



### 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 await 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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Our  
Father**

### Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come, taste and see!

**Thanks be to God!**



For the Healing of the World

Verses 1 & 2 are sung in preparation for Holy Communion

For the Healing of the World

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

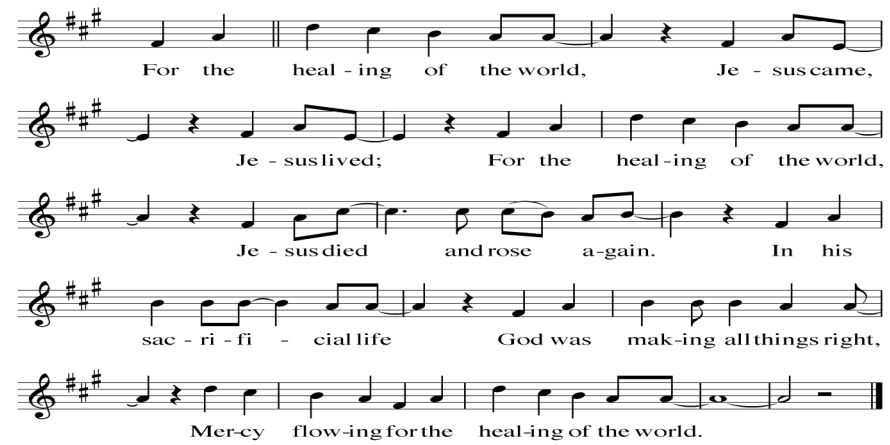
Je - sus; Wound - ed and bro - ken we  
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of  
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and

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,  
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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**Communion Hymn: “Come, Let us Eat”**

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***We stand.***

**The Communion Blessing**

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

**The Post-Communion Canticle—For the Healing of the World - Verse 3**

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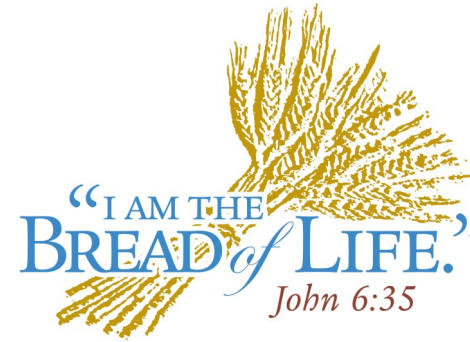




### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
**we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own  
life.  
In your name we pray.  
Amen.**



### **Sending**

#### **Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *"The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve"*

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#### **Dismissal**

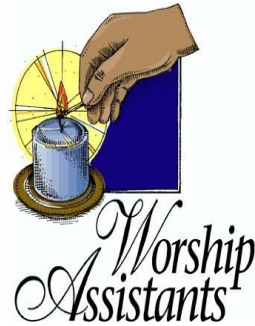
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**



#### **Postlude**

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*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!*

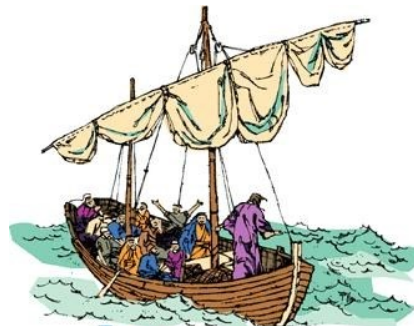


**Altar Flowers:** Gail Johnson  
**Altar Guild:** Glen & Lisa Gray  
**Assisting Minister:** Ron Almarode  
**Communion Assistant:** Kathy Bump  
Karen Walck  
**Council Person of the Week:** Linda Meyer  
**Offering Stewards:** Pat Brady  
**Ushers:** Karen Walck  
Rew Walck



**Altar Flowers**

*The Chancel flowers are given  
this morning to the  
glory of God and  
in memory of  
Leonard C. Reid, Jr. and  
Jack E. Johnson  
by their children*



**Jesus calming  
the storm**

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
Sunday, June 23, 2024  
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Job 38::1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41*



**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 four (4) weeks)**

**Phyllis Kite**

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

**Claire Biggers**, Daughter of Fred & Caroline Biggers  
**Bishop C. D. Brown**, Friend of Grace  
**Chris Cody**, Niece of Linda Tomey  
**Kim Elliott**, Daughter of Pat Giesen  
**Kirk Hyden**, Friend of Grace  
**Tony, Dave and Sue Jones**, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson  
**Kevin Mellette**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**March Rodifer**, Friend of Sharon Lynch  
**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer  
**Lorraine Schwiesow**, Mother of David Schwiesow

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

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Ernestine Moomaw**

**Carol Varner**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Roy and Flora Henderson**, Parents of Allison Fink  
**Zach Klemm**, Friend of the Caisters  
**Phoenix Oberg**, Friend of Sarah Beth Kite  
**Carrie Peters**, Niece of Schwiesows

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

**Family of JoAnn Barber**, Friend of Linda Tomey  
**The Cary Family**, Friend of Carolyn Hite  
**Family of Tom Varner**, Member of Grace

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Mark Radecke (6/16)**

**Jessi Blosser (6/20)**

**Gwen Kite (6/21)**

**Libby Caister (6/21)**

**Kara Beth Glover (6/22)**

Prayers for the World

**Palestine/Israel - for the hostages, a hope for ceasefire, for healing from hate and conflict.**

Tornado damage throughout the middle part of our nation: for those grieving, those who have lost homes and livelihood.

