



Moses Parts the Red Sea

*SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 2, 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

Prelude

Gathering

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: "Give Me Jesus"

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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.



Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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*

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.

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*

Refrain on bulletin page 6

See

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 Exodus

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21—30

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" ⁶So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him; ⁷he took six hundred picked chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

¹⁰As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Continued

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

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 2:13-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



Glory to you O Lord.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

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

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Van Stee



Sermon

Pastor Van Stee

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.



Hymn of the Day: "Calm to the Waves"

#794, Page 11 (Repeat 3 Times)

Calm to the Waves

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.'" and "Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice."

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: CALM SEAS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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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.



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

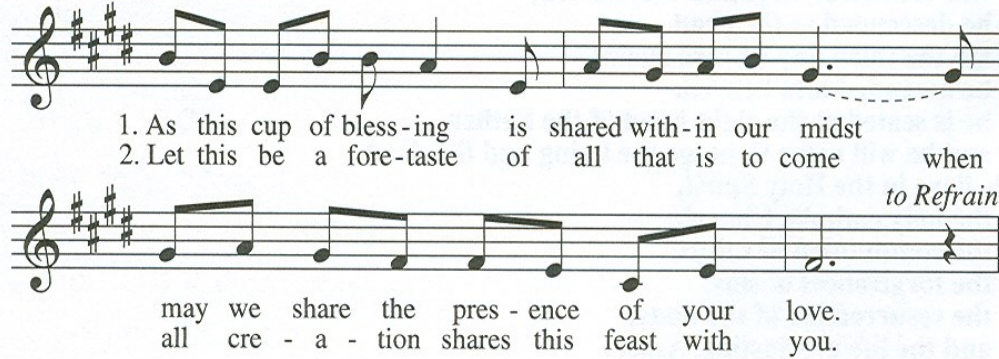
Refrain

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

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)

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

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

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: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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Dismissal

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

Postlude



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Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



Worship Assistants

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

- Altar Flowers:** Berenice Archambeault
- Altar Guild:** Cathy Firkin
Jane Stein
- Assisting Minister:** Linda Meyer
- Communion Assistants:** Jim Nelson
Susan Myers
- Council Person of the Week:** Jean Morgan
- Covid Monitor:** Karen Walck
- Offering Stewards:** Pat Brady
Jean Morgan
- Ushers:** Fred Biggers
David Proctor



Altar Flowers

Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Berenice's husband, George

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 9, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Matthew 5:17



*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*)

Carolyn Shields

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

Judy Lambert, Sister-in-Law of Linda Tomey

Karen Mongold, Friend of Kate Van Bremen

Margarett Neely, Jill Pingel's Mother

Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht

Victims of Hurricane Fiona and Ian

Jane Wood, Sister-in-Law of Lesa Jackson

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 Kerney, Friend of Nancy Schwiesow

Continued

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
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Jim Didion, Friend of Rick and Kathy Bump
Family of Mike Jones, Son of Carl and Peggy (Moyer) Jones
Family of Bob Smith, Father-in-Law of Jessica Lynch Smith
Family of Peggy Wood, Friend of Linda Tomey

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

Tom Blosser
Bob Barrette
Marge Cloutier

Imogene Hull
Zachary Rankin
Dottie Sheaffer

Tom Sheaffer
Linda Tomey
Lew Yobs



The Needs of the World

**Westminster and Grace's Congolese
refugee family, the Mmeswa/
Madawa family, are now in their 4th
month in Waynesboro**

The great increase in mental health cases
in our nation

**Extreme drought, water shortage, heat
and fires in the American West
and Europe**

Continued epidemic of mass shooting
incidents in our nation

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

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 12:1-6, 13-25
Acts 11:19-30
John 8:21-32
Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97

Tuesday

Job 12:1; 13:3-17, 21-27
Acts 12:1-17
John 8:33-47
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

Wednesday

Job 12:1; 14:1-22
Acts 12:18-25
John 8:47-59
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

Thursday

Job 16:16-22; 17:1, 13-16
Acts 13:1-12
John 9:1-17
Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80

Friday

Job 19:1-7, 14-27
Acts 13:13-25
John 9:18-41
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

Saturday

Job 22:1-4, 21—23:7
Acts 13:26-43
John 10:1-18
Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118





Welcome to Worship!

