

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church October 31, 2021

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

Service of Holy Communion

(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)

Congregational responses are in bold print

In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.

MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the One who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

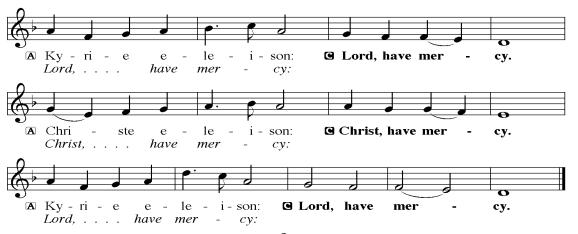
Prelude

<u>Greeting</u>

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

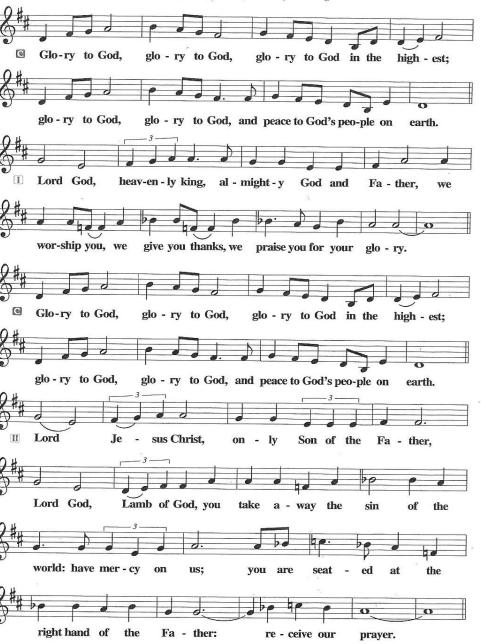
And also with you.

Kyrie



HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Mighty Lord,

The splendor of Solomon's temple cannot compare to the majesty of your heart. Show your heart in this place, that we might worship you with joy and gratitude.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

A reading from 1 Kings:

¹ Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. ²Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, ³You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. ⁵So I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

¹Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ²All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. ³And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. ⁴So they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. ⁵King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. ⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place.

in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁷For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. ⁸The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. ⁹There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

¹²Then Solomon said,

"The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

¹³I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans:

¹⁹Now 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.

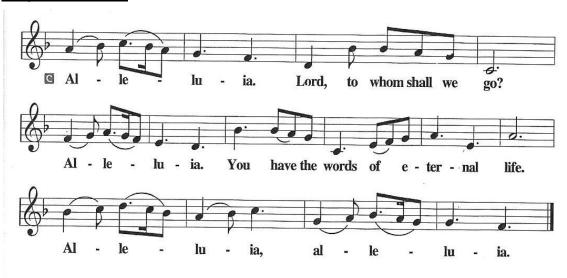
²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified 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: John 2:19-21

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Built on a Rock" #652, Page 10, Verses 1, 3, 4

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these confirmands, one with us in the Body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Presentation

I present Karley Hull and Thea Franklin who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Karley and Thea who you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

Continued

Built on a Rock



Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

The confirmand responds:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

The confirmand responds:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

The confirmand responds:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Continued

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The confirmand responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *Karley and Thea* and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel.

Let us pray.

Amen.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *Karley and Thea* the gift of your Holy Sprit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever,

Let us rejoice with our sisters and brother in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God And proclaim the good news to all the world.

