



REFORMATION Sunday

Reformation Sunday

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 29, 2023*

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

Service of Holy Communion

(All Creation Sings—Setting 12)

Congregational responses are in bold print

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

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

We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.

Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

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

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

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

Gathering



Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Jack Eckstrom

We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,
all hearts are open,
to you all desires known.
We come to you,
confessing our sins.
Forgive us in your mercy,
and remember us in your love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Have mercy
on me, *O God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*

Psalm 51:1, NRSV

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✙ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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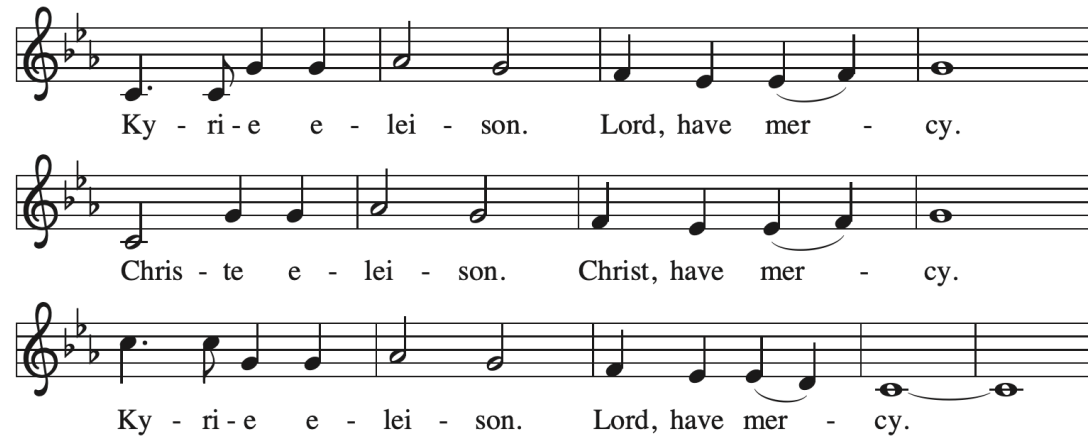
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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie



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

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

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

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise



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



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



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



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



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



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

We read responsively.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

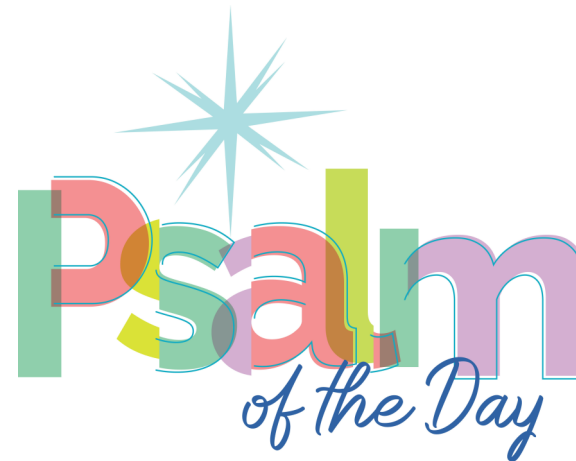
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸**Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.



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.

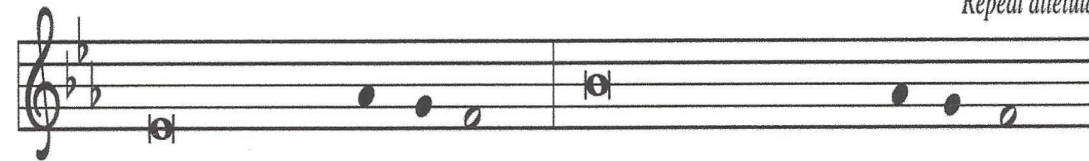
We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a basso continuo. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The first system includes three verses of text. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Affirmation of Baptism

Confirmation marks the completion of the confirmand'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 Kiera, one with us in the Body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

Presentation

I present *Kiera Mahoney* who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you *for Kiera*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant 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.