- Pastor Paul will give the CDC "color" status of Waynesboro each week in his telephone message. **We will base the use of masking on the status of Waynesboro.**
- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship.
- If our area is in an Orange (high risk) status, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) status, those who are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask, while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional, but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.



Now the Feast and Celebration begins today - We offer God our praise and worship this morning using a different liturgy. Written by well known contemporary composer Marty Haugen, we have used the liturgy in the past here at Grace. Note the liturgy includes the Contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer. Martin Luther called this prayer one of Jesus' greatest gifts to us, and praying it in a slightly different way helps us to pay attention to the power of what we pray to God as we prepare to receive the sacramental gift Jesus gives us, to share in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sin, and new life, even to eternity.



Wedding Joy in Grace's family of faith! We rejoice with the *Biggers* family on the marriage of Sam to Micah Davenport yesterday, October 1st in Richmond. We also share the joy of the *Lundstrom* family on the marriage of Hannah to Ty Comer this coming Saturday October 8th in Luray. These are the first marriages in our Grace family in a number of years! Pray for the promises made, and the strength of these marriages in the years to come.



Pastor Paul and Jill return October 7th from an anniversary trip. Many thanks to **Pastor Karen Van Stee** for preaching and presiding this Sunday!



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!



Embracing Grace - Generous, Loving, Caring - Our Stewardship Theme for this Fall! Mike Trauscht will offer our third Temple Talk next Sunday. Look for additional communication via Mail and email!



United in Christ

An Invitation to You on October 15th “Falling in Love” - As noted in Pastor's sermon 9/18, there will be a Forum at First Baptist, Waynesboro's Fellowship Hall, where Grace and Christ Tabernacle congregations are invited to hear about what a group of our members have been doing the last two + years as a Coalition for Christian Equity and Justice. and inviting you to take part as well. It starts at 11:00 a.m. Please plan on attending, and mark your calendars!



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. Bivalent Booster Clinics will be held at the Waynesboro Primary Care location (Lew Dewitt Blvd.) on Mondays and Wednesdays.



New Adult Education began September 25! Pastor Karen Van Stee began a **Fall Sunday School** class available at **9:00 a.m.** The focus of the class will be on the Gospel of Matthew, using the ELCA's Book of Faith curriculum. We began with the gospel of John last Spring. Come and grow in Good News! as we study the gospel of Matthew.



QUILTING GROUP

Our regular day of quilting will be Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gwen Kite, 540-910-0508 or Amy Warren, 540-471-2362.



Children and Youth Planning Continues - Pastor Paul continues to visit and call parents with families and children, and we will be making an announcement about Children and Youth activities from our Children and Youth Committee in the next week or two. As a people of God together, we encourage EACH OF US to welcome and encourage our children and youth as they grow not only physically, but also in our Faith together.



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. You can continue to borrow and return books there anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the materials you've read and hope you will join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racist Pledge. Get to know the treasures in the LIBRARY, including P. Buckley Moss. Contact the church office, Carolyn Barrette, Rick Bump, or Linda Meyer for more information.



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-eight*** deliveries thus far, thirteen 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 2960 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 2-9, 2022**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday—Friday	10/02-10/07		<i>Pastor Out of the Office</i>
Sunday	10/02	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship Zoom
Monday	10/03		<i>Nancy Dowdy on Vacation— Carolyn Hite in Church Office</i>
Tuesday	10/04	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	10/05	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	10/06	8:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	10/08	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	10/09	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship Zoom Confirmation Class

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