



Each of you should
look not only to
your own interests,
but also to the
interests of others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 1, 2023*

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,
the community, and the world.”*

Service of Holy Communion

(All Creation Sings—Setting 12)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.

We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.

Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.

As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Practice of Setting 12 Prior to Worship

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—Embracing Grace: Generous, Loving and Caring 2.0
Our Mission Outreach Ministry

Jerry Kite



We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Have mercy, O God,
**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**
**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**
**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**
**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**
Amen.

As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

GATHERING

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The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

The Feast Is Ready



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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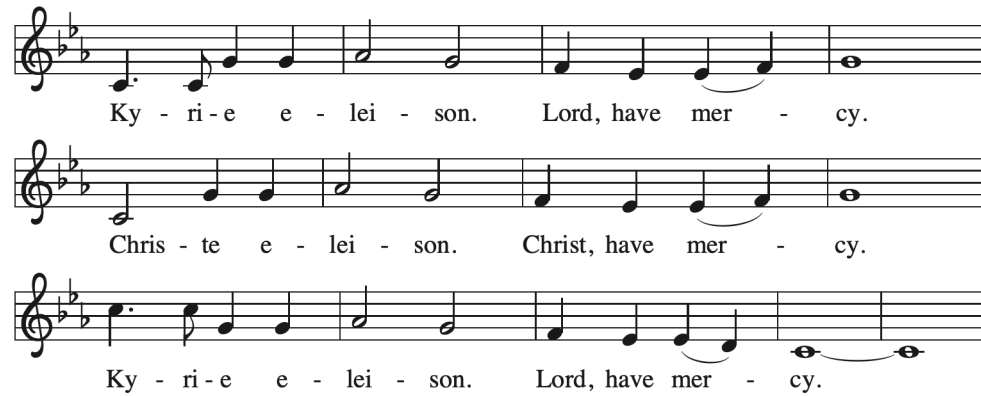
THE FEAST IS READY
LM and refrain

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.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We sit.

Word

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

We read responsively.

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹**You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Philippians:

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

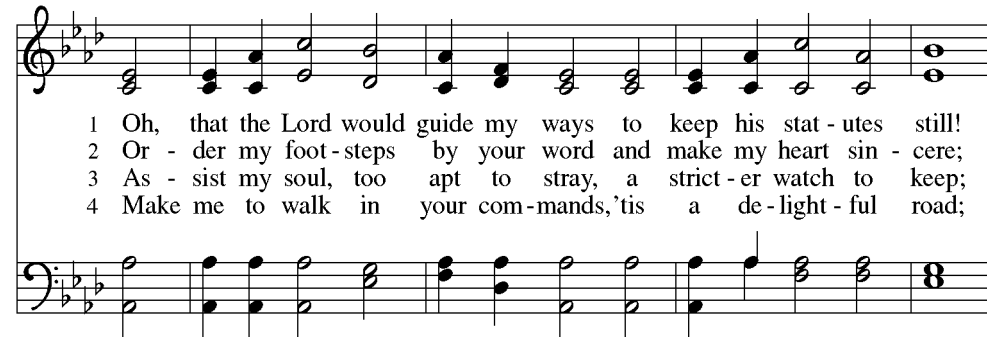
Sermon

Pastor Pingel


Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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.**

Apostle's Creed in Swahili

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

**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.**

**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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

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

God of grace
Hear our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

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

We sit.

