

Reformation Sunday

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

October 25, 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, Announcements and Temple Talk

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son **H** 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 Processional

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.**

Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God"

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung. 0 . Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; glo - ry to God, . glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 6 d -0 I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we K 0 0 0 wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. . Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est; . .) 0 0 glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on glo - ry to God, earth. 6 II Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the Fa - ther, on - ly 0 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the 20 d. world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the be 0 O 0 -0 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

God of hope,

You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. Amen

Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

A reading from 2 Samuel:

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you

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rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans:

⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 1:30-33

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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

Children's Message

Kate and Raegan Van Bremen

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Hannah Pingel

Pastor Paul Pingel

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.**

<u>Peace</u>

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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

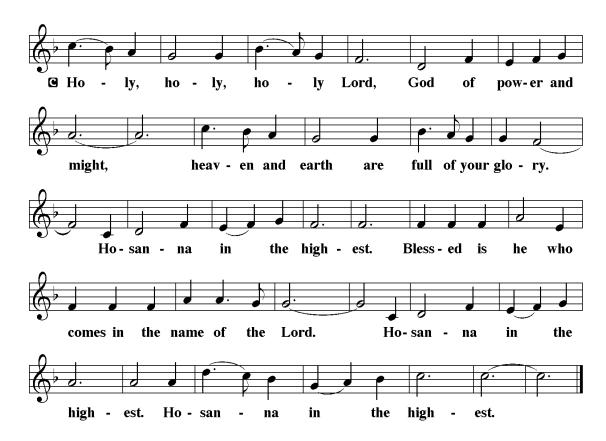
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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: .Holy, Holy, Holy



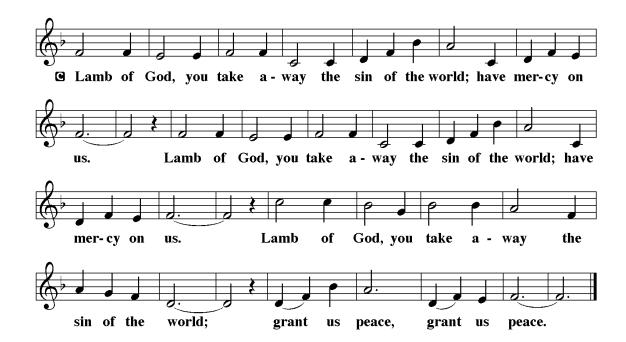
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

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. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Thanks be to God.

The pastor will lead the congregation in the Holy Communion, using the Holy Communion chalices (with bread and wine sealed in them) provided.



Holy Communion

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: "A Mighty Fortress"

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God





Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Caroline Biggers Beth Ann Doerring Ty Elliott Rudy Yobs

<u>Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u> Jim Pence, Retired Zion Pastor

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	Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife		
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey	Kyle Getler, Member Relative		
Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht	Barbara Shifflett and Family		
George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows	-		

Members/Friends Grieving

The Family of Sara Klutz, Sister-in-Law of Flossie Myers The Family of Pat Jones Redden, Niece of the Moyers 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 <u>Celebration</u> Birth of Ira Lee Bustamente, Great–Granddaughter of Eleanor Sampson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the YearAmanda MoyerBob ShumateBill CrowderBob Knemoller

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 220,000+ deaths due to Coronavirus in the United States, and over 1,130,000 worldwide 61 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 sisters and brothers at Zion, St.James, and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches, and Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ

<u>Our Neighbors</u> Our neighbors in Wayne Hills and Basic Neighborhoods





Commitment Sunday is on All Saints, November 1st—Grace's Stewardship Emphasis begins today with Temple Talks on the theme, "Prayers, Promises and a Pandemic". Look for information to be sent your way in the coming week! We know the generous 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!"

Wednesday Christian Education Class Offerings at Grace!



Available by Zoom at 9:00 a.m. - An Ecumenical Bible Study by Gordon
Putnam, a Lutheran pastor, and Melvin Janzen, a Mennonite minister.
The study uses scriptures from Romans, and a way to experience
Mennonite, and Lutheran perspectives: sharing a rich diverse and maybe

new understanding of God's Word! Grace, St. James Lutheran and Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ have been invited! Contact the Church Office or Gordon Putnam if you'd like to take part.



