

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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

October 18, 2020

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

Service of the Word 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 the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen

Musical Presentation

Greeting

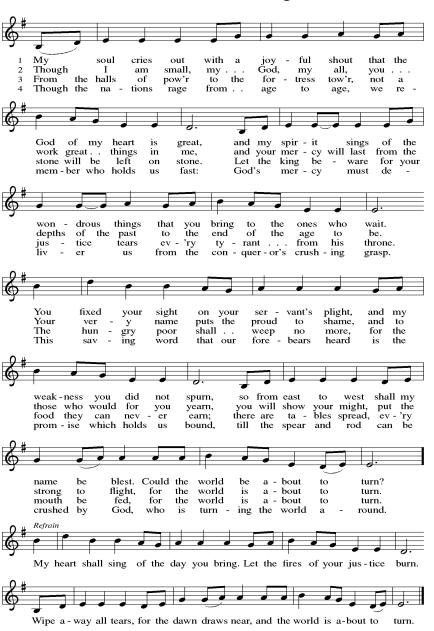
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

<u>Hymn of Praise</u>: "Canticle of the Turning"

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Canticle of the Turning



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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

God who answers prayer,

We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. **Amen**.

Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20, 2:1-10

A reading from 1 Samuel:

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

Continued

¹Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory." ²"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God." ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength." ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread. but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn." ⁶The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts." ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world." ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail." ¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered: the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Jones Family

<u>Sermon</u>

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Rutter
Combined Choirs of Grace Lutheran
And St. John's Episcopal (2010)

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,

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

he ascended into heaven,

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

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of 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.

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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.
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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: "For All the Faithful Women" Page 11 Verses 1,2,4,6,11

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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For All the Faithful Women



and led him in your ways. Raise up in ev'ry household true teachers of your word whose lives will bear clear witness to Christ, our risen Lord.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Assisting Minister: Karla Rankin

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Rudy Yobs

Council Person of the Week: Jerry Kite

Children's Sermon: The Jones Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of Anne Yobs

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons



October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday
Service of the Word via YouTube and
Car Worship
10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

Pastor Paul Pingel Preaching & Presiding

God's Promise to David 2 Samuel 7:1-17 Luke 1:30-33



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*)

Beth Ann Doerring Ty Elliott Rudy Yobs

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

Jim Pence, Retired Zion Pastor
Pat Jones Redden, Niece of the Moyer's
Nate Rolund, Nephew of the Bradys

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
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht
George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Barbara Shifflett and Family

Members/Friends Grieving

The Family of Betty Jo Fogleman, Wife of Reverend Al Fogleman
The Family of Reverend Robert Graetz
The Family of Sara Klutz, Sister-in-Law of Flossie Myers
The Family of Gerald Reineke, Brother of Eleanor Sampson
The Family of Mickey Shook, Grace Member
The Family of Mary Glover Smith, Mother of Rev. Pat Nabers

Celebration

Birth of Ira Lee Bustamente, Great-Granddaughter of Eleanor Sampson

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year</u> Susan Morrison Margaret Quickel Lee Lynch

The Needs of the World

The Election of our next President,
Vice President and Cabinet
and the exercise of our
freedom to vote

The Supreme Court and process of selection of a new Justice

The test trials for Covid-19 vaccines and treatments

The 210,000+ deaths due to Coronavirus in the United States, and over 1,000,000 worldwide

75 Wildfires currently burning in the American West (over 7,000 square miles, the size of the state of New Jersey)

Damage and Flooding caused by Hurricanes Laura, Sally and Delta from Florida to Texas

The National (and Churchwide) conversation about Race and Anti-Racism

The Church

Our Confirmands: Thea Franklin, Karley Hull, and Kiera Mahoney

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

Our unity in Christ over <u>all</u> other loyalties and preferences

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Wayne Hills and Basic Neighborhoods

Wednesday Class Offerings!!



Zoom Bible study began October 14th at 9:00 a.m. and will be for four weeks. It will be co-led by Gordon Putnam and Melvin Janzen. Melvin and Gordon were chaplains together at UVA hospital. Melvin is a Mennonite minister. We will be using a study guide that comes from the Mennonite

perspective. We are inviting St. James members along with members from Christ Tabernacle and Grace Lutheran. We are hoping this ecumenical Bible study and sharing will give us a rich, diverse and maybe a new understanding of God's Word and how our lives are affected by it. If you would like to participate contact Pastor Gordon and he will send you the Zoom link.

The outline for each week is: Check in, read the scripture, reflect on the scripture, some background on the scripture and discussion. The four weeks themes are:

- 1. Saul's Call, To remember that salvation begins with the call of the Lord Jesus and to discern how Jesus' call continues in our lives today. Acts 9:1-20; 22:3-18; 26:9-18
- 2. Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It, To marvel at God's unfathomable love, as expressed in Jesus Christ, and to tell and show others, even our enemies, of the reconciliation and life in Christ that is available to all. Romans 1:8-17: 5:1-11
- 3. **The Difference of One**, To reflect on the effect of Christ's righteousness and grace on humankind and in our lives, motivating us to live for Christ. Romans 5:12-21
- 4. **Beautiful Feet**, To discern what it means to know and share the salvation that is ours through Jesus Christ. Romans 10:5-17



Book Study Offered Again - In response to inquiries made during our recent Anti-Racism Forums, Pastor Paul is offering a study of the best-selling book White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo once again. The class will be offered by Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up by emailing or calling the Church Office and letting Nancy Dowdy know. It's not too late to sign up! God has

set us in a time of history where the Church can no longer be an "institution" that is content to be the most segregated body in our nation. The New Testament itself is clear about how the Holy Spirit regularly guides the Church to cross boundaries of race and class as it gives witness to the Gospel in the world. Understanding the ways we have been content with the unequal treatment of our friends in Christ of color is important, so we can move forward as God's people together in witness to the world.



