

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church July 3, 2022

"Empowered by the Holy Spírít, we are a víbrant 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 wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. 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 of 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: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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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**.

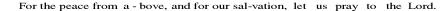
For the Beauty of the Earth



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

## <u>Kyrie</u>

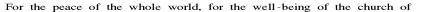




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God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



#### Canticle of Praise



### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

We sit.

Word

A reading from Exodus

Exodus 20:17; 23:4-5

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back. <sup>5</sup>When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free.

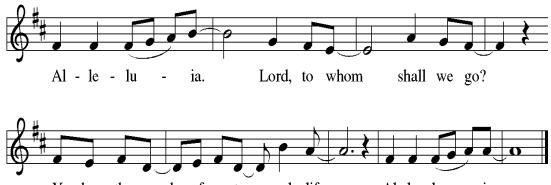
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 15

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

#### We stand.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you O Lord.

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? <sup>37</sup>He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

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

#### We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Van Stee

<u>Sermon</u>

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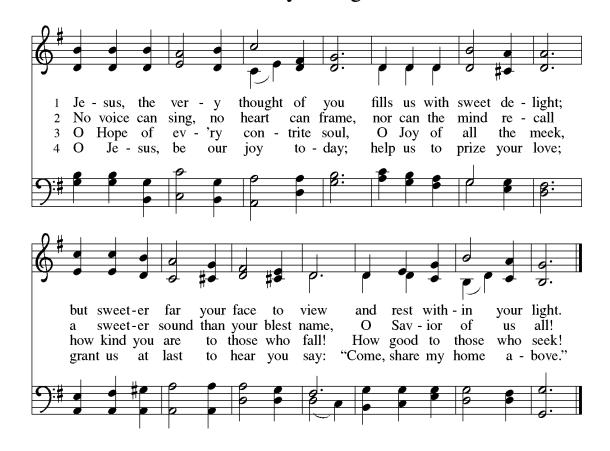
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

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Jesus, the Very Thought of You



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

#### 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 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, 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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **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**

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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### **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**

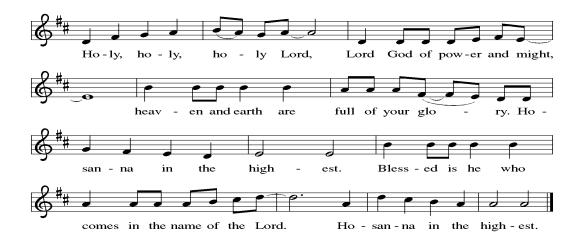
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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:



### 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

## <u>Baba Yetu</u>

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.

## 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.

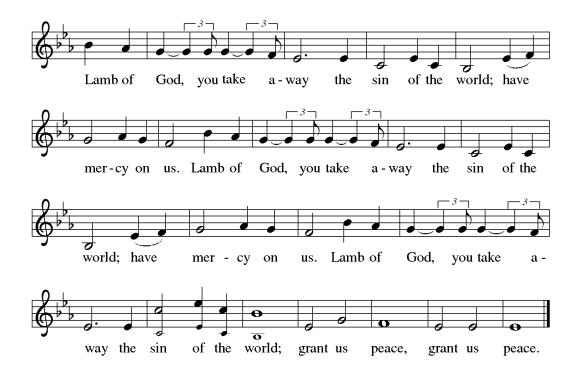
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening 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

#### Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

## **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: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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#### <u>Dismissal</u>

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

Postlude

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#### O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903





Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God, in memory of PFC Thomas Wilson and in honor of 2nd Lieutenant Ethan Wilson





**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\*)

Bob Barrette Pat Giesen

L N P J Pat Brady Sue Kelly

**Glenn Myers** 

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*) Travis Brown, Friend of Linda Tomey Natalie & Nicole Dodge Cameron Jordan, Friend of Donna Gum Mary Lawhorne, Sister of Gloria Nelson

