

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church June 2, 2024

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

Service of the Word and HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Jay Beach Setting)

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

Prelude



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Centession & Absolution

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

Gathering Song: "What Is This Place"

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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

SABBATH DAY
BY KEEPINGIT HOLY.

EXODUS 20:8

A reading from Deuteronomy:

¹²Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 81:1-10

¹Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

³Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

⁴For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

⁵He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:

6"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

⁷In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

⁹There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

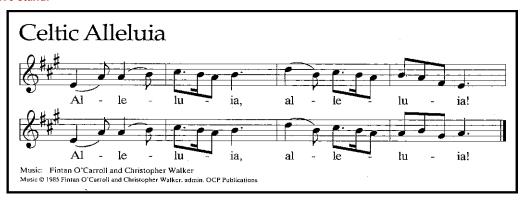
⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.



Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

The holy gospel according to Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord

²³One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grain fields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

<u>Children Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Blessing of the Quilts Pastor Pingel

God, you have called us to go and do likewise as we reach out to our neighbors around the world. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy.

Jesus teach us to love our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks for those who have generously shared their resources in order to make these quilts possible. Move us by their example to live generous lives.

Jesus teach us to love our neighbors.

Thank you, God for the hands that have made and assembled these quilts. May each compassionate touch be known to those who receive them as an expression of your love.

Jesus teach us to love our neighbors.

God, we lift before you the staff and partners of LWR who will distribute these quilts around the world. Give them strength and encouragement to do this important work and guide them as they reach our neighbors who are the farthest away.

Jesus teach us to love our neighbors.

Finally, God, we pray for our neighbors around the world who will receive these quilts—neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May these quilts wrap our neighbors in love and fill them with the hope and peace that is only found in you.

Amen.

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "The Church of Christ in Every Age" #729

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,

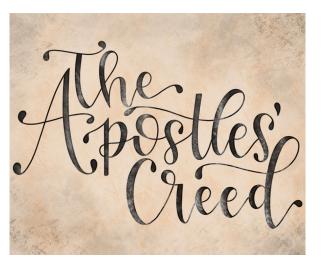
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Imani ya Mitume

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.



Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

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

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Offering

Offertory

We stand.



Offertory Response: "God's Love Endures For Ever"



Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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.