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.**

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 *Kiera* and pray for her in her life in Christ?

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

Those making affirmation may kneel.

Let us pray.

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 *Kiera* the gift of your Holy Spirit:
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,
Amen.

Let us rejoice with our sister 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 Verse

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Apostle's Creed in Swahili

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

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na
uzima wa milele. Amina.**

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

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

God of grace
Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Peace

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

We sit.

Meal



Offertory

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

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

We stand.

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



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

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

We praise you, O God.

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

We bless you, O God.

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

We thank you, O God.

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

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

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

We sit.

Baba Yetu

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



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

The Holy Communion

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

We stand.

The Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

The God of glory,
✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.



Sending Song: "Thy Strong Word"

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

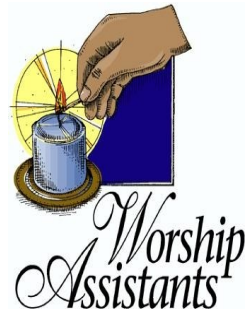
5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers:	Open
Altar Guild:	Susan Myers
Assisting Minister:	Robin Crowder
Communion Assistant:	Cathy Crowder Karen Walck
Council Person of the Week:	Jack Eckstrom
Offering Steward:	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
Ushers:	Fred Biggers David Proctor

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons



October 29, 2023
All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



*Chancel flowers are given this morning
to the glory of God*

Altar Flowers



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.

⌘⌘⌘⌘ Please be Praying for... ⌘⌘⌘⌘
⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘⌘

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

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

- Sherry Aldinger**, Friend of Radeckes
- Lisa Harrison**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Michael Sathe**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Judy Timm**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Tammy Whitworth**, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

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

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

Emily Almarode
Sandy Johnson

Genevieve Arneson
Phyllis Kite
Tom and Carol Varner

Marge Cloutier
Glenn Myers

Continued

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

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

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

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Margaret Quickel (10/23)

Bob Shumate (10/27)

Lee Lynch (10/23)

 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

Peace in the World

The Israeli and Palestine conflict - that ancient hatreds might be overcome by God's Grace, even and especially among those who invoke God's name in the conflict.

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

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

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

Our elected officials, especially those in Congress as they elect a Speaker; we pray for leadership to serve the common good

The Church

Indigenous Peoples and the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County





A Word You Don't Want to Say, but We Must! That word is **COVID**. We've had a number of members who have been sick in recent days and weeks. We are coming into a time when Health experts tell us to expect more cases. With this in mind please note the following:

1. If you have any symptoms, or have tested positive, please stay at home. YouTube worship services are available Live every Sunday for those who are sick.
2. If you have COVID, please wait until you test negative - usually 5-10 days - until you return to worship.
3. Please note that FREE tests kits are available from **covid.gov**. Or you can find test kits at local pharmacies or grocery stores for about \$8 - \$10.



Today is Reformation Sunday and Confirmation Sunday!

We celebrate that Kiera Mahoney will Affirm her Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, and be Confirmed October 29! A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join in the celebration!



Youth Host an ELCA National Youth Gathering Yard Sale! "We are having a church yard sale Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon—rain or shine! It is an indoor yard sale. All proceeds go to support our youth in attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in summer 2024. Please show your support for our youth by either donating items for the yard sale or shopping yard sale items on November 4!" Please drop your items at Grace in the office beside the library, Room #211, *on Sundays* or when the church office is open: *Monday-Thursday, 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m.*



St. James Lutheran Church Oyster Dinner and Cake Auction—Friday November 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. *Menu includes: fried oysters, ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, baked apples, assorted desserts and drinks.* Cost is \$15 per person and take out is available. RSVP by November 6 to Anne Putnam at 434-465-0206 or anneputnam55@gmail.com.



November 19th Worship with our Friends at Christ Tabernacle - We give thanks to God and in Thanksgiving for our many blessings in worship Sunday, November 19th, at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ! Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., we will share in worship with Christ Tabernacle at their new location in the former Basic United Methodist Church building. We have had a many-year relationship with our sisters and brothers and have learned much about faith and life together! We look forward to our worship together with Christ Tabernacle!



