

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Grace Evangelícal Lutheran Church May 9, 2021

" A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Service of the Word via You Tube (Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One) 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 <u>us</u> 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 <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We walk faith by sight; with by and not 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor 3 Help then, 0 Lord, our un - be lief; and 4 For you, 0 res ur - rec - ted Lord, are 5 And when our life of faith is done, in P O Christ, who spoke gra - cious words draw near, as fol - low where you your prom - ise trod; but in may our faith call a bound when to on you found in means di be - neath the - vine: wa - ter be - hold realms of clear - er light may we you 0. "My peace be here." none e'er spoke: with you and cry, "My God!" we re - joice, Lord and are near and seek where found: you you are be - neath the word, the bread wine. and and you are, with full and end - less sight. as

We Walk by Faith

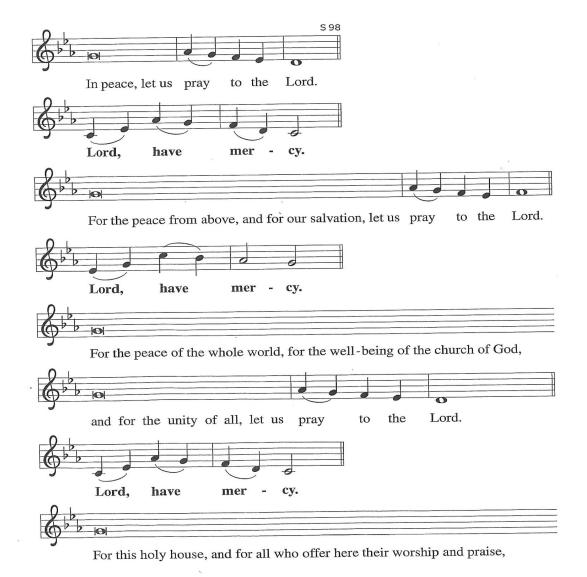
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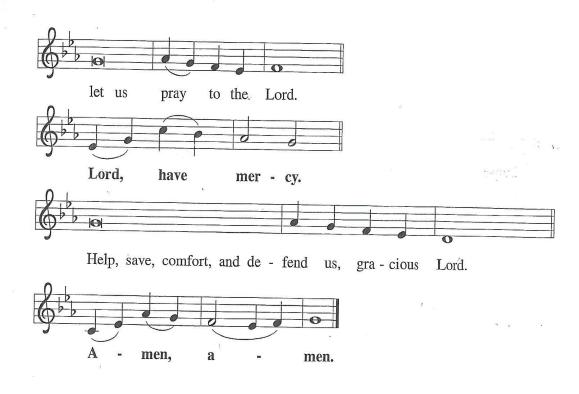
Greeting

The grace 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>



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Prayer of the Day

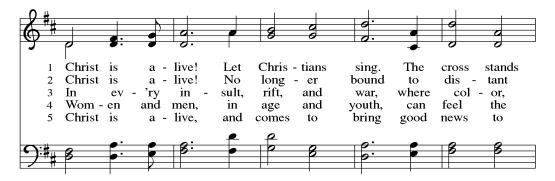
Let us pray.

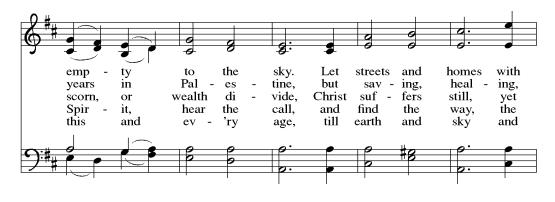
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

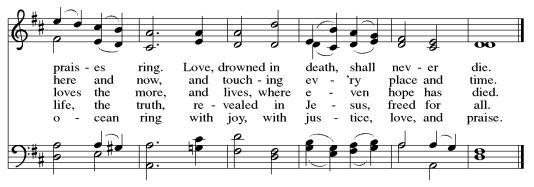
Lord of justification,

With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ. Amen.

