

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

April 5, 2020

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

HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on With One Voice)

Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we GATHER before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the WORD of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the MEAL of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are SENT, the shortest but per haps most important part of worship, because it is THEN that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.

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 <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

The congregation stands.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Prelude

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

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is **seated**.

Word

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians:

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.

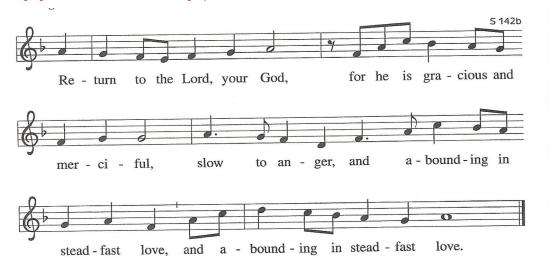
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands.

Musical Offering

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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God.

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

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: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God

Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Gail Johnson

Council Person of the Week: Gordon Putnam

The Chancel Flowers today are given by to the Glory of God and in memory of Tyrea H. Reid by her grandchildren.

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

April 12 Easter Sunday

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10



Dear Friends in Christ:

Holy Week takes on a very different dimension for God's people this year. We find ourselves physically distant from one another. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' growing distance from others in the Holy Week story – separate from the Pharisees and religious leaders by their hard-heartedness, separate from disciples by their fear that changed their allegiance even to death to abandonment; separate from the world itself on the cross. Yet in all this, Jesus remained Jesus – his name meaning "he will save/rescue/deliver" – and he did not separate from us, but gave himself freely for us, so that we might live. This is something to consider deeply and with grateful hearts as we continue to meet electronically, and as we continue to live as God's people in this "coronavirus world."

<u>Palm Sunday</u> - Sunday, April 5th - 10:00 a.m. via Grace YouTube channel – accessible via our website, <u>www.gracewaynesboro.org</u> (as is the bulletin). Our non-computer members may access the worship service via Zoom on their telephones, using the instructions sent via U.S. Mail. We celebrate with a Palm-strewn worship space, and begin Holy Week remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and the fact that God the Son "emptied himself, even to death on a cross," for the sake of God's love for the whole world.

<u>Maundy Thursday</u> – Thursday, April 9th – **7:00 p.m. via Grace YouTube channel -** accessible via our website, <u>www.gracewaynesboro.org</u> (as is the bulletin). Our non-computer members may access the worship service via Zoom on their telephones, using the instructions that will be sent via U.S. Mail. We remember Jesus in the upper room with his disciples, and his command to love one another, and worship with special music and the stripping of the altar.

<u>Good Friday</u> – Friday, April 10th - **7:00 p.m. via Grace YouTube channel -** accessible via our website, <u>www.gracewaynesboro.org</u> (as is the bulletin). Our non-computer members may access the worship service via Zoom on their telephones, using the instructions that will be sent via U.S. Mail. We wait at the foot of the cross, knowing this is the place where Jesus gave his life for the sake of our lives, and declared that it is from the cross that we follow him.

<u>Easter Vigil –</u> Saturday, April 11th – **7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Conference** – Our Confirmands will help lead this ancient worship service that recalls God's great and mighty stories of Grace and salvation in this world, as we anticipate Easter Sunday. We'll be able to see each other as we worship, and participate together in a more immediate way. You will be sent an email with instructions for getting online via Zoom early in Holy Week, either by video (computer, pad or cell phone), or by audio (telephone). Our non-computer members may access the worship service via Zoom on their telephones, using the instructions that will be sent via U.S. Mail.

<u>Easter – The Resurrection of our Lord</u> – Sunday, April 12th - 10:00 a.m. via Grace YouTube channel – We celebrate Easter with decorated worship space, trumpets, choir solo, and all the joy we have, that our life is new in the Resurrection of our Lord! Worship is accessible via our website, <u>www.gracewaynesboro.org</u> (as is the bulletin). Our non-computer members may access the worship service via Zoom on their telephones, using the instructions that will be sent via U.S. Mail. AND...

<u>"Easter Breakfast" at 9:00 a.m.!</u> – via ZOOM conference – Here's an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with your sisters and brothers at Grace prior to Easter Worship! Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation! We'll send instructions to enter the Zoom meeting either by video (computer, pad or cell phone), or by audio (telephone). Our non-computer members may access the worship service via Zoom on their telephones, using the instructions that will be sent via U.S. Mail.

Note about ZOOM – If you've never tried Zoom before, we want to give an opportunity to try Zoom out before the Easter Vigil and "Easter Breakfast." We'll have a **Wednesday of Holy Week, 7:00 p.m.** trial Zoom meeting and Holy Week devotion for you to try it out. Look for instructions via email and U.S. Mail early this Holy Week.