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Holy Communion October 25 and November 1 - Letters/emails will be sent to your as before. Please respond either via the Google Survey attached to your email, or send the paper survey to the church office by Friday, October 16 for the October 25 Communion and by Wednesday, October 21, for the November 1 Communion.

For all who sign up for Holy Communion, you may pick up your Holy Communion chalices from the Church Office the week before Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Friday until noon; or if you prefer to have them delivered, you will be contacted the week before for your delivery. Holy Communion is *just that*; a Communion of believers gathered to remember and receive God's Grace through Jesus' offer of his very self. Please covenant to participate LIVE, and using the Holy Communion chalices provided, so we all receive God's grace together and equally.



All Saints Sunday is November 1, 2020—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 23rd.



Opportunity for Online Volunteer Tutoring - Love INC, a local organization that helps families in need, has an opportunity to help tutor youth online in our area. The newsletter contains basic information and a link that will take a potential volunteer to an informational session to find out more:

https://mailchi.mp/f43eaa833e2c/more-information-sessions-plus-updates-for-applicants

Here is a link directly to the Information Session scheduling page: https://sawtutoring.as.me/TutoringInformationSession

A lot of work has been put into this by the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Tutoring Network and it provides an excellent opportunity for us to serve our communities and meet a very big need.





Commitment Sunday is on All Saints, November 1st—Grace's Stewardship Emphasis begins next Sunday, October 25th, with Temple Talks on that date and on Commitment Sunday, November 1st. Look for information to be sent your way in the coming week! We know the generous STEWARDS act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (II Corinthians

8:9). We rejoice together that in this Covid-19 year, your response to Christ's generous act has also been generous, and look for your continued response in support of our ministry and life together to trust in Christ's strength, even as we move forward "on paths untrod" as this year ends and a New Year begins, knowing "God's hand will guide us!"



Student Care Center to open at Grace on November 2nd! At long last there is enough staff available for the "C4" area-wide program—which provides care for students whose parents work—to open at our Grace location! Mondays through Fridays, 7am-6pm, 18-20 students and YMCA staff will be present onsite learning and receiving care for their distance learning, at Grace! Pray for the students and for

the Student Care Center program!



Gods Work Our Hands Service Project—Each year in September, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) encourages the congregations of the denomination to engage in work that shows us faithful and active in love. This year there were two Grace projects:

On Saturday September 12, as part of God's Work our Hands week, a team from Grace and Zion worked with Renewing Homes Greater Augusta

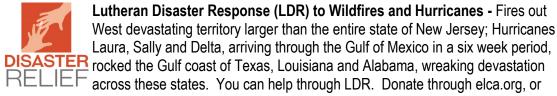
to build a wheel chair ramp for a family near Augusta Springs. Interestingly 10 years ago, we replaced the roof on their home. And, on Friday, September 25th, a team from Grace worked on the Grace Room at WARM, replacing flooring that had buckled due to a large water spill.





Grace HVAC Update - We are grateful to Ray Battani, a past Grace member, for his help in taking a look at our HVAC system at Grace. In this time of Covid, he is helping Grace to be sure that our HVAC meets fresh air standards, and brings new air into the building in order to reduce the chances of Covid or other germs/viruses being spread in the air. Ray shared that a simple change of filters to a MERV 10 (Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value)

has been shown to reduce Covid spread by 70%. Introducing outside air further reduces the chances of Covid inside. We also need to replace four of our A/C units which are nearing 20 years old and are beyond repair. Brad Keefer, Jerry Kite, Mike Trauscht, and Ray are looking at necessary replacement units for our A/C, and the modifications necessary to our entire system to upgrade our HVAC. We'll provide additional updates as their work progresses, and give thanks for their time and expertise!



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 *eight* deliveries thus far, four to Main Street United Methodist, and three 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 October 18-25,2020

| Day of the Week | Date | Time | Meeting |
|------------------|-------|------------|--|
| TODAY— SUNDAY | 10/18 | 10:00 a.m. | Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding |
| | | 10:50 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |
| Tuesday | 10/20 | 7:00 p.m. | Congregation Council via Zoom |
| Wednesday | 10/21 | 9:00 a.m. | Bible Study via Zoom |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Book Study via Zoom |
| Thursday | 10/22 | 5:30 p.m. | Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom |
| Sunday | 10/25 | 10:00 a.m. | Reformation Sunday Service of the Word via YouTube Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding |
| | | 10:50 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |

Monday

Hosea 2:2-15 Acts 20:17-38 Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday

Hosea 2:16-23 Acts 21:1-14 Luke 5:12-26

Wednesday

Hosea 3:1-5 Acts 21:15-26 Luke 5:27-39 Thursday

Hosea 4:1-10 Acts 21:27-36 Luke 6:1-11

Friday

Hosea 4:11-19 Acts 21:37—22:16 Luke 6:12-26

Saturday

Hosea 5:1-7 Acts 22:1-29 Luke 6:27-38

devotions



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Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,

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