**The two and a half year war in Ukraine.**

Those suffering severe famine in the Sudan amidst civil war.

**Landslide in Papua New Guinea, families of the 2,000 who died.**

For the sacrifices of many as we remember the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

**The Immigration crisis at our borders and around the world, and the work of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Church World Service)**

Our LGBTQiA siblings in Christ in the ELCA, and the whole Church

The Church

**Our new Grace Council and Committee Members**

For: Pastors and congregations of the Southern Valley Conference and the Virginia Synod:

- Pastor Adam Schultz, Good Shepherd, Lexington
- Pastor Jim Youngblood, Bethany, Lexington
- Pastor Lance Braun, Mount Tabor, Staunton
- Pastor Carl Trost, St. James, Fishersville, New Mount Olive, Fairfield and Vice-Pastor, Christ, Staunton

**For our Grace Youth and Salem Lutheran Youth traveling together to the ELCA National Youth Gathering.**

**The ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea) - our Companion Church of the Virginia Synod.**





**We welcome Pastor John Wertz!** Pastor Wertz is one of two Assistants to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission for the Virginia Synod. He will proclaim the Gospel as a part of today's worship. Please welcome him to Grace this morning!



**Hiker Ministry/Community Meal—All Are Invited**—Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share if you are able or just bring yourself.



**Thrivent visits Grace on July 7th!** Sarah Sunde, our newest Thrivent representative will visit us as a part of our First Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, July 7th, following worship! Sarah will share about the fraternal nature of Thrivent, which allows Thrivent members to provide funds to various projects, and even benefit Grace (or other organizations) with direct donations. Thrivent Members will also have an opportunity to meet with Sarah as a part of our 7th Fellowship as well.



**Prayer Vigils for Racial Reconciliation** will be on the Saturday July 6, and Saturday, August 3, on the grounds of Christ Tabernacle Church outside of Disciples' Kitchen. Future dates and locations will be decided in August.



**Hiker Ministry 2024**—*Dear Members of Grace, we have so enjoyed our time this year at Grace Waynesboro helping out again with the Hiker Ministry. We are particularly appreciative of your warm welcome of us - you are a wonderful congregation and we miss worshiping with you more often! The Hiker Ministry continues for another week coordinated by Linda Meyer with Hiker Alumnae Marit Anderson and Mark Perschel on site. See you next year - or come see us in New Hampshire! Irma and Woody*



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. To date, we have collected over **4,293** pounds of food (we have made **forty-one** deliveries, eighteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-three to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). That's two tons+!




**Renewing Homes Roll-a-Ramp Project**—On June 5, Grace had a team work on two wheelchair roll-a-ramp projects in Waynesboro with Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta. We were able to install the two (2) ramps on Winchester Ave. and Laurel Ave. in less than three (3) hours.





# JUNE 2024

*Life of Grace Church  
June 16-23, 2024*

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
 HAPPY Father's Day	06/16	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion <i>Pastor John Wertz, Preaching</i> <i>Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding</i>
Monday	06/17		Hiker Ministry
Tuesday	06/18	7:00 p.m.	Hiker Ministry Church Council
 JUNETEENTH	06/19	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Hiker Ministry  Hiker Ministry & Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	06/20	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	<i>Nancy Dowdy—Vacation</i> <i>Carolyn Hite in Office today</i> Hiker Ministry Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	06/21		 Hiker Ministry
Saturday	06/22	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	06/23	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion

**Monday**

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14  
 Galatians 7:1-14  
 Matthew 15:21-28  
 Morning Psalm 57, Evening 85

**Thursday**

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8  
 Galatians 5:16-24  
 Matthew 16:13-20  
 Morning Psalm 143, Evening 81

**Tuesday**

Ecclesiastes 8:14—9:10  
 Galatians 4:21-31  
 Matthew 15:29-39  
 Morning Psalm 54, Evening 28

**Friday**

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:14  
 Galatians 5:25—6:10  
 Matthew 16:21-28  
 Morning Psalm 88, Evening 6

**Wednesday**

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18  
 Galatians 5:1-15  
 Matthew 16:1-12  
 Morning Psalm 65, Evening 125

**Saturday**

Numbers 3:1-13  
 Galatians 6:11-18  
 Matthew 17:1-13  
 Morning Psalm 122, Evening 100

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