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"

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Ty Elliott

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

Lane Doerring, Father of Beth Ann Doerring
Alice Goodyear, Aunt to Robin and Cathy Crowder
Heather King, Granddaughter of Eleanor Sampson
Kathy Lambertson, Friend of the Aaslestads

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

Mary Bertelsen	Liz Ann Binns	Fred Brower
Marie Brown	Nancy Fitzgerald	Pete Giesen
Sandra R. Hoy	Bob and Carol Knemoller	Janet Lunger
	Glenn and Flossie Myers	

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

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Stephen Dowdy, Husband of Nancy Dowdy
June Huff, Mother of Donna Gum
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law

Barbara Shifflett and Family

George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Jean Brower, Sister of Joe and Minnie Moyer, Frannie Knicely and Bobby Moyer
Family of Bill Brower, Former Grace Member
Family of Sharon Johnson, Friends of the Crowders
Family of Ian King, Grandson of Eleanor Sampson
Family of Peggy Lucas, Grace Member
Family of Connie Mora, Friend of the Tomeys
Family of Julie Moyer, Wife of V. A. Moyer

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Jessica Smith Brent Driskill Peggy Marks

The Needs of the World

Corona virus outbreak around the world as well as flu victims

All Medical Staff - Doctors, Nurses,
Housekeeping, Administration and Food
Workers at Augusta Health, UVA, Martha
Jefferson, RMH, and all local Assisted
Living and Nursing Care Facilities

Our military and first responders - Police, Fire, EMT's All Whose Work is Affected by the Coronavirus Outbreak

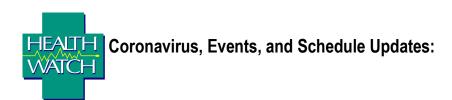
Grocery, Pharmacy, other hourly workers, rail workers, and truckers who are keeping necessary items available

The Church

Grace Church and our care and concern for one another

Our Attentiveness to the Needs around us

WARM's Cold Weather Shelter and WARM House, caring 24/7 for homeless in our community



And remember that God is with us, and offers so many assurances of his care in time of need in Holy Scripture. Here's just a sample:

- Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)
- God is love...and has been perfected among us...because as God is, so are we in the world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. (I John 4:16-18)
- God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it. (I Corinthians 10:13)
- Cast all your anxiety and burdens on Jesus, because he cares for you (I Peter 5:7)

Caring for our Neighbor, and One Another:

As time continues to go by, we seek to be Church together, which includes care for one another, and for our neighbor. One way we are trying to care for one another is to establish a **phone tree** among our members to make sure we are connecting with one another, and caring for anyone who has need - grocery shopping, pharmacy pick-up, etc., as well as simply checking in, to be sure we are remembered and reminded of our unity in Christ. Look for a phone call soon, and we encourage you to take part, and be a blessing to someone else within our family of faith.

Dear Friends in Christ:

For thousands of years, patterns of faith and life have been an integral part of the life of the Church, including worship, and serving and witnessing to the Gospel in our community. The basic form of our worship is to Gather, to Hear God's Word, to Share in the Sacraments, and to be Sent out as ambassadors of Jesus Christ into the world.



The history of the Church has recorded many times when this has been disrupted, often when disease or crisis prevented the faithful from gathering. I've written a few times about the Plague, and Martin Luther's response to the situation which emphasized physical distancing, medical care and good hygiene, while encouraging people not to forget about their neighbors. A Grace member shared with me her childhood when Polio was a yearly scare after World War II, and people tried to escape to the countryside their relatives for safety. Others mentioned the influenza outbreak after World War I in which tens of thousands died.

Governor Ralph Northam announced to Virginia early this week (3/30) his Executive Order #55, which orders all Virginians to "remain at their place of residence", with exceptions to buy food, see the doctor, travel to work, etc. Included is a specific order that religious events of more than ten people are prohibited.

Bishop Bob Humphrey, in a pastoral video that was sent out yesterday, March 31st, echoed these instructions, and recommended that at this time, we follow Governor Northam's order, and postpone worship until Sunday, June 14th. Grace Council, at a special called meeting last night and after much discussion, agreed that Grace should adhere to these guidelines. You can find Bishop Humphrey's video here: https://vimeo.com/402605556

This is an unprecedented amount of time for the Church to not gather in person. As Bishop Humphrey notes, a great deal of our Festival Days that are so important to recalling the Good News we have as the Church will not be in-person: Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday. This also affects important Life events such as Confirmation - three of our youth will have their Affirmation of Baptism delayed.