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing







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Word

First Reading: Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

A reading from Galatians:

¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased ¹⁶to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; ¹²for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. ¹³And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Word

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Children's Message

The Van Bremen Family

<u>Sermon</u>

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Selection

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Hear us O God, Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meal

Peace

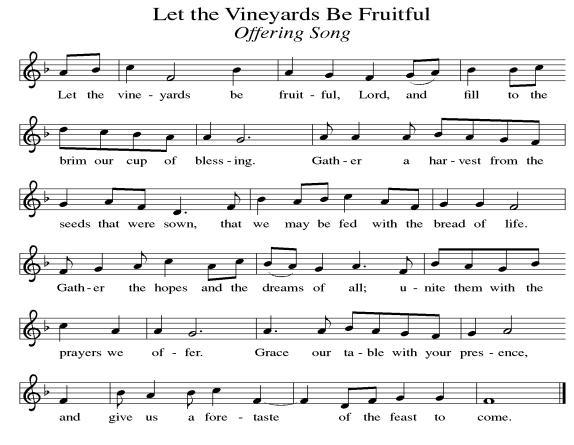
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.

The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.

The congregation stands.

Offertory Song



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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

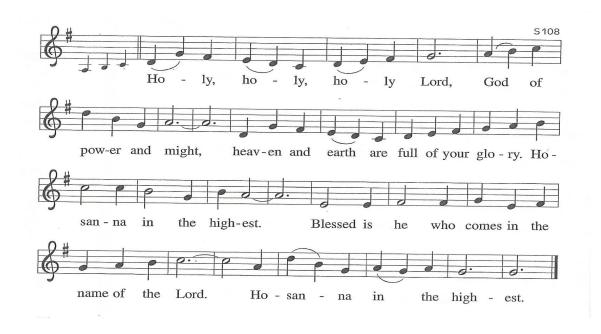
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Thanksgiving at the Table

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 is 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 in 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.

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

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.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

Thanks be to God!

"Lamb of God" may be sung.



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)

Communion Distribution: We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.

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

Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

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.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us,and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, I Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

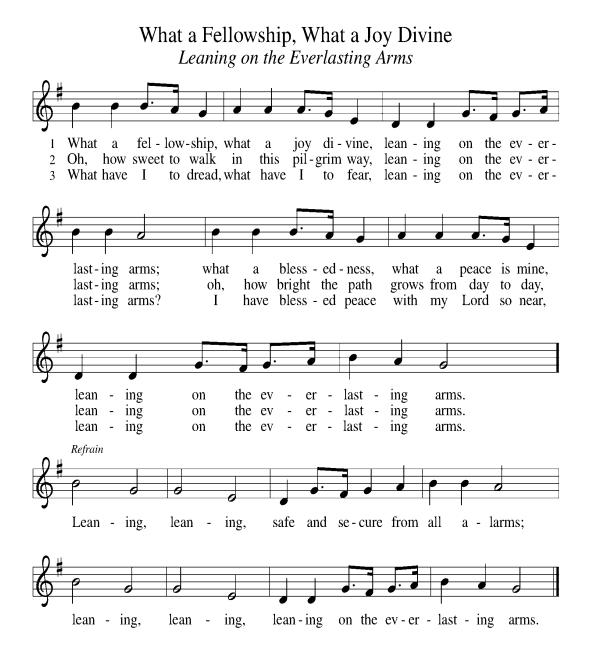
Sending Song: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

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<u>Dismissal</u>

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today Altar Flowers: Altar Guild: **Assisting Minister:** Children's Church: Council Person of the Week: **Offering Stewards: Temperature Takers: Ushers:**

Gail Johnson Jean Morgan Ron Almarode The Van Bremen Family Kathryn Johnson Pat Brady Holly Carper and Carolyn Hite Lee Lynch, Linda Meyer



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of our God and in memory of Tyrea H. Reid, Myrtle F. Reid and Peggy R. Johnson





Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

I Peter 2:9-10—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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*)

Beth Ann Doerring	Phyllis Kite
Frannie Knicely	Flossie Myers

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Gregory Barrette, Son of Bob and Carolyn Barrette Patrick Haynes, Nephew of Tomeys Connie Henson, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson Cindy Honeycutt, Friend of the Pingels David Lindsey, Friend of the Almarodes Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow Jacob O'Neil, Cousin of Eric Hilker Jennifer Robertson, Friend of Brad and Kim Hull

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

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)				
Liz Ann Binns	Fred Brower	Marie Brown		
Nancy Fitzgerald	Sandra R. Hoy	Bob Knemoller		
Glenn and Flossie Myers	Janet Parmer	Barb Susen		

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

Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson	Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife	Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Ernie Graham, Friend of the Schwiesows	Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps
Mike Huff, Brother of Donna Gum	George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving Family of James "Dennis" Critzer, Brother-in-law of Nancy Dowdy Family of Pete Giesen, Grace Member Family of Mary Grim, Sister of Ernestine Moomaw Family of Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum Family of Freda Hite, Mother of Bobby Hite Family of Freda Hite, Mother of Bobby Hite Family of Elliot Joyner Family of Kathy Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad Family of Jacob Robertson Family of Anne Seaton