Confirmation Verses

Mentor and Teacher Blessings

Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

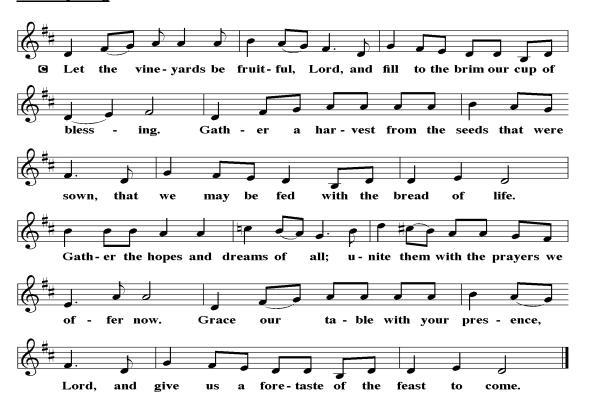
<u>Peace</u>

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

Offertory Song



Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

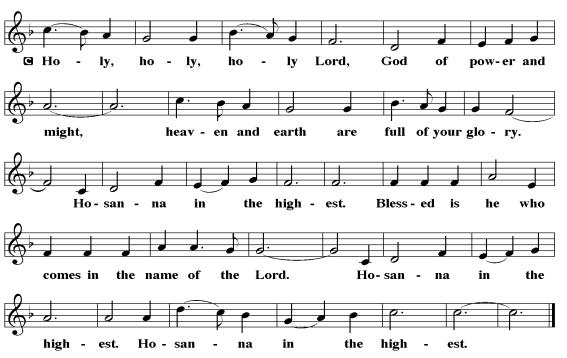
We lift them to the Lord.

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



Thanksgiving at the Table

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 is 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 in remembrance of me.

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For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.
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Invitation to Communion

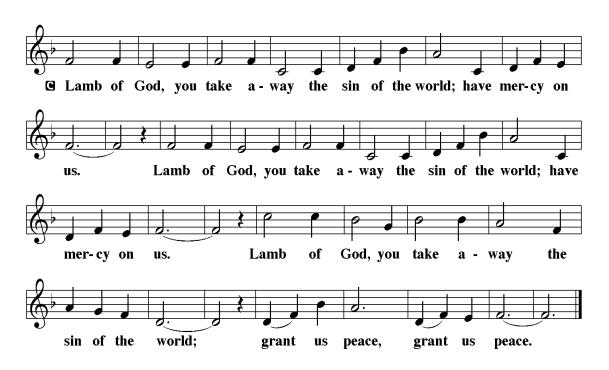
All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Communion

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

Amen.



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.

Jesus, Bread of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent. The presiding minister may say this or a similar prayer of sending.

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

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Monday

Jeremiah 44:1-14 1 Corinthians 15:30-41 Matthew 11:16-24

Tuesday

Jeremiah 40:7—41:3 1 Corinthians 15:41-50 Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday

Jeremiah 41:4-18 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Matthew 12:1-14



Thursday

Jeremiah 42:1-22 1 Corinthians 16:1-9 Matthew 12:15-21

Friday

Jeremiah 43:1-13 1 Corinthians 16:10-24 Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday

Jeremiah 44:1-14 Philemon 1-25 Matthew 2:33-42

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers: Jim and Gloria Nelson

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Children's Service: Sarah Beth Kite

Deloris Wertman

Council Person of the Week: Fred Biggers

Covid Monitor: Jane Stein

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Ushers: Fred Biggers

David Proctor



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of William and Elaine Nelson, and Vada Hepner, and, in honor of James Allen Hepner, Sr.

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

November 7, 2021 All Saints Sunday

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

> 1 Kings 19:1-18 John 12:27-28



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.

<u>Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u> Al McKechnie

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

Faye Dickerson, Friend of Gail Johnson Charles List, Nephew of the Pat and Sandra Brady Carrie Peters, Niece of David and Nancy Schwiesow

<u>Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u> Sylvia Almarode on being cancer free after treatment

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

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower
Marie Brown Nancy Fitzgerald
Sandra R. Hoy Phyllis Kite
Bob Knemoller Glenn and Flossie Myers

Janet Parmer

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Patty Botkin, Friend of the Bobby and Carolyn Hite
Family of Ty Elliott, Grace Member
Family of Keven Swisher, Friends of Tom and Holly Carper
Family of Catherine Henson, Mother of Dave Matheney and Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Margaret Straw, Friend of Nancy Dowdy

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Margaret Quickel Bob Shumate

Bill Crowder Adrienne Carper

Family of Teresa White, Friend of the Schwiesows

Bob Knemoller

The Needs of the World

For Creation - in the midst of storms, hurricanes, flooding, earthquake and wildfires; a new sense of our care for Creation, and the real ways we need to change for the sake of the Creation we live in.

Medical personnel at Augusta Health and nationwide; scientists working on the Covid vaccine certification for children; the hard hearted

Our children, teachers, professors, and all school and college personnel

First Responders, EMT's, Fire, Police

As we prepare to exercise the right to vote - the wisdom of God's Spirit to vote for the common good, instead of fear.

