



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

June 25, 2023

“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 Four*
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.

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 that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.



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

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
 3 "When through fiery tri-als your path-way shall lie,
 4 "Through-out all their life-time my peo-ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je-sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all-suf-fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply.
 my sov-'reign, e-ter-nal, un-change-a-ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem-ples a-dorn,

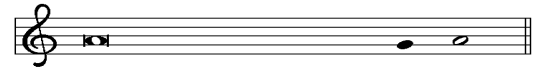
who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?
 up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand."
 your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo-som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Greeting

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

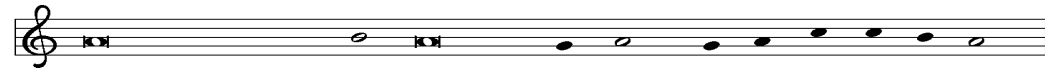
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



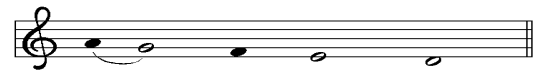
Lord, have mer - cy.



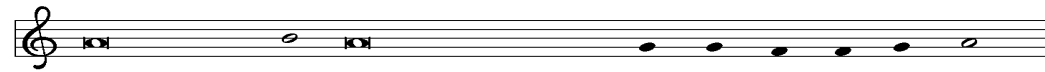
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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

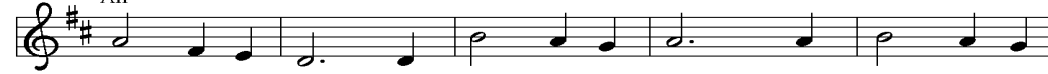
Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

We sit.

Word



First Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans:

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

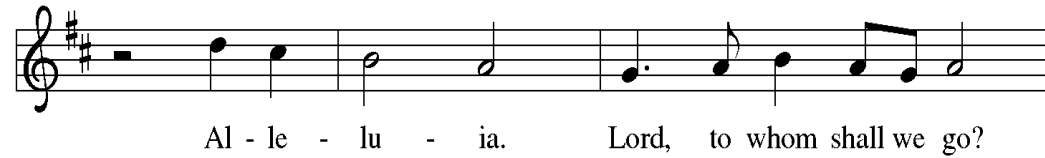
⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

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³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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.

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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In preparation for Holy Baptism at the font, the congregation is invited to come to the back of the Church where the font is located to be "the great cloud of witnesses" as we observe and celebrate God at work through Water and the Word, forgiving, rescuing from death and evil, and offering eternal salvation to Malachi Dolan. If you do not come to the back, please turn in your pew (as you are able) to face the font, and join in the service from your seat.

Holy Baptism

Presentation

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Sponsors presents the candidate:

We present Malachi Alan Dolan to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Jacob and Becca, as you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors.

Patrick and Becca, do you promise to nurture Malachi in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

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People of God, do you promise to support Malachi and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsor and the congregation.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Baptism

Malachi Alan Dolan, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Malachi with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen

The signed of the cross is marked on the forehead of the baptized.

Malachi, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized (sponsors).

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming
word to all the world.**

We return to our seats.

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.

I present Jacob Dolan, Rebecca Dolan, Virginia Dolan, Charles Wilson and Betty Karol Wilson who desire to make public their affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Introduction of New Members

We stand

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Peace

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

We sit.

Meal



Offertory

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*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

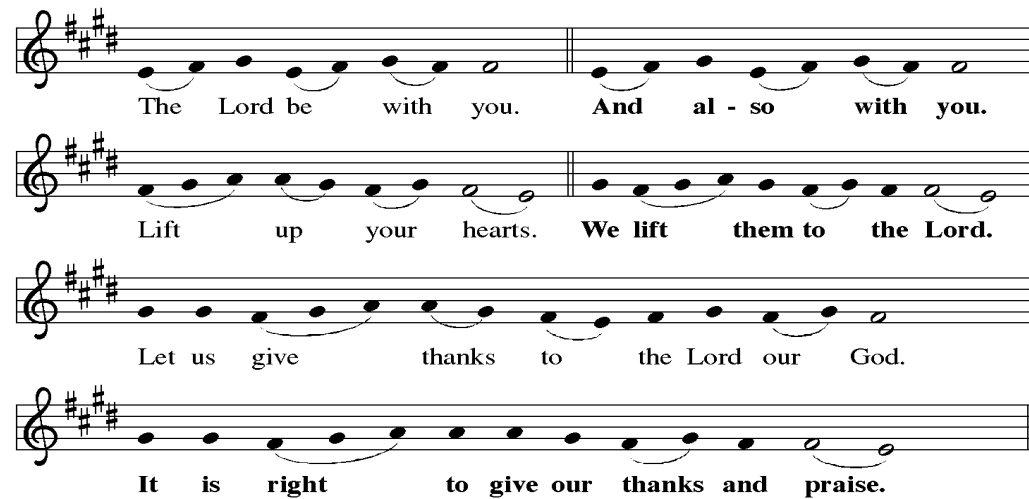
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are quarter notes with stems pointing up, and they are grouped by slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