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year Jim Kite Lisa Gray Richard Marshall

The Needs of the World

Too many gun incidents and the wisdom to move forward

Students and teachers as we draw to the close of a pandemic-affected School year

Our nation and the many conversations about race and a way forward together The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County

Annual Church ELECTION





Ways you can



Announcements

Grace Congregation Meeting Called for Sunday May 16th -We will be meeting after worship both In-Person and via Zoom in order to elect Grace Council members - five members for two-year terms beginning July, 2021. A Youth Member has yet to be determined. See the bio's of our nominees below, and plan on attending after worship on May 16th!

Return to In-Person Worship at Grace - Following bestpractice advice from our medical experts, we are limiting attendance to 30 people per worship service. You will need to sign-up each week by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday in order to attend the next Sunday. We will add an additional 8:30 worship if we exceed 30 wishing to attend.

Change in Grace's Office Hours Effective May 10: Grace's Office Hours remain Monday through Friday, with the following changes: Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.; (one hour for lunch) 12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

As we return to in-person worship, we need worship assistants. If you plan to return to in-person worship and could/would help with taking temperatures, offering stewards, ushering, etc., please call the Church Office if you can help!

Altar Flowers—Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers, especially now that we are having in-person worship. Please call the church office if you would like to sign up for Altar Flowers. May 16 and May 30 are all currently open.

Mission Endowment Fund—Submittals for grant requests from Grace's seven funds are <u>today</u>. See information in the Church Narthex, in the email/letter sent to you the week of April 19 or call the Church Office.





FOOD PANTRY Volunteero Bible Class continues in Galatians with Zoom and In-Person choices! Our Galatians Bible Study continues In-Person on Thursday mornings at 11:00 am in the Seminar Room, and by Zoom Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. This amazing letter is also a part of our Sunday worship texts over the next two weeks! Come and be a part In-Person, or via Zoom!

Prayer Vigil—A prayer vigil will be held every 3rd Saturday at 3:00 p.m. alternating between Constitution Park and North Park, May's will be on the 15th at North Park. We will meet with our friends in Christ from Christ Tabernacle for prayer for racial reconciliation for the community in which we are all a part. Prayer is critical to our life together. Come and be a part!

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>*fifteen*</u> deliveries thus far, seven to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



I have a congregation member, Sam Burns (DOB 10/15/54), who needs a **kidney transplant**. The doctor's have suggested to his wife, Donna, that we spread the word of this need far and wide in hopes of finding a living donor match. Inquiries as to the process and decisions about whether to proceed are anonymous. The family won't hear about anyone who inquires. The best way to begin is to call UVA transplant center at 1-434-924-0000. Reference Sam Burns and his birthdate. Basic information can be found at <u>https://unos.org/</u> <u>transplant/living-donation</u> Of course you can call me if I can be helpful. I also hold information confidential re: any discussions I have about this topic.

Shalom, Karen Taylor



Fresh Air, God's Creation, Christian Fellowship! Enjoy walk on the Greenway or the Tree Streets in downtown Waynesboro, on Thursdays at 8:30 am! In this time where outdoor fellowship no longer requires masks, our Grace Walker group has resumed! Come and enjoy good exercise, good fellowship and the beauty of Spring and Summer!

Life of Grace Church May 9-16, 2021

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	05/09	10:00 a.m. Happy Nother's Day!	Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of the Word In Person and via You Tube Communion Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	05/10	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	05/11	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall Grace Anti-Racism Group Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	05/12	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	05/13	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall Pastor Out of the Office Galatians Bible Class via Zoom Discussion with Christ Tabernacle Galatians Bible Class via Zoom
Friday	05/14	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall Pastor Out of the Office
Saturday	05/15	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation North Park
Sunday	05/16	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Easter Service of the Word In Person and via You Tube Communion Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



Holly Carper, Robin Crowder, Kim Hull, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Amy Warren Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative David Proctor, Secretary Ron Almarode, Treasurer Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer Charles Goodrich, Jinancial Secretary Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor Mike Myers, Organist, **Director of Music** Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Lunch 11:30-12:30) -Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m.—Noon - Friday Email: gracelc@lumos.net facebook.com/gelc.elca twitter.com/gelc elca youtube.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranChurchWaynesboro Internet: www.gracewaynesboro.org Email: gracelc@lumos.net