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



All Saints Sunday is November 5, 2023—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, **October 30th**, with **their name and date of death**.



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



A BIG thank you to everyone who helped out in my last minute absence with the reception for Bishop Milton. It is greatly appreciated! Sylvia Almarode



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



The River City Bread Basket is a free, client choice, food outlet in Waynesboro. They have meat, dairy, produce, and other staples to supplement the dinner tables for working families. Everyone is welcome, but to have access to all the resources available, please call The LIFEworks Project 540-251-2381 to register.

There are various opportunities to lend a hand. Please call 540-251-2381 for volunteer opportunities. They are located at 505 North Winchester Avenue.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Grace members, along with our quilters, cut 630 9" x 9" flannel squares! They will be distributed to countries throughout Africa including: Ghana, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Uganda, Namibia and Rwanda. Samples of the Sanitary Kits are assembled and taken to the schools. Young women are taught to assemble their own kits. As there is an ongoing need, I would like to continue to cut and collect squares. There is no limit to the number of squares to be sent and no deadline. Please be encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile outreach project!

Square requirements: **Prewashed, flannel** (no fleece, felt or plush). Cut into 9" x 9" squares. Place in plastic container at the back of the Nave. If you have questions, etc., please contact Gloria Nelson.



GRACE ELC - WARM COLD WEATHER SHELTER—This is an exciting time as we prepare to welcome our neighbors in need of shelter to "our home" here at Grace. We will host up to 20 of our homeless neighbors from December 4 - 11, 2023 - showing Christ's love through Hospitality. We provide shelter, three (3) meals per day and ensure our guests know they are welcome, safe and secure. In preparation, WARM is hosting training - and all are invited to attend. From WARM:

- We have finally finalized our training dates, and we encourage not just our coordinators to come, but your volunteers as well! Our first training date will be a dry run to explain the flow of an evening at the shelter, and will be hosted at Fishersville United Methodist Church on October 24th from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Our second training session is tentatively scheduled for November 7th at 5:00 p.m., at the WARM administrative offices located at 1025 Fairfax Avenue. This session will be hosted by WARM and Larry Friedman to discuss the basics of Crisis Intervention and how it relates to our guests at the Cold Weather Shelter.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Myers before/after service or call/text 434-760-1660 ... so we can give WARM a heads-up on how many will attend. Co-Coordinators Donna Yobs and Susan Myers



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made thirty-seven deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-one to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,920 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

NOVEMBER

October 29-November 5

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	10/29	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School Reformation Sunday Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Reception for Kiera Mahoney's Confirmation (Fellowship Hall) K-5 Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom) 
Tuesday	10/31	9:30 a.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) 
Wednesday	11/01	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Community Potluck (Fellowship Hall)  Yoga (Seminar Room) Choir Practice 
Thursday	11/02	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	 Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Group Meeting (Christ Tabernacle)
Saturday	11/04	9:00—12:00 11:00 a.m.	 Youth Yard Sale Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	11/05	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m..	 Adult Sunday School All Saints Sunday Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding First Sunday Fellowship - Offering Stewards Confirmation Class (Seminar Room) K-5 Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom) 

DAILY BIBLE READING



Monday

2 Kings 21:1-18
1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1
Matthew 8:28-34
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 9

Tuesday

2 Kings 22:1-13
1 Corinthians 11:2 (3-16) 17-22
Matthew 9:1-8
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 7

Wednesday

2 Kings 22:14—23:3
1 Corinthians 11:23-34
Matthew 9:9-17
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 134

Thursday


2 Kings 23:4-25
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Matthew 9:18-26
Morning 147:13-21, Evening 130

Friday

2 Kings 23:36—24:17
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Matthew 9:27-34
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 40

Saturday

Jeremiah 35:1-9
1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3
Matthew 9:35—10:4
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 90

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