

FOURTH  
*Sunday*  
IN **LENT**



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

**March 22, 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.*

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **Word**

### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **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 9:1-41**

The Holy Gospel according to John:

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

<sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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**

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

*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.**

## **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:** *"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"*

**Hymn #452, Page 9**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God**

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## Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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***Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today***

<b><i>Assisting Minister:</i></b>	<i>Gail Johnson</i>
<b><i>Offering Stewards:</i></b>	<i>Pat Brady and Bob Shumate</i>
<b><i>Altar Flowers:</i></b>	<i>Open</i>
<b><i>Council Person of the Week:</i></b>	<i>Karla Rankin</i>

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

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**March 29**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

**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\*)**

**Ernie Campbell, Sr.**, Friend of Tomeys

**Ron Denney**, Friend of Brian Lundstrom & Other Members

**Lane Doerring**, Father of Beth Ann Doerring

**Alice Goodyear**, Aunt to Robin and Cathy Crowder

**Tommy Harvey**, Friend of Several Members

**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**

**Liz Ann Binns**

**Fred Brower**

**Jean Brower**

**Marie Brown**

**Nancy Fitzgerald**

**Pete Giesen**

**Sandra R. Hoy**

**Bob and Carol Knemoller**

**Peggy Lucas**

**Janet Lunger**

**Glenn and Flossie Myers**

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

**Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife

**Lisa Dofflemeyer**, Daughter of Linda Tomey

**Stephen Dowdy**, Husband of Nancy Dowdy

**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

**Bruce Joleaud**, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law

**Maxine Pierce**, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

**Barbara Shifflett and Family**

**George Toop**, Friend of Schwiesows

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Sharon Johnson, Friends of the Crowders**

**Family of Ian King, Grandson of Eleanor Sampson**

**Family of Connie Mora, Friend of the Tomeys**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

**Amber Bokelman**

**Raegen Van Bremen**

**Jean Brower**

**Caroline Biggers**

**Minnie Moyer**

**Zach Perkins**

**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**

**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:

Grace Council has voted to follow the Virginia Synod's guidelines recommending against In-Person Activities through the end of March. Therefore:

- Our Worship Schedule be via YouTube for March 22nd and March 29th, LIVE at 10:00 a.m., and viewable anytime after that
- Lenten Worship Services will be available via YouTube LIVE at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th, 25th and April 1st and viewable anytime after that
- All In-Person events normally at Grace - Valley Music Academy, Newcomers, Bridge Group, Literacy Volunteers, as well as Grace events - Choir, other Meetings, etc.

Bishop Humphrey sent out a Pastoral Letter , and here's an important phrase, as God's people, confident in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior: *We act not out of fear, but out of genuine care and concern for those most vulnerable in our midst...We also act in Christ's peace promised to us: 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)*

Look for updates in the coming days via U.S. Mail letter, email, Facebook, website, and via daily update on the Church phone, 949-6171.

**Caring for our Neighbor, and One Another** - As the coronavirus pandemic grows deeper in our nation, one of our calls as God's people is care for our neighbor. Martin Luther, 500 years ago, cautioned Christians to be prudent, to not behave rashly, or heedless of the advice of doctors and/or public officials (such as, in our case, the CDC). What he also reminds us is that our neighbor still has needs around us. So, as we live carefully, think creatively of ways to check in with neighbors, and help neighbors in need. Check in by phone or text; if you know of someone needing a meal, leave it by the door; think of ways our technological world can help us keep in touch with homebound members, and show our care. Be creative, for the sake of sharing God's good news of love with others. And respond to an email blast that offers some specific ways you can help or volunteer for those in need.

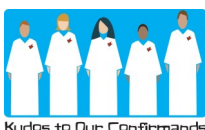
## Announcements



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.



**Baptismal Font Proposed Design available for Review in March** - Over the past year, Joan Ranzini, Pastor Paul and Council have proposed and reviewed design ideas for a Proposed Font that honors the original design of the Baptismal Font while allowing for a larger amount of water to be available for Baptisms. The Proposed Design will be available for Grace Congregation review during the month of March. Review Forms, plus an explanatory form for the Font Design will be available beginning today, March 1st. *Your input is important!* Please make comment, whether positive or negative, by emailing your response to Nancy Dowdy at [secretary@gracewaynesboro.org](mailto:secretary@gracewaynesboro.org)



### **Confirmands, Mentors and Grace Children Help Blue Ridge Food Bank!**

Grace's Confirmands, their Mentors and other children from Grace will head out to local grocery stores to purchase food and other requested merchandise for the Blue Ridge Food Bank! They will be using the funds collected from last year AND this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a great hands-on way to learn about hunger, what it takes to feed hungry families, and how God uses us to be a blessing to those in need! 71 pounds of food has been delivered.



**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](http://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 22-29, 2020**

<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>TODAY— SUNDAY</b>	03/22	10:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via You Tube</b> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
Monday	03/23	6:30 p.m.	Book Study - Via Zoom
Wednesday	03/25	7:00 p.m.	<b>Nancy Dowdy—Vacation</b> Carolyn Hite in Church Office <b>Lenten Worship via You Tube</b>
Thursday	03/26	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers
Sunday	03/29	10:00 a.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via You Tube</b> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

<p><b>Monday</b> Genesis 44:18-34 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Mark 5:21-43</p>	<b>Daily Lectionary</b>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34 1 Corinthians 9:1-15 Mark 6:30-46</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Genesis 45:1-15 1 Corinthians 7:32-40 Mark 6:1-13</p>		<p><b>Friday</b> Genesis 47:1-26 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 Mark 6:47-56</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Genesis 45:16-28 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 6:13-29</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b> Genesis 47:27—48:7 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Mark 7:1-23</p>



**Members of Grace, Ministers**

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Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Karla Rankin  
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Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor  
Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music  
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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