

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church August 28, 2022

"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world."

Holy Communion Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Six (Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely) Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so <u>as you</u> <u>are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir sing.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand.

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

Blessed be the Father, the **H** Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen. Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "You Servants of God"

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You Servants of God

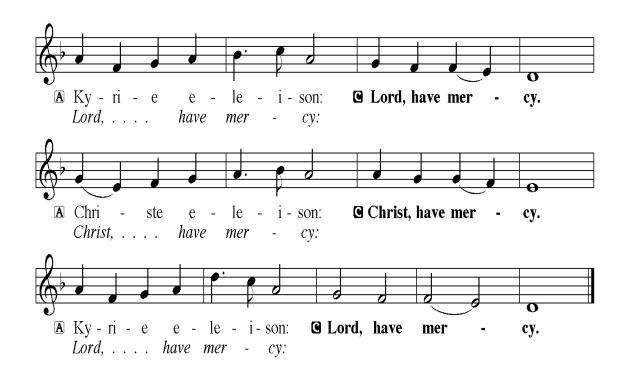


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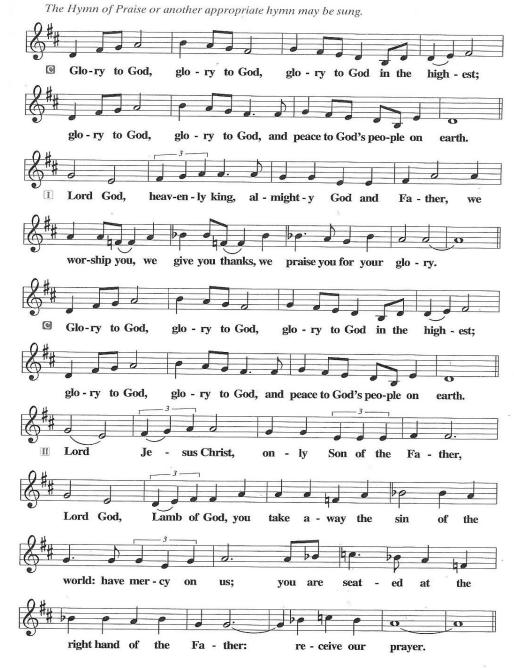
Greeting

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**.

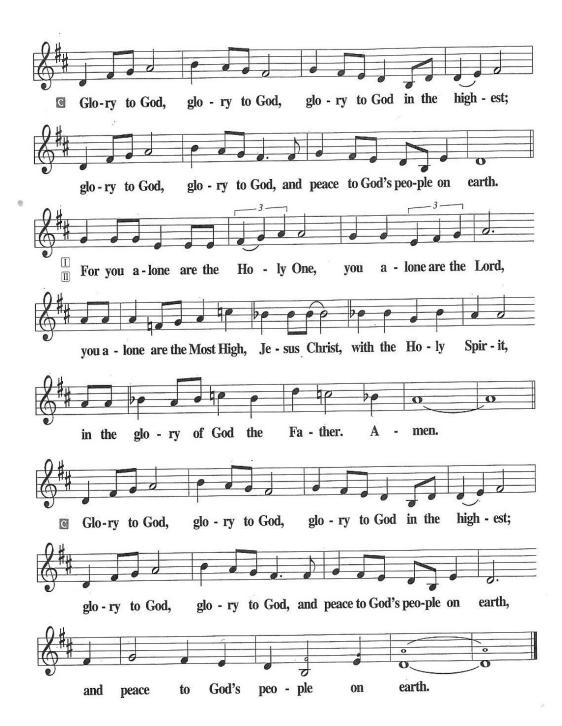
<u>Kyrie</u>



HYMN OF PRAISE



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

Word

A reading from Ruth

Ruth 3:1-18

¹Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

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⁶So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. ⁷When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. ⁸At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! ⁹He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin." ¹⁰He said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. ¹²But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. ¹³Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next- of-kin for you, then, as the LORD lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning."

¹⁴So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, "It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. ¹⁶She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How did things go with you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷saying, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.' " ¹⁸She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 7:7-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you O Lord.