Available by Zoom at 7:00 p.m. - A Book Study of the <u>White Fragility</u> by Robin DiAngelo, led by Pastor Paul. Why is it so hard to talk about race? This is a time and place that we're invited to be honest about the Church and ourselves, together, and our call to cross boundaries as Jesus did. Contact the Church Office or Pastor Paul if you'd like to take part.

EXERCISING OUR Right to Vote as Christians - Followers of Jesus Christ living in this Republic and Democracy have a wonderful blessing and responsibility, to be able to vote in local, statewide and national elections. During this year of Covid-19, the ways we are voting are different, and the results of the election as a result of mailed-in ballots may take a longer period of time. We live in an anxious time as November 3rd approaches. However, we know who "is Lord!" The Risen Christ, Lord of creation, of the nations, of our lives. And so we place our confidence in the One who is bringing all creation to himself, even as election day approaches, and our leaders are elected.



E Holy Communion November 1 - Letters/emails have been sent to you as before. Please respond either via the Google Survey attached to your email, or send the paper survey to the church office by Monday, October 26 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 of their name, relationship and date of death by tomorrow, Monday, October 26, 2020.



Music Ministry and the next four Sundays - Mike Myers will be away for the next four (4) Sundays. We continue to be grateful to God for Mike's 20 years of service, and look forward to his continued sharing of his talents at Grace. As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday and move into November and the end of the Church Year, we're thankful for Hannah Pingel as she helps to lead worship these next four Sundays!





All Saints Evening Worship with the Virginia Synod: A statewide worship service will be available All Saints eve, with Bishop Bob Humphrey and other Virginia Synod pastors - including Pastor Paul - offering brief meditations on what God is doing through All the Saints as a part of the worship service. The service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st. The Service will be available on the Virginia Synod Facebook page. Come and worship!



Student Care Center to open at Grace in early November. 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, 7 a.m.—6 p.m., 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! There is still a need for staff to open more facilities. If you know of someone interested in this rewarding work, please contact Jeff Fife at the YMCA at 943-9622.



In-Person Worship at Grace - Grace Council, by the recommendation of Grace's Worship Resumption Committee - has tentatively approved a restricted return to In-Person worship at Grace, with hopes that given an acceptable Positivity Rate of Covid-19 in our area - we may

offer worship both remotely, and indoors on a limited basis, beginning the *Season of Advent in late November and December*. You will be sent a detailed letter of the procedures we will be following to ensure as safe a worship experience as possible for those who wish to participate indoors. And be assured that we will continue to offer our You Tube Worship for all those who - because of pre-existing conditions; or out of an appropriate sense of caution - do not feel they can attend in-person worship at this time. Finally, do note that this decision IS conditional on stable Covid-19 rates. Any exceptional rise in rates may delay or cancel our return to In-Person worship. Please pray for this process, to be faithful and safe, as we worship the Lord of life, Jesus Christ, who gives us life that really is life every day!



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

Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made *nine deliveries* thus far, five to Main Street United Methodist, and four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

WARM Shelter meals next week provided by Grace - We continue our good relationship with WARM, providing meals for the Shelter this coming Waynesbore Area Refuge Ministry week. Thanks to our volunteers who are delivering the meals!



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: <u>https://sawtutoring.as.me/TutoringInformationSession</u>

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.



Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY 10/	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
Wednesday 10/2	10/28	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
	10/20	7:00 p.m.	Book Study via Zoom
Thursday	10/29	5:30 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Saturday	10/31		Halloween
Sunday 11/01	11/01	10:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Service of the Word via YouTube Holy Communion
		10:50 a.m.	Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday Hosea 6:7- Acts 22:30- Luke 6:39- Tuesday	—23:11 49		ThursdayHosea 9:1-9Acts 23:23-35Luke 7:36-50Friday
Hosea 7:8- Acts 23:12 Luke 7:1-1	-24		Hosea 9:10-17 Acts 24:24—25:12 Luke 8:1-15
Wednesda Hosea 8:1- Acts 23:23 Luke 7:18-	-14 -35	dev	otions Saturday Hosea 10:1-15 Acts 25:13-27 Luke 8:16-25