I take very seriously the fact that God sent Jesus "IN PERSON" - incarnationally - in order for the world to understand most completely God's love for the world and its people. We are challenged in this time of Coronavirus to be creative in the ways we can keep our connection to one another and our neighbor. And yet it must be said that there have been too many Church congregations who have acted rashly, have conducted worship services and other in-person activities heedless of common sense health warnings, and the plain truth is that they have spread the Coronavirus and jeopardized the health and wellness of many, including those in the over-65 and under-18 categories of risk.

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The Coronavirus is no longer an "it's in New York, not here" disease. Every place where our members live, there are now Coronavirus cases. As national and local health experts tell us, the models and patterns of the coronavirus are the same everywhere, including here. However, this is the EXACT time for us to be Church as creatively as possible. We will continue worship via YouTube and Zoom. We will celebrate our festivals of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter with as much intentionality, thoughtfulness, and then joy as we can, even if we are present with each other via computer screen or telephone. Take part in these opportunities, which we'll communicate to you shortly.

I'm also so thankful for the examples of care and love for neighbor and one another that can be told in and through Grace! Look for additional opportunities for you to care for our neighbors, and respond as God's Spirit moves you.

We will communicate regularly via email, U.S. Mail (for those without computers), Facebook and telephone. As your pastor, I will continue to offer care by telephone or whatever communication works best for you, and at critical times of death and emergency, will minister in person, honoring the Orders in place in our Commonwealth. We will creatively offer Zoom classes, and are working to provide a Zoom Prayer Group and opportunities for online fellowship. Look for additional communications in the next week or two.

In particular, I'd like to thank Nancy Dowdy for her work in the Church Office keeping us connected to one another in many ways, and Mike Myers, for his work in continuing to offer "a sweet sacrifice of praise" to God in worship through music and song. A special thanks also to Owen Keefer for his gifts of technology that have been so important to our continuing worship, and Gordon Putnam for updating website and Facebook. AND there are so many others who have quietly helped in ways too many to mention that have continued to make us A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus.

You ARE the Body of Christ! You ARE blessed to be a blessing! We WILL meet again soon, and in the meantime, pray this prayer daily from scripture, shared with me by another Grace member who has found great comfort in it: "Cast your anxieties upon Jesus, for he cares for you." (I Peter 5:7) Jesus cares so completely that though equal with God, he emptied himself, and in his humanity gave his life up for us all, for the sake of our new life in him. (cf. Philippians 2:5-11). This new life continues in and through each of us, even, and especially in these times we live in. God's peace be with you all!

In Christ, Pr. Paul

Announcements



Parking Lot Update - We anticipate beginning the paving of the Parking Lot in the Spring of this year. In planning for the updates of the parking lot (more handicapped spaces, islands in the main lot), we discovered an interim step of a site plan is required by the city. We have selected the firm of Lotts & Associates, P.C. to complete the site plan which is required by the city, and anticipate the drawings to be complete for Spring paving. We'll keep the congregation informed about the progress

of drawings and paving.



Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we have to **cancel the informational presentation by Thrivent Action Team** presenters on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. We will reschedule for the future.



Did you know...we have the church calendar on our website? You can visit www.gracewaynesboro.org to check events, times, locations, meeting room availability, cancellations, birthdays, etc. If you click on the event, it will give you more detail. Nancy makes every effort to keep it up to date. If you would like an item added, changed, etc., please contact the Church Office.



Main Street United Methodist Church is providing a **Curb-Side Food Pantry**Monday through Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. They need donations,
specifically peanut butter, mac and cheese, personal hygiene items, dried rice
and beans. If you would like to contribute, a box is set up outside the office
Usunteers door (to the right) for you to drop them off.

Monday

Exodus 4:10-20 (21-26) 27-31 1 Corinthians 14:1-19 Mark 9:30-41

Daily Lectionary

Tuesday

Exodus 5:1—-6:1 1 Corinthians 14:20-33a, 39-40 Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday

Exodus 7:8-24 2 Corinthians 2:14—-3:6 Mark 10:1-16

Thursday

Exodus 7:25—-8:19 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Exodus 9:13-35 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 Mark 910:32-45

Saturday

Exodus 10:21—11:8 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 Mark 10:46-52

Life of Grace Church April 5-12, 2020

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	04/05	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service of the Word via You Tube www.gracewaynesboro.org Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
Monday	04/06	6:30 p.m.	Book Study - via Zoom
Thursday	04/09	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service of the Word via You Tube www.gracewaynesboro.org
Friday	04/10	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service of the Word via You Tube www.gracewaynesboro.org
Saturday	04/11	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service of the Word via Zoom www.gracewaynesboro.org
Sunday	04/12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Easter Breakfast via Zoom Conference Service of the Word via You Tube www.gracewaynesboro.org Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching



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Kim Hull, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,
Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Karla Rankin
and Rudolph Yobs
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Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor

Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music

Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday; 8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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