

AS FOR ME  
AND MY  
family,  
WE WILL SERVE  
THE  
Lord.

JOSHUA 24:15. NLT

***NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST***

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
October 16, 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 Now the Feast and Celebration  
(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 **as you are able**. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

## 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

## Temple Talk

## 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, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven ✙ and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

**#729, Page 4, Verses 1, 3, 5**

## Apostolic 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.**



## The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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## Kyrie

P In peace, in peace...

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part consists of two lines of music. The first line has the lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have' and the second line has 'mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' The Congregation's part is a single line of music with the lyrics 'mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.' and ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Verses'.

P For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...  
(to Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your  
Word...(to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

The Assistant's part is a single line of music with the lyrics 'Help, save and de - fend us, O'. The Congregation's part is a single line of music with the lyrics 'God. A - men.' and ends with a double bar line.

*Hymn of Praise, "Now the Feast" on bulletin page 6*

# NOW THE FEAST

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
 to the God of life and love and  
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
 er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
 slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
 nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
 God.

*to Refrain*

**Verse 2**

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

*See Refrain on bulletin page 6*

**Verse 3**

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

*See Refrain on bulletin page 6*

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

### **WORD**

#### **A reading from Joshua**

##### **Joshua 24:1-28**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; <sup>4</sup>and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. <sup>6</sup>When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup>When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. <sup>8</sup>Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. <sup>9</sup>Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, <sup>10</sup>but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. <sup>11</sup>When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites,

*Continued*



the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. <sup>12</sup>I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. <sup>13</sup>I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive yards that you did not plant.

<sup>14</sup>Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." <sup>23</sup>He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. <sup>26</sup>Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God." <sup>28</sup>So Joshua sent the people away to their inheritances.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

### Gospel: Matthew 4:8-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

Gospel

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him."

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: "Beautiful Savior"

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# Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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

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.

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.

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

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

## Prayers of Intercession

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

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

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

## Peace

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

PEACE  
BE 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)*

Offertory Response

**AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**


**Refrain**

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

**Verses**



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*to Refrain*

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Congregation:

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

Presider: Congregation:

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

Presider: Congregation:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

## Preface

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



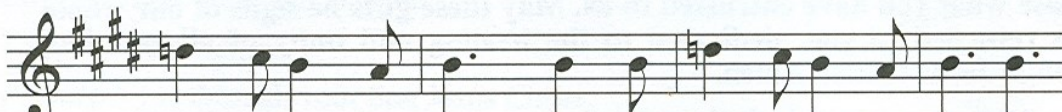
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection,  
and ascension,  
we await 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**

I will *praise*  
the name  
of *God*  
with a song, and will  
magnify him  
with  
*Thanksgiving.*  
Psalm 69:30, NKJV

### Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen



### Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*We sit.*

### 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.***

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the  
                                                  you break the chains of ha - tred and  
                                                  you are the way of jus - tice and  
                                                  you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,  
grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

## **The Communion Blessing**

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

**Amen**

## The Post-Communion Canticle

### THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

God of the abundant table,  
**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**



**Sending**

### Blessing

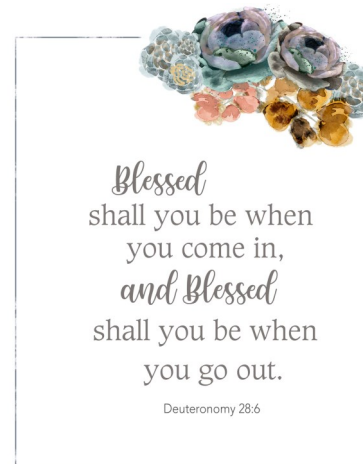
God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and  
love.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”*

### Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude



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# The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

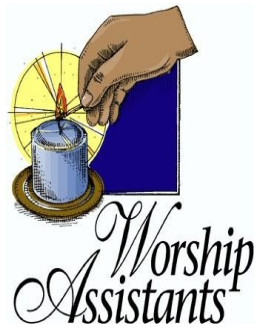
*Enviado soy de Dios*



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Rudy Yobs
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathy Meicke
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Thea Franklin
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Quinn Franklin Tripp Franklin
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Stephen Van Stee
<b>Covid Monitor:</b>	Gail Johnson
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jerry Kite Gail Johnson



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anne R. Yobs by Rudy, Lew and Donna Yobs*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**October 23, 2022**  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27, 12:1-9  
Psalm 51:1-9  
Matthew 21:33-41