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

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

_iz Ann Binns	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 GraceNancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's WifeKyle Getler, Member RelativeDarren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma GrafRegan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy BumpSandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy SchwiesowRosalind Holt, Friend of Gail JohnsonJoshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy TrauschtLou Lanier, Friend of Jim and Gloria NelsonHelen McClung, Cousin of Nancy SchwiesowLarry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of ManyCurry Wilford, Brother-in-Law of Amy WarrenDouglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year

Members/Friends Grieving Family of Seth Bauserman, Friend of Jim & Gloria Nelson and Family Family of Gail Byrd, Friend of Lee & Sharon Lynch Family of Cecil Campbell, Friend of Bill and Sue Kelly Family of Barb Susen, Grace Member Family of Katie Shapiro, Friend of Donna Gum Family of Esther Dabney

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Everett Stratton
Zander Bandy

Joan Ranzini Maribeth Faivre

## The Needs of the World

The War between Russia and Ukraine for millions of refugees now in Poland, Austria, etc.; for those in combat; for peace Our national conversation about abortion (see note in announcements) Westminster and Grace's Congolese refugee family now in Waynesboro The great increase in mental health cases in our nation Famine in the Horn of Africa—27 million at risk Extreme drought and extreme weather in the American West Continued epidemic of mass shooting incidents in our nation, most recently 19 children and 2 adults in Texas The increase of race-motivated violence

# The Church

Pray for God's Plan for Grace: see the questions from our Strategic Planning Committee on p. 28.

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

# Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch Avenue, Market Street and the YMCA.



# Welcome to Worship!

- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship. If our area is in an Orange (high risk) condition, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) condition: 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.
- Covid Status As of Wednesday, Augusta, Nelson, Staunton and Waynesboro are ALL Green or low risk.



In the Pastor's absence, if you need any type of support or are facing a crisis, please contact Church Council President, Robin Crowder (540.476.0180) or other members of Church Council. (The Council Person of the Week is listed with the week's worship assistants.)



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. After the service today, join us as we go to the LIBRARY 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.



Worship at Barren Ridge—You are invited to join St. James Lutheran, Fishersville, and Bethlehem Lutheran, Waynesboro, for worship together outdoors at Barren Ridge winery <u>on Sunday, July 10th, and Sunday, August</u> <u>14th, at 11:00 a.m.</u> Grace will have our regular services at 10:00 a.m. on both dates.



Virginia Synodical Women's Organization Southern Valley Conference

Southern Valley VSWO has obtained the necessary license to show the movie version of the Sight & Sound performance of Ruth. This is a private showing for the women of the Southern Valley and their friends, spouses, or other guests. No public advertising is being done.

> Sight & Sound Ruth Saturday, July 16, 2022 10:00 a.m. Sipe Center in Bridgewater, Va. (concessions available for purchase)

The cost of using the Sipe Center is being donated by the women of Trinity Lutheran Church in memory of Eula Armentrout, who was a devoted member of the women's organization for many years.

No reservations or ticket purchase necessary since there are plenty of seats available...and the cost of the event has all been covered!

There will be no organized meal; however, you should plan to have lunch in one the various eating establishments in Bridgewater following the movie.



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 banks. We have made <u>twenty-seven</u> deliveries thus far, twelve 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 2865 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



#### Monday

Ecclesiastes 2:1-15 Galatians 1:1-17 Matthew 13:44-52 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 29

#### Tuesday

Ecclesiastes 2:16-26 Galatians 1:18—2:10 Matthew 13:53-58 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 133

#### Wednesday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 Galatians 2:11-21 Matthew 14:1-12 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 33 Thursday Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:3 Galatians 3:1-14 Matthew 14:13-21 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62

#### Friday

Ecclesiastes 2:1-15 Galatians 3:15-22 Matthew 14:22-36 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 64

#### Saturday

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 Galatians 3:23—4:11 Matthew 15:1-20 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 98



DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	07/03	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	07/04	INDEPENDENCE DAY	Office Closed Today
Wednesday	07/06	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
Thursday	07/07	Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	07/09	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	07/10	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
		10:50	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

# <u>Members of Grace Congregational Council</u>

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