The Church

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

Pray for (at least) five others from
Grace this week - three who you
know, or whose needs you are
aware of, and two that you are less
familiar with (pray for their daily
walk of faith, and their blessing)

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the community

The families of many abused in French congregations, over the past decades, and the Church's repentance - a new direction - away from this abuse, and advocacy and support for those abused

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch and Market Streets



We Return to In-Person Activities at Grace! We have returned to In Person activities at Grace - Worship, Meetings, Classes, as well as use of Grace by outside organizations. We continue to mask and distance at all activities. And, we continue to offer a virtual option for Grace Worship, Meetings and Classes.



Confirmation Sunday is today! Thea Franklin and Karley Hull will be Affirming their Baptism, and making confession of their faith and life! Greet them after worship outside as we present gifts and share in outdoor fellowship.



Holy Communion Chalices remain available from the Church Office - Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for Sunday worship.



"Coffee Fellowship After Worship via Zoom" is still available!!
Ron Almarode hosts a fellowship time via Zoom immediately following worship. It's a great opportunity to engage in casual fellowship, as well as being kept up to date about the concerns and needs for prayer by Grace members and friends. We will be sending this link weekly with the other links to Worship and other activities available via Zoom.



New Member Sunday on All Saints! Nine saints will be joining with Grace on November 7: Marsha Howard, Jim and Gloria Nelson, William Proctor, Charles and Susan Smith, Alexandra Spellman, and Steven and Karen Van Stee will affirm their baptism and join, with introductions by Grace Shepherds! We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for making possible our life together in Christ!



Grace Youth join Four Downtown Congregations - Sunday, November 21st at 2:30 p.m., our Youth (7th - 12th grade) are invited to take part with Westminster Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. John Episcopal and St. John Roman Catholic Youth to make a meal for Afghan refugees that are living in Harrisonburg! We'll also get to know each other in some fun ways. We'll meet at Westminster Presbyterian. Contact Pastor if you have any questions!



All Saints Sunday is November 7, 2021—Each year on All Saints Sunday we remember the saints who have gone before us; those Grace members who have received the promises for all time, of God's Grace given to us freely through Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection. In addition to Grace members, if you would like to include a family member or friend who has died, please notify the Church Office by Monday, November 1.









The Psalms Bible Study began October 21! - This five week study looks at the various types of Psalms we find in the Bible, and we ask what these Psalms reveal to us in our daily lives, and this world we live in. Choose from 11:00 a.m. study or 7:00 p.m. study. We will start via Zoom only, unless our in-person policy changes.

Renewing Home Work Project—Saturday October 23, Grace and Zion Lutheran Church teamed with Renewing Homes of Greater Augusta to do deck replacement project for a home in Staunton. Thanks to all Grace Members who helped with the project.

Email Address Changes - Due to consistent sending and receiving problems with our current "gracewaynesboro" and "lumos"-based email addresses, we ask that you change your address book to include the following addresses:

For Nancy Dowdy and the Church Office: Grace.lc@comcast.net

For Pastor Pingel: pastorpingel@gmail.com

Please discontinue the use of gracelc@lumos.net, secretary@gracewaynesboro.org, and pastor@gracewaynesboro.org



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 *nineteen* deliveries thus far, nine to Main Street United Methodist, and ten to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, 114 pounds of food went to Calvary United Methodist. Overall, we have given well over 1,700 **pounds!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



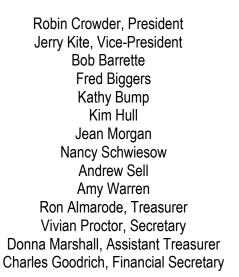
Invitation to Prayer Group at Grace - Our World, Our Nation, Our Community, The Church, Grace Lutheran, individual joys and concerns from our lives. In all these things, we "take it to the Lord in prayer," not only praying for what we need, but also listening for what God will speak. If you are interested in a weekly Prayer Group, sign up on the Sheet on the table in the Narthex, or call the Church Office. We'll offer a few times, and select the time that the most people can attend. Sign-up and indicate times you can attend, and we will start in mid-November.



DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	10/31	10:00 a.m. Confirmation Sunday	Reformation Sunday Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Confirmation Sunday
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Tuesday	11/02		ELECTION
Wednesday	11/03	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall)
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)
Thursday	11/04	12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
		7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room and via Zoom)
Sunday	11/07	10:00 a.m. Daylight SAVING Time onds 10:50 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching New Member Sunday Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



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