Meal



Offertory

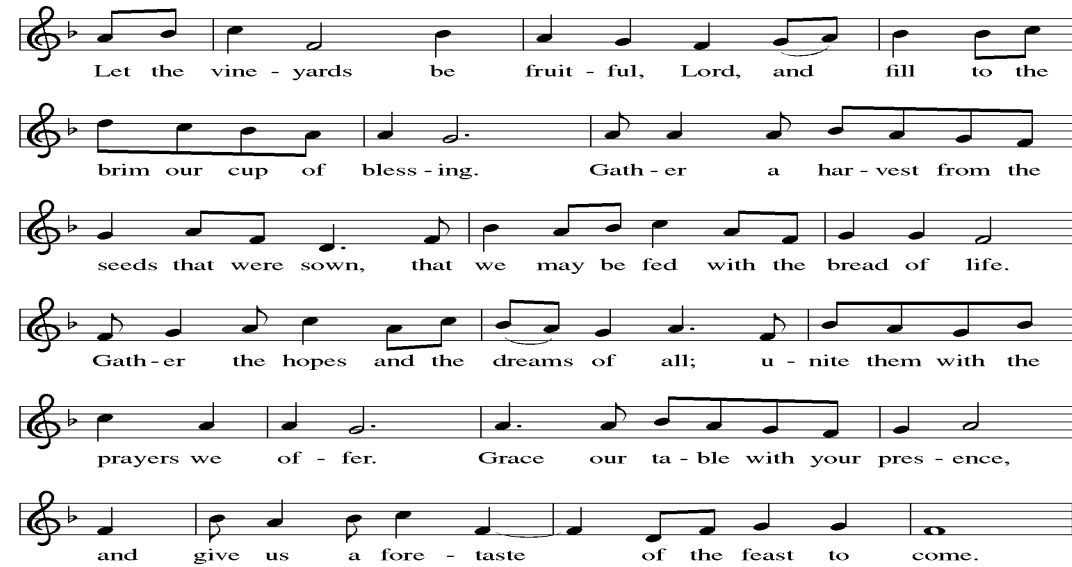
We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)

We stand.

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



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

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all
creation is yours, and your faithfulness
is sure. Word and water, wine and bread:
these are signs of our abundant grace.
Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to
proclaim your abiding love in our communities
and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our
strength and our song.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Continued

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and". The second staff continues with "God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your". The third staff has "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth staff says "Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff has "Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The sixth and final staff concludes with "Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 the 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 his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

Amen

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, power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.
Thanks be to God.

We sit.

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.



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

The Holy Communion

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.

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

We stand.

The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord,
we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ.
Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word
and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in + Christ, Jesus.
Amen.

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

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Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

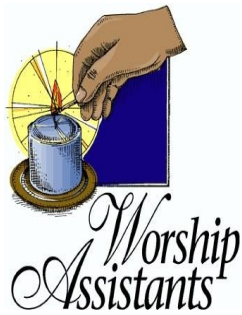
Enviado soy de Dios



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

Altar Flowers:	<i>Berenice Archambeault</i>
Altar Guild:	
Assisting Minister:	<i>Tripp Franklin</i>
Communion Assistant:	<i>Ron Almarode</i> <i>Carolyn Hite</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Stephen Van Stee</i>
Offering Steward:	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>Vivian Proctor</i>
Ushers:	<i>Rick Bump</i> <i>Jerry Kite</i>

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Isaiah 5:1-7


Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46



*Chancel flowers are given this morning
to the glory of God and
In Memory of George Archambeault,
husband of Berenice Archambeault*



Prayer List

*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.*

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Robin Crowder

Janet Parmer

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

Bill Aldridge—Friend of the Kites

Mike Arbaugh—Friend of Linda Tomey

David Carpenter, Friend of Donna Gum

Wayne Comer—Grandfather of Ty & Hannah (Lundstrom) Comer

Sean Donnelley, Friend of the Almarodes

Mia Eckstrom, Granddaughter of Jack & Antoinette Eckstrom (knee surgery)

Zaneta Freeman, Sister of Debra Freeman Belle

Leslie McCarthy, friend of Rew and Karen Walck

Cinzia Occhioni, Niece of Linda Meyer

Doug Price, ELCA Deacon

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

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

Emily Almarode

Genevieve Arneson

Marge Cloutier

Sandy Johnson

Phyllis Kite

Glenn Myers

Tom and Carol Varner

Continued

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

Gary Barrette, Brother of Bob Barrette
Rebekah Bircher, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson
Caitlin Binda Bomar, Friend of Many in Our Community
Sandie Hammel, Friend of Gail Johnson
Neil Harris, Friend of the Trauschts
Marcy Haywood, Friend of the Trauschts
Carrie Humphreys, Former Grace Member
Dick Longworth, Friend of the Trauschts
Jennifer McDonald, Friend of the Radeckes
Taunya McDonald, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Phoenix Oberg, Friend of Sarah Kite
James Pingel, Brother of Pastor Pingel
Charles and Ruth Ann Williams, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson

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

Family of Chucky Bergdorf, former Assistant Principal at Kate Collins

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Marlene Shaw (10/1)
Dottie Sheaffer (10/2)
Marge Cloutier (10/4)

Thomas Blosser (10/1)
Bob Barrette (10/2)
Lindsey Skelton (10/7)



The Needs of the World

Those in peril from severe weather, hurricanes, earthquake and floods

Peace in the World—Those whose lives are shattered by war; those victimized by human trafficking

The prayer of Jesus—That we may find unity in Christ, and in our nation’s laws and living, that all people—regardless of color, ethnicity, and gender—might find a way forward together in the love of God, and beyond the fears and anxieties of our time.

Our elected officials and those serving in all areas of government (federal, state, and local); and for decisions and work that serve the common good.

The Church

Grace’s Strategic Planning

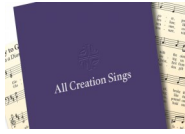
Our friends in Christ at Main Street United Methodist Church, following their vote to remain in the United Methodist Church

Virginia Synod Bishop

**Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton,
beginning her term as
bishop**

Our Neighbors

Our Neighbors near the Orchard Creek Area



New Setting at Grace debuts Today- The ELCA created a new supplemental hymnal called *All Creation Sings* in 2020. Covid delayed its use in many congregations, including ours. It is the most recent hymnal addition to the Red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), which we began using *seventeen years ago!* There are new Worship Settings, and we'll begin using one of the Settings Sunday, October 1st.



CROP Walk—The Grace Lutheran CROP Walk team reached their goal of \$1,000! Thank you to our team walkers, Jerry and Gwen Kite, Sarah Kite and Karen Walck. It was a dry, warm afternoon for a nice walk through Waynesboro. We especially thank everyone who donated \$1,133 to our team. If you missed a chance to donate to this event, on-line donations can still be given at www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova and our team name is Grace Lutheran Waynesboro. Twenty-five percent of funds are given locally.



Serenity Garden Dedication Service Today—Some have called Serenity Garden Waynesboro's best kept secret! Located just behind Westwood Hills Elementary on the edge of Ridgeview Park, this beautiful Garden is a wonderful place for a quiet stroll, or time of reflection. Pastor Paul will be taking part in a Dedication Service for Bricks given in memory of loved ones at 2:00 p.m.



Grace Baptism Class — We will meet on Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting this Thursday, October 5th. The class will run through November 2nd. The class will cover: History of Baptism; History of Baptismal Practice, and The Baptismal Font; its location and design, and its possible renovation or redesign.



Grace Walkers—Location to park for the Greenway, for the time being, has been changed to Constitution Park, 215 Elroy Street, Waynesboro. Meeting time to walk is still at 8:30.

Dinners of Eight



Dinners of Eight Are Back! Members and friends of Grace are invited to sign up for Dinners of Eight – a monthly time of informal fellowship and getting to know each other better as a family of faith.

The plan is to schedule Dinners of Eight soon for the autumn months. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church along with copies of a Frequently Asked Questions sheet. Hosting is not a requirement to participate. The only obligation is to enjoy an evening of fun, good food, visiting with old friends and making some new ones. Don't let the name fool you: Dinners of Eight is *not* for couples only; it's for couples, singles, and families with kids.

For more information, contact the coordinator, Mark Radecke, at radecke@susqu.edu.



Community Potluck at Grace—This meal is for community members to gather for fellowship and provide an opportunity for fellowship and building relationships on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.! These meals are meant to be a time of fellowship for Grace members and an opportunity to build relationships with other folks in our community. Come and eat—bring a dish, bring a friend!