*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\*)**

**William Proctor**

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

**Samantha Hesler**—Wife of Pat and Sandy Brady's Grandson

**Karen Mongold**, Friend of Kate Van Bremen

**Bruce Whitfield**, Father of Zanny Bandy

**Gordon Putnam and members of St. James Lutheran Church**, Friends to Many at Grace

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

**The marriage of Sam Biggers and Micah Davenport on Saturday, October 1st**

**The marriage of Hannah Lundstrom and Ty Comer on Saturday, October 8th**

**Gail Johnson's 55 years of service with Augusta Health**

**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**

**Jimmy Owens**

**Janet Parmer**

**Ingrid Sevigny**

**Lily Skelton**

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

**Timothy Bradford**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace

**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

**Darren Graf**, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

**Jen Kearney**, Friend to Many at Grace

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

**Regan Grant**, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump  
**James Hepner**, Father of Gloria Nelson  
**Sandy Higgs**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
**Rosalind Holt**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Joshua Horn**, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
**Helen McClung**, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow  
**Dot Metz**, Sister of Marge Cloutier  
**Margarett Neely**, Mother of Jill Pingel  
**Larry Spoon**, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many  
**Kay Truslow**, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
**Douglas Williams**, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year  
**Toretta Wyatt**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of Mike Jones**, Son of Carl and Peggy (Moyer) Jones  
**Family of Roy Stiehl**, Husband of June Stiehl

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

**Bill Meicke**  
**Susan Morrison**

**Aaron Lynch**  
**Ron Myers**

**Cabell Caister**



**The Needs of the World**

**Westminster and Grace's Congolese  
refugee family, the Mmeswa/  
Madawa family, are now in their 5th  
month in Waynesboro**

The great increase in mental health cases  
in our nation

**Teachers in our schools, and our children's  
learning this school year**

Victims (34) of Thailand childcare center  
shooting

**Victims of Hurricane Fiona and Ian**

Victims (125) of Indonesian stadium crush

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**

Our friends in Christ at St. John's Episcopal

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

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Pelham Area.



**Monday**

Job 40:1-24  
Acts 15:36—16:5  
John 11:55—12:8  
Morning Psalm 62, Evening 73

**Tuesday**

Job 40:1; 41:1-11  
Acts 16:6-15  
John 12:9-19  
Morning Psalm 12, Evening 36

**Wednesday**

Job 42:1-17  
Acts 16:16-24  
John 12:20-26  
Morning Psalm 96, Evening 132

**Thursday**

Job 28:1-28  
Acts 16:25-40  
John 12:27-36a  
Morning Psalm 116, Evening 26

**Friday**

Esther 1:1-4, 10-19  
Acts 17:1-15  
John 12:36b-43  
Morning Psalm 84, Evening 25

**Saturday**

Esther 2:5-8, 015-23  
Acts 17:16-34  
John 12:44-50  
Morning Psalm 63, Evening 125



**The Covid Policy of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, revised to the following as of Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- Masking during worship will be optional in all cases - the CDC Orange color will no longer mandate universal masking during worship.
- The CDC color of Waynesboro AND Augusta County will continue to be noted during the Phone Blast on Fridays, and will be on display on a table in the Narthex to inform worshipers of the risk level in our area.
- We will no longer register people for tracing at the table in the Narthex.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will continue to be made available on the narthex table where the CDC colors are displayed.
- Holy Communion will still be offered in the way it is currently offered. For now, pastor and assistants will still mask, during Distribution.
- We will take down the tape on the pews EXCEPT for a section (eight pews, meaning four taped and four usable pews) designated as a Socially Distanced worship area. Masking will not be required in this section.
- ANYONE who wishes to mask anywhere in the worship space is welcomed and encouraged to do so.

*Education will continue concerning:*

- the continuing risk of Covid, especially those who are immuno-compromised
- the importance of vaccination
- courtesy toward one another who have differing opinions
- encouragement to stay home when not feeling well
- the effectiveness of masking not only for Covid but flu, colds, etc.
- the shift of contact tracing onto individuals who attend worship - that in the event of contracting Covid, the worship attendee should be report their infection to those around them in worship, and the Church Office
- *will continue regularly in newsletter, bulletin and other Grace communications.*

This policy also applies to meetings other than Sunday worship: Valley Music Academy, Bridge, Newcomers and all other building users and events.

Food events – Funeral luncheons, receptions, special events, etc., will also be governed by This policy.

We will review the policy automatically in early December, OR if there is a dramatic change in infection and/or danger from current CDC or other official policy.



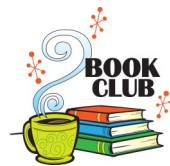
All God's Children will resume meeting to discuss and review ELCA information and lessons on Christian Nationalism on **Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room** and/or on Zoom. You can view Pastor Eaton in "Democracy and Faith Under Siege: Responding to Christian Nationalism" on YouTube. All are welcome to join the discussion. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please let Linda Meyer (540 256-2277) know so we give you the connection. For further information about this study group, contact Linda Meyer, Carolyn Barrette, or Rick Bump.



