

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 500 South Wayne Avenue Waynesboro, VA 22980

November 29, 2020

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

Service of Holy Communion via YouTube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

Congregational responses are in bold print

In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.

MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,

we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ.

Amen

People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, + comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Musical Presentation

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.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

God, of deliverance,

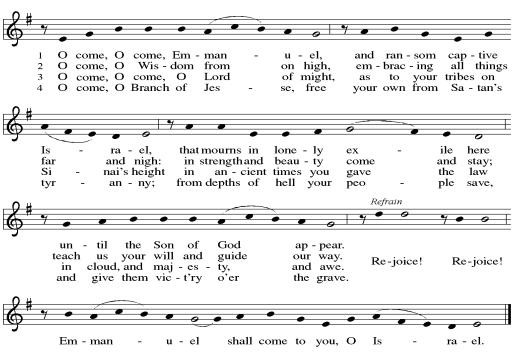
You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshipping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and sea. Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. Refrain
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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Lighting the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen

Word

First Reading: Daniel 6:1-3. 6-27

A reading from Daniel:

¹It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, ²and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. ³Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom.

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day."

¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions — they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

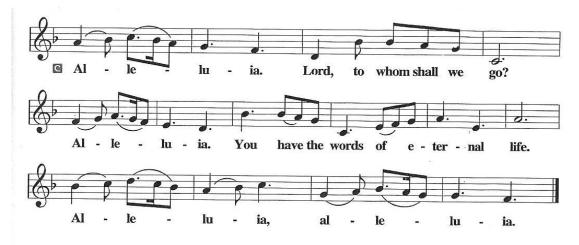
²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For he is the living God, enduring forever.
His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end.

27He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 23:1-5

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Stollings/Cooper Family

<u>Sermon</u>

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven.

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

Blessing

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long expected Savior fill you will love, and unexpected Spirit guide your journey, + now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Blessed Be the God of Israel



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Assisting Minister: Donna Gum

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Nancy Schwiesow

Council Person of the Week: Robin Crowder

Children's Sermon: The Stollings/Cooper Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving and celebration for the 70th birthday of David Schwiesow



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent Service of the Word via YouTube 10:00 a.m.

Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Kelly Bayer Derrick Preaching & Presiding

Joel: God's Promised Spirit
Joel 2:12-13, 28-29
Luke 11:13



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. 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*)

Caroline Biggers Beth Ann Doerring Sandy Johnson

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

Sarah Donnelly, Friend of the Almarodes
Curt Fitzhugh, Brother-in-Law of Holly Carper
Karen Sue Koogler, Missing...Neighbor of Meeks
Taunya McDonald, Friend of Grace from Christ Tabernacle
Georgette North, Friend of Tomeys
Donna Rowley, Friend of Kathy Johnson

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

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald Pete Giesen Sandra R. Hoy
Bob and Carol Knemoller Bobby Moyer Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum
Barbara Shifflett and Family

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht
George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

The Family of Ginger Hood, Sister-in-law of Kathy Johnson The Family of Lula Lee, Mother of Pastor C. D. Brown The Family of Billy Limbert, Ex-brother-in-law of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Tripp Franklin Woody Graf Kathy Bump David Schwiesow

Wyatt Carper

Congratulations

Hattie Ann Pultz, Daughter born to Lisa Marie and Justin Pultz, Great-Granddaughter of Dick and Linda Tomey

The Needs of the World

Our Nation, newly elected leaders, and those re-elected

Veterans, and their service to our nation

The continuing Covid-19 Season we are in, and those finalizing safe vaccines

Families affected by Covid-19 - death, health, employment

The Flu Season of this year

Those affected by Wildfires and Hurricane damage

Those affected by earthquakes in Turkey and Greece

The Church

Thanksgiving to our God for the blessings of our lives - family, vocation, friends, opportunities to love our neighbors, and for God's presence in difficult times

Our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James, Bethlehem and Bethany Lutheran Churches, and Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch and Market Streets, and the Tree Streets





Advent Worship this December - Watch, Wait and Wonder - We join with Bethlehem, St. James and Zion to worship on <u>Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. via YouTube or Zoom beginning December 2nd</u>. Pastors Karen Taylor (12/2), Gordon Putnam (12/9), Wes Smith (12/16) and Pastor Paul (12/23) will bring a message of watching, waiting and being open to the wonder of God's love in Jesus Christ, and we will sing the richness of the treasury of Advent hymns

as a part of worship. Go to www.gracewaynesboro.org to find the link to our YouTube channel, and join us Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



<u>Christmas Eve at Grace</u>: We will offer three worship services for Thursday, December 24th:

hristmas Eve NOTE: We will re-locate our Parking Lot Worship to the main parking lot Worship for Christmas Eve. All cars will be parked on the newly re-paved asphalt on level ground.