College Care Packages—Each November a small group of Grace members gather to pack boxes of goodies for our college students around the time of their Fall semester final exams. It's a short term task each year, and the students really appreciate being remembered by their congregation back home. We are looking to step down and seeking another leader or co-leaders to take on this fun task. We will “mentor” you through this Fall and help with organizing, as needed. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Linda Meyer (lameyer@cfw.com or 540-256-2277) or Caroline Biggers (caroline.r.biggers@gmail.com or 540-337-1951).



God's Children has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know (rcbump0621@gmail.com).



Handbell Choir—anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Sam Moyers.



Thanks to all who have cut prewashed, flannel, 9"x9" squares for hygiene kits. We will take as many squares as you may wish to cut!! Flannel squares are due today, October 1.



Christ Tabernacle Indoor Yard Sale and Caribbean Food Plates! Saturday, October 7th, from 8 a.m.—2 p.m., our friends at Christ Tabernacle are hosting a yard sale at their new building, and also offering some delicious, authentic Caribbean meals (see bulletin board outside of the narthex) for purchase!



Quarterly Community Support Info Ministry Fellowships—Each quarter, 2-3 community volunteer groups will present their mission and work in Waynesboro. Grace members can introduce their volunteer organizations to our congregation, helping those interested in contributing to the community. Each group will provide a 2-3 minute overview of their work, target audience, and volunteer tasks, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. To participate, sign up your organization on the sheet at the back of the church. The first fellowship will be on October 15th after the service. For questions, contact Donna Yobs or Karen Walck.



Grace ELC and WARM Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) - We are beginning to plan our contributions to the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry's Cold Weather Shelter. The CWS coordinates with churches in our area to provide food and shelter to our homeless neighbors. Estimates indicate there are over 80 people in our area in need of these services. Grace ELC has been asked to host up to 20 of our homeless neighbors for the week of **December 4 - 11, 2023**. Please pray for this important ministry as we enter the planning stage. More info is coming soon! Peace - Susan Myers and Donna Yobs, CWS Co-Coordinators

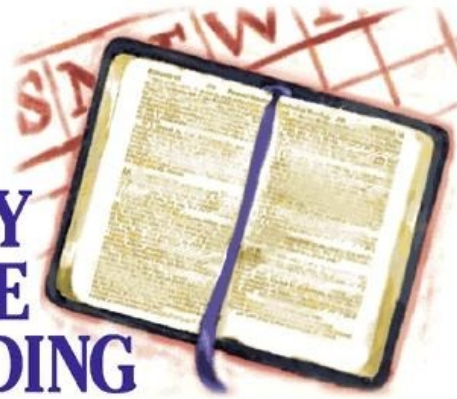


Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made **thirty-six** deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,815 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

OCTOBER 2023 *October 1—October 8, 2023*

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	10/01	8:30 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School 
		9:45 a.m.	
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	
2:00 p.m.			
Tuesday	10/03	9:30 a.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	Round Table Discussions (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	10/04	10:00 a.m.	 Prayer Group (Chapel) 
		6:00 p.m.	
		6:00p.m.	
		7:30 p.m.	 Choir Practice
Thursday	10/05	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Group Meeting (Conference Room)
		12:30 p.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	
Saturday	10/07	8:00 a.m.	Indoor Yard Sale/Caribbean Food Christ Tabernacle Church Yoga (Seminar Room)
		11:00 a.m.	
Sunday	10/08	8:30 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School 
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	

DAILY BIBLE READING



Monday

1 Kings 13:1-10
Philippians 1:1-11
Mark 15:40-47
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112

Tuesday

1 Kings 16:23-34
Philippians 1:12-30
Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 86

Wednesday

1 Kings 17:1-24
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 2:1-12
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4

Thursday


1 Kings 18:1-19
Philippians 2:12-30
Matthew 2:12-23
Morning 147:13-21, Evening 27

Friday

1 Kings 18:20-40
Philippians 3:1-16
Matthew 3:1-12
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 139

Saturday

1 Kings 18:41-19:8
Philippians 3:17-4:7
Matthew 3:13-17
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 111

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