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

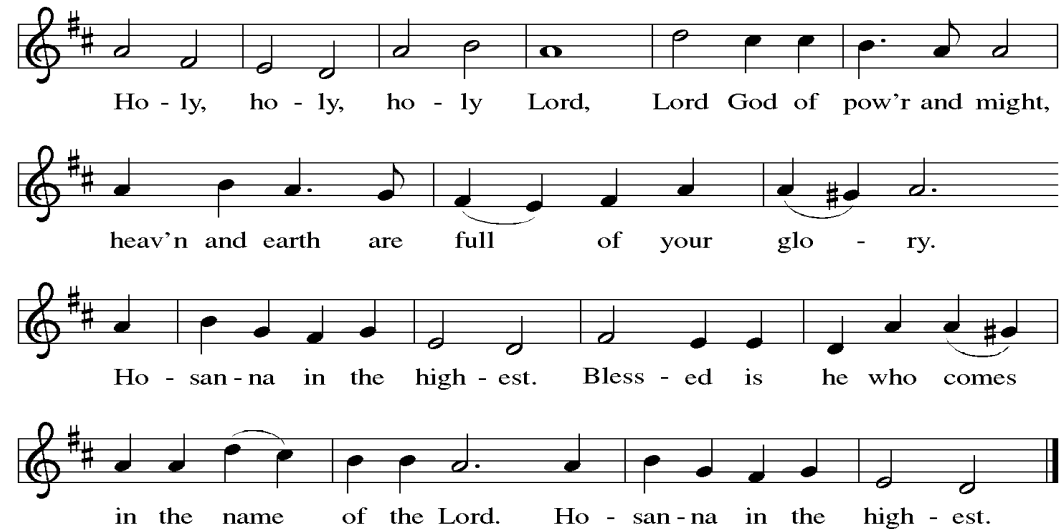
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.

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Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection and ascension,
we wait 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, 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

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
LORD'S
Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.
Thanks be to God.

We sit.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Holy Communion

We sit.

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)

Communion Distribution: One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:

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

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.

**We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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: *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Jesus, I Have Promised

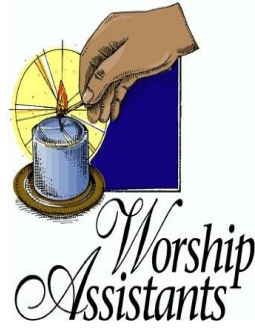
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild:

Assisting Minister:

Communion Assistant:

Council Person of the Week:

Offering Steward:

Gloria Nelson

Kathy Bump

Carolyn Hite

Jerry Kite

Pat Brady

David Proctor



*Chancel flowers this morning
are given to the glory of our Lord and in
memory of Jimmy Owens*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

July 2, 2023

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-23



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)

Lisa Gray

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

Heather Bolden Guinn, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace

Maxine McKinney, Friend of Grace

Susan Pingel, Sister of Pastor Pingel

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

Congregation of Christ Tabernacle's Move to Their New Church!

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

Marge Cloutier

Sandy Johnson

Kathy Johnson

David Schwiesow

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

Bill Aldridge, Friend of the Kites

Cathy Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Mike Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Natalie Dodge (2 year old cancer patient), Friend of the Almarodes

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

David Jones, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

Chris Jordan, Cousin of Mike Myers

James Pingel, Brother of Pastor Pingel

Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke

Kirsten Schwiesow, Daughter of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps

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Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends Continued

(Remain on List for three (3) months)

Sue Smoot, Friend of the Radeckes

Kay Truslow, Friend of the Trauschts

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

Family of Timothy Bradford, Friend of Grace from Christ Tabernacle

The Family and Friends of Laura DeLapp, Friend of Cindy Trauschts

Family of Bucky Lang, Friend of the Trauschts and Nancy Dowdy

Family of Jimmy Owens, Member of Grace

Family of Officer Mark "Chris" Wagner II

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Donna Yobs (6/26)

Everett Stratton (7/1)

The Needs of the World

Numerous storms and damage from the Northeast to Texas

Many Instances of War and Conflict around the World (Ukraine, Syria, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Sudan)

Our President, Vice-President, Senators, Congress, Governor and local leaders as they work for the Common Good

The immigration crisis at our U. S. borders; refugees in the millions around the world

Huguenot High School Graduation Shooting in Richmond, VA, #279 mass shootings in the United States

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

We celebrate the 200th anniversary of Zion Lutheran, Waynesboro, and pray for their continued ministry

Virginia Synod Bishop-Elect
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton

Our Neighbors

Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area

Baptism

Holy Baptism this Morning! We welcome into our family of faith Malachi Alan Dolan, who will be baptized this morning as a part of worship. His parents are Jacob and Rebecca Dolan; Godparents are Patrick Sidlovsky and Becca Ploetz. We also welcome many family members today! Welcome to each of you who have traveled here to Grace; and, of course, we celebrate with fellow Grace members Tom and Holly Carper (grandparents), and Chris and Adrienne Carper (aunt and uncle) and their children Mason and Wyatt (cousins).