⁷"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

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

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel



Sermon

Pastor Pingel



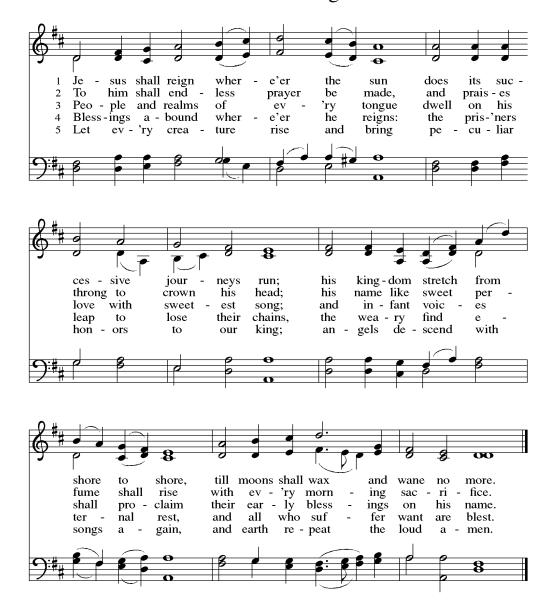
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

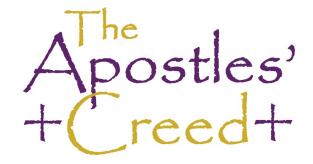
living and the dead.

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. Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi, Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;

Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee, Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo Ia Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa, akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu, akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu, akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa mukono wa kuume wa Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena kuhukumu wazima na wafu.

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



Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

Meal

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.

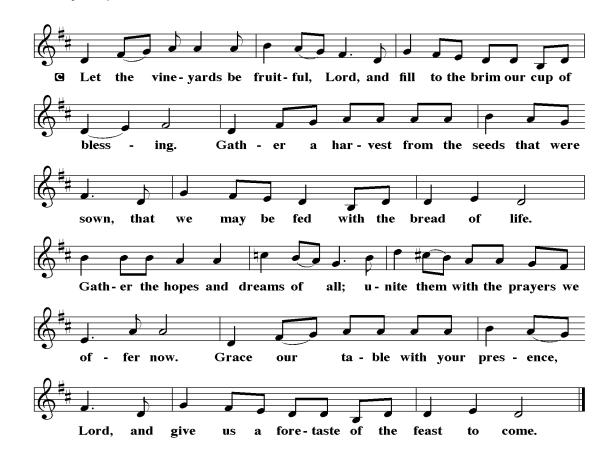
Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

We stand.

Offertory Response



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

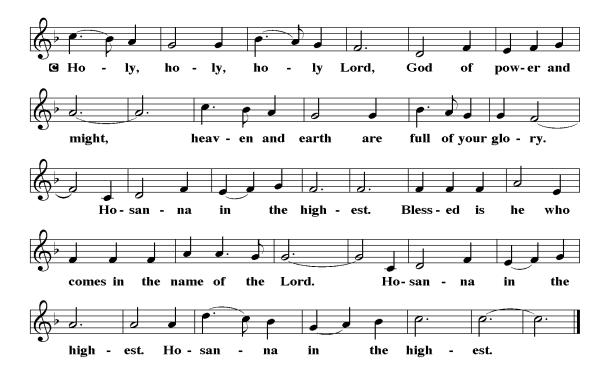
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Baba Yetu

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe; ufalme wako ufike, utakalo lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni. Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku, utusamehe makosa yetu, kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea. Usitutie katika kishawishi, lakini utuopoe maovuni. Amina.

The ORD'S Prayer

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

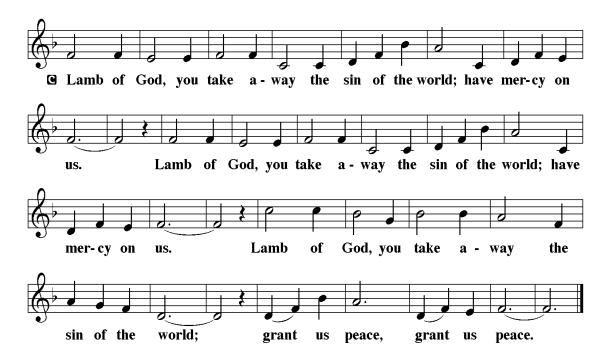
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle. Those giving the bread and wine will say the following:

The body of Christ, given for you The blood of Christ, shed for you.

You may respond with "Amen"

After all have returned to their places, we stand.



The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

Sending Song: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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<u>Dismissal</u>

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

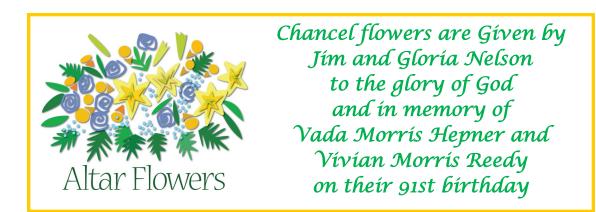
Postlude

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Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Worship Assistants	Altar Flowers:	Jim and Gloria Nelson
	Altar Guild:	Cathy Firkin/Jane Stein
	Assisting Minister:	Cathy Crowder
	Communion Assistants:	Marsha Howard
		Gloria Nelson
	Council Person of the Week:	Fred Biggers
	Covid Monitor:	Karen Walck
	Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady
	5	Robin Crowder
	Ushers:	Gail Johnson
		Jerry Kite







Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

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

Fred Biggers	
Donna Gum	

Bob Garber Jimmy Owens

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Elena Bradley, Friend of David and Vivian Proctor Nina Crow, Mother of Cathy Crowder Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Sylvia AlmarodeJames Hepner, Father of Gloria Nelson Carrie Humphries, Friend of Donna Gum Lois Ostapczuk, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette Bob Smith, Relative of Lee and Sharon Lynch Judy and Rolando Timm, Friends of Donna Gum

> Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Lauren Ward's successful surgery and positive medical diagnosis, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

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

Emily Almarode	Liz Ann Binns	Beth Brady	
Fred Brower	Marie Brown	Sandra Hoy	
Phyllis Kite	Glenn and Flossie Myers	Janet Parmer	
Ingrid Sevigny	Lily Skelton		

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes) Janice Collins, Friend of Grace Kyle Getler, Member Relative Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht Lou Lanier, Friend of Jim and Gloria Nelson Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year

> Members/Friends Grieving Family of Norman Sell, Uncle of Andrew Sell

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year Jimmy Owens Tom Carper

The Needs of the World	The Church
Westminster and Grace's Congolese refugee family, Mmeswa/Madawa	Pray for God's Plan for Grace
family, now in Waynesboro	Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James,
The great increase in mental health cases in our nation	Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany
Extreme drought, water shortage, heat and fires in the American West and Europe	<u>Our Neighbors</u> Our neighbors in the Basic City Area.
Continued epidemic of mass shooting incidents in our nation	STA
Flood victims in Kentucky, Texas	
Teachers in our schools, and our children's learning this school year	C.C.



Welcome to Worship!

- Pastor Paul will give the CDC "color" status of Waynesboro each week in his telephone message. We will base the use of masking on the status of Waynesboro.
- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship.
- If our area is in an Orange (high risk) status, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) status, those who are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask, while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional, but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.



God's Work/ Our Hands Day Work Project—Saturday September 10, Grace and Zion will be joining together to work with Renewing Homes for the ELCA God's Work/Our Hands Day. Project looks to be redoing an entrance deck and steps to a home. If you can help or have questions please email Jerry Kite at jerrykite@ntelos.net or call him at 540-910-3372.



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. You can continue to borrow and return books there anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the materials you've read and hope you will join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racist Pledge. Get to know the treasures in the LIBRARY, including P. Buckley Moss. Contact the church office, Carolyn Barrette, Rick Bump, or Linda Meyer for more information.



Join the Grace Lutheran Waynesboro team for the **2022 CWS Crop Walk**. he walk will take place in person on Sunday, September 25 starting at Ridgeview Park at 2:00 pm. Karen Walck will have collection envelopes with her on Sunday, August 28 and on September 11 and September 25. She will also be available in the narthex to accept donations for the team. If you would like to make an online donation to a walker or to the team (Grace Lutheran Waynesboro), visit https://www.crophungerwalk.org/ waynesborova. Online donations are preferred. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. The local Facebook page is "waynesboro east augusta crop walk." If you have any questions, please contact Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.

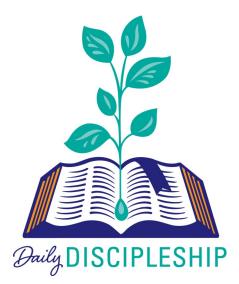


Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made
<u>twenty-eight</u> deliveries thus far, thirteen to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Overall, we have given well over 2960 pounds of food! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Life of Grace Church August 28-September 4, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	08/28	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom
Tuesday	08/30	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	08/31	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
Thursday	09/01	Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	09/03	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	09/04	10:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom



Monday

Joshua 24:16-33 Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 27:24-31 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 29

Tuesday

Judges 2:1-5, 11-23 Romans 16:17-27 Matthew 27:32-44 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 133

Wednesday

Judges 3:12-30 Acts 1:1-14 Matthew 27:45-54 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

Thursday

Judges 4:4-23 Acts 1:15-26 Matthew 27:55-66 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

Friday

Judges 5:1-18 Acts 2:1-21 Matthew 28:1-10 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

Saturday

Judges 5:19-31 Acts 2:22-36 Matthew 28:11-20 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114 <u>Members of Grace Congregational Council</u> Robin Crowder, President (540-476-0180) Nancy Schwiesow, Vice-President (301-943-0888) Bob Barrette (434-760-4419) Fred Biggers (434-981-1954) Jack Eckstrom (240-344-3176) Jean Morgan (540-649-4422) Susan Myers (434-760-1660) Andrew Sell (612-695-8361) Stephen Van Stee (540-325-0772) Karen Walck (765-480-9920) Ron Almarode, Treasurer Vivian Proctor, Secretary Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

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