- 4:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot There will be space for 22 cars to take part in the Worship Service outdoors, gathered together for Christmas Eve! Call the Church Office (540-949-6171) to sign up for one of the spots, for this late afternoon worship celebration of our Savior's birth!
- 5:30 p.m. in the Parking Lot This is an early Evening Worship service for 22 cars outdoors, gathered for Christmas Eve. Again, *Call the Church Office (540-949-6171)* to sign up for one of the spots, for this evening worship celebration of our Savior's birth!
- 7:00 p.m. You Tube and Zoom worship service We celebrate our Savior's Birth with the
 Worship space decorated with the Creche, Poinsettias and other greenery reminding us
 of God's great love for the World in Jesus Christ. No sign-up necessary! Tune in via You
 Tube or Zoom.

Holy Communion will be offered as a part of all three worship services. *For any of the services*, sign up via the email or letter to receive or pick up your Communion chalices.





In-Person Worship at Grace <u>Update</u> - <u>Advent and Christmas</u> Because of the current resurgence of Covid-19, both nationwide AND in our area (Augusta Health declared a tripling of cases in the last week), we will continue to meet via You Tube and Zoom

through the Season of Advent.



Assistant to the Bishop Kelly Bayer Derrick to preach **December 6th - Making up for a postponed Sunday earlier** this year, Pastor Bayer Derrick will preach this Sunday, Ve Are Church, December 6th at our 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship service. In addition, we will mark this year 2020 as the 50/40/10 Celebration Year of Ordination for women.

women of color, and LGBTQ clergy able to serve churchwide in the ELCA, with a Litany as a part of the service.



Contemporary Lord's Prayer during Advent - The four Sundays of Advent, we will use the Contemporary Lord's Prayer in worship. Being able to recite the Lord's Prayer without pause is important - Martin Luther spoke of the importance of knowing the Lord's Prayer, and being able to pray it without hesitation. What our times of praying the Contemporary version allow us is the opportunity to hear and remind ourselves - using slightly different language - why we pray this most important prayer that our Lord Je-

sus taught us. It orients us to God, and our neighbor when we pray. We pray that God's will is done in our daily lives, ask God to give us what we need, and pray that we see our neighbor with the same regard we have for ourselves, acknowledging the times we sin, as well as the sin we see in others. We also pray to forgive in a world that encourages us to pay wrong back. So pray the Contemporary version boldly this Advent season!





Stewardship, Finance and Congregation Meeting: Our Finance Team will be finalizing their recommendation for the 2021 Budget this week, and Council will meet for a specially called meeting on December 8th to offer their recommendation for the 2021 Budget for Congregational vote on Sunday, December 20th. We are grateful for the commitments and response to our Stewardship

emphasis this year! If you've yet to respond, please respond by *tomorrow*, *Monday*, *November 30th to the Church Office before 10am*, so your response to *Prayer*, *Pledges and the Pandemic* can be added to Grace's commitment to God's Mission in our community.



Many thanks to our Advent Wreath assemblers! Jack Eckstrom, Jerry Kite, Lee Lynch, Linda Meyer, Ron Myers, Gordon Putnam, and Mike Trauscht put up our Advent Wreath at the front of Grace! Many thanks also to Liz Ann Binns and her son Steve, who graciously provided the greens from the Binns' property for the Wreath again this year. And thanks to Ron Myers for helping to cut and transport the greens to Grace. Drive by and have a look, Wayne Avenue side!



Student Care Center at Grace - Our staff is recovered from Covid, and we anticipate opening tomorrow. It will be located in the Fellowship Hall, with use of kitchen and downstairs\bathrooms, and will be from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

There is a need for transportation providers to bring younger children from local elementary schools to the

Grace between 2:30 - 3:30 in the afternoon. If you can help, please contact the Church Office, or Pastor Paul.



Christmas at Disciples' Kitchen—We have a request to help with gift bags for the Disciples' Kitchen participants this Christmas. We would like to collect 20 pairs of socks (men's and women's), 10 pair of adult gloves, deodorant, children's toothbrushes, children's toothpaste and children's knit hats. We will have a box for the items in the hallway near the Church office. We need to have them by December 10th.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to Wildfires and Hurricanes - Fires out West devastating territory larger than the entire state of New Jersey; Hurricanes Laura, Sally, Delta and Eta arriving through the Gulf of Mexico in a six week period, rocked the Gulf coast of Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, wreaking devastation across these states. You can help through LDR. Donate through elca.org, or through Grace, with "LDR Wildfire and Hurricane" in the memo line.

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 ten deliveries thus far, six to Main Street United Methodist, and four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Life of Grace Church November 29-December 6,2020

	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	11/29	10:00 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	11/30	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12/1	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 p.m.	Round Tables via Zoom
Wednesday	12/2	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 p.m.	Advent Worship Service via YouTube Karen Taylor—Bethlehem
Thursday	12/3	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		5:30 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Friday	12/4	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	12/6	10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday in Advent Service of the Word via YouTube
		10:50 a.m.	Pastor Kelly Bayer-Derrick, Preaching Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding



Monday

Isaiah 1:1-20 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday

Isaiah 1:21-31 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 20:9-18

Wednesday

Isaiah 2:1-4 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 Luke 20:19-26

Thursday

Isaiah 2:5-22 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Luke 20:27-40

Friday

Isaiah 3:1—-4:1 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 20:41—-21:4

Saturday

Isaiah 4:2-6 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 21:5-19



Members of Grace Congregational Council

Linda Meyer, President

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Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,

Anne Putnam

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Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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