Reaffirmation of Baptism



And Affirmation of Baptism! Affirming their baptism and joining Malachi as members of Grace are Jacob and Becca, and daughter Virginia; and also Charles and Betty Karol Wilson. Introducing them today are their Shepherds: Tom and Holly Carper (The Dolan's), and Steve and Karen Van Stee (the Wilson's). We look forward to living our faith in action together here at Grace!



Grace's Congregational Council has approved sponsoring a second mission trip to CICRIN, the Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center and School. The dates are February 2-10, 2024 and the tentative price is the same as this year: \$1,995 per person. Those who think they might be interested can speak with Grace members who were part of this year's team: Chuck and Judy Goodrich, Linda Meyer, Pastor Pingel, and trip leaders Mark and Tami Radecke. Anyone wanting to have a FAQ sheet emailed to them can contact Mark Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



Grace on the "ground floor" - Grace has been working with other local congregations to establish an Assistance Ministry that helps all Waynesboro congregations to pool their resources to:

- Better help local people and families in crisis with rent and other assistance
- Have one place where people in need can go, rather than "shop" all the churches
- Establish a database so as many people as possible are helped, with no duplication of services
- Offer casework services to families so they can receive the help they need to move from living in crisis to functional living, more able to focus on children and the more routine challenges of daily life.

Grace Council on May 16th approved our congregation as a "charter member" of this Assistance Ministry. We will be a part of putting together the policies on how the fund is used. Currently approximately 10 other congregations have expressed interest, with the hope that we continue to grow the number of participating churches. Please pray for this Ministry, and getting it up and running as soon as possible, as the need is great!



Grace Council Elects President and Vice-President –At its June 20th meeting, Grace Council re-elected Robin Crowder to serve as President of Grace Council for an additional 1-year term; and elected Allison Fink as Vice-President of Grace Council. She begins a 1-year term; her predecessor, Nancy Schwiesow's term on Council concluded in June, 2023. Ron Almarode continues as Treasurer of Grace congregation. Nancy Dowdy, our Grace administrative secretary, served as Secretary of Grace Council by providing minutes for each of our meetings. Robin, Allison and Ron will be installed for their new term on Sunday, July 9th.



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 ***thirty-four*** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,654 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Thanks to all for providing support (prayers, meals, snacks, supplies, coordination, STAIR BUILDING, check-in, check-out, and more) for this year's Hiker Ministry. Grace hostel closed for the season Saturday, June 17. Not as many hikers as in previous years, but a very appreciative group - as always! Until next year...Irma Graf

Project Esperanza Fund Drive—Last year, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ worked together to donate \$5520 to Project Esperanza. This year, our goal is to raise \$6000, enough money to support ten deserving students for a full year. We are already halfway to that goal, thanks to a \$2000 pledge from the Grace Endowment Fund and a \$1000 pledge from an anonymous donor. The Grace/COGIC Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice and the Grace All God's Children groups are sponsoring this fund drive but invite all members and friends of the two congregations to contribute.




Grace members can contribute directly to the Church, noting the money is contributed in support of Project Esperanza as a memo. We will collect funds throughout June and July, with the fund drive ending on August 3, 2023. The mission of Project Esperanza is to form a global community focused on creating positive change and a sustainable future for Haitian refugee and immigrant youths in the Dominican Republic through education and empowerment. For the past 16 years, Project Esperanza has served the Haitian refugee and immigrant population of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic in the areas of education, social aid, and community development. The project runs two schools serving 275 Haitian immigrant children in the Dominican Republic. It also provides housing, food, and family structure for a group of vulnerable youth and young adults. In collaboration with two universities, the project provides small business grants and loans to promote artistic training and a pathway to sales for the population it serves. More information is available at the project's web site: <https://esperanzameanshope.org/>

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Life of Grace Church
June 25—July 2, 2023

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	06/25	10:00 a.m. 	Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Baptism—Malachi Dolan New Member Affirmation of Baptism
Wednesday	06/28	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	06/29	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30—6:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) VMA Meet and Greet for New Director (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Zoom Meeting
Friday	06/30		
Saturday	07/01	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	07/02	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel , Preaching and Presiding First Sunday Fellowship—Church Council Pastor—Vespers at Summit Square

Monday

Deuteronomy 30:1-10
 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
 Luke 18:31-43
 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 29

**Thursday**

Ecclesiastes 44:19—45:5
 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
 Luke 19:28-40
 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 30:11-20
 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a
 Luke 19:1-10
 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 133

Friday

Ecclesiastes 45:6-16
 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
 Luke 19:41-48
 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 65

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 31:30—32:14
 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33
 Luke 19:11-27
 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 33

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 46:1-10
 2 Corinthians 13:1-14
 Luke 20:1-8
 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 98

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