**New Member Class Available in October!** If God's Spirit is calling you to join in membership with the people of Grace, we'll be scheduling a class in October that works best with the schedule of everyone possible. There is also the opportunity to attend the class via Zoom if family or Covid levels prevent us from meeting together in-person. See the Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex, or call Nancy Dowdy at the Church Office 540-949-6171 if you are interested!



**All Saints Sunday is November 6, 2022**—Each year on All Saints Sunday we remember the saints who have gone before us; those Grace members who have received the promises for all time, of God's Grace given to us freely through Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection. In addition to Grace members, if you would like to include a family member or friend who has died, please notify the Church Office by Friday, October 28th.



**Grace Woman's Book Group**—Our book group will be meeting on Wednesday, October 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Augusta Kitchen. We will be discussing the book *Before and After* by Judy Christie and Lisa Wingate. If you are interested in our group, please join us to learn about the next 6 books we plan to read. Contact Kathy Bump with questions-(317) 440-8900



Youth and their people are invited to an **Ice Cream SUNDAY Party**, October 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring yourselves and something to the party at: [bit.ly/glwiyouth](http://bit.ly/glwiyouth)



**Mission Endowment Fund Awards Are Approved by Council** – Thanks to everyone who submitted proposals for the remaining Mission Endowment Funds. There was \$3,610 from the Grace Fund to award, and they've been given to the following agencies:

- \$1,500 for Sin Barreras (“Without Borders”) – a non-profit which provide education, resources and support to Spanish-speaking residents. A Waynesboro office of this Charlottesville based non-profit opened in 2021 to serve Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro residents.
- \$500 for The Haven – a Charlottesville shelter for homelessness and those facing extreme poverty.
- \$500 for Valley Mission – which has served residents in Staunton since 1971.
- \$610 for Georgia’s Friends/Georgia’s House – which helps women with drug/alcohol and mental health problems in Charlottesville and Albemarle County.
- \$500 for Western State – helping individuals who need help while seeking treatment (for education, therapeutic and preventative resources, recreational activities).

Thanks to Grace for your creative use for the blessing of the community Around us. God blessing us to be a blessing!



Thank you to all Grace Team members who walked in the **2022 CROP Walk** on September 25. Walkers were Gwen Kite, Sarah Beth Kite, Pastor Pingel and Karen Walck. Thanks to our generous members, the Grace Lutheran Team raised \$947 of our \$1,500 goal. There is still time to contribute towards this cause at [www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova). Our team name is Grace Lutheran Waynesboro. I appreciate everyone’s support of this project to help alleviate hunger in our community. Karen Walck



### Disaster Response across the U.S. and around the World:

- Hurricanes Fiona and Ian caused great damage to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Newfoundland; Ian drenched Florida and the Southeast.
- Typhoon Merbock caused widespread flooding in Alaska, with a very narrow time frame available for repairs before freezing weather sets in.
- A 7.7 magnitude earthquake shook Papua New Guinea in an area with a strong Lutheran presence (ELC-PNG), causing damage to buildings, roads and schools.
- Widespread flooding has washed away whole towns in Pakistan, with 1500 people believed killed.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used around the world to help those responding to natural disasters. Put "Lutheran Disaster Response" in the line item of your check.



**Covid Bivalent Booster Update** - The FDA and CDC approved a new Bivalent COVID vaccine for administration to help tackle traditional COVID variants and the new Omicron variants. This approved Bivalent "Booster Only" vaccine is now approved for administration and is designed to help fight against the new COVID variants. *Augusta Health has received the Bivalent vaccine and is now offering it.* For more information or to schedule your Bivalent booster you may log on to Augusta Health's website at [www.augustahealth.com](http://www.augustahealth.com). Bivalent Booster Clinics will be held at the Waynesboro Primary Care location (Lew Dewitt Blvd.) on Mondays and Wednesdays.



**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 ***twenty-nine*** deliveries thus far, fourteen 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 3075 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**  
**October 16-23, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	10/16	10:00 a.m.	<b>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	<b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b>
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
Monday	10/17	2:00 p.m.	<b>Strategic Planning Priority Team Meeting</b> <i>(Conference Room)</i>
		7:00 p.m.	<b>All God's Children Book Study</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	10/18	9:30 a.m.	<b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Council Meeting</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	10/19	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
		11:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Women's Book Group</b>
Thursday	10/20	8:00 a.m.	<b>Newcomers</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	<b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	<b>CCE&amp;J Group</b> (Zoom)
Saturday	10/22	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall))
Sunday	10/23	10:00 a.m.	<b>Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>Commitment Sunday</b>
		10:50 a.m.	<b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b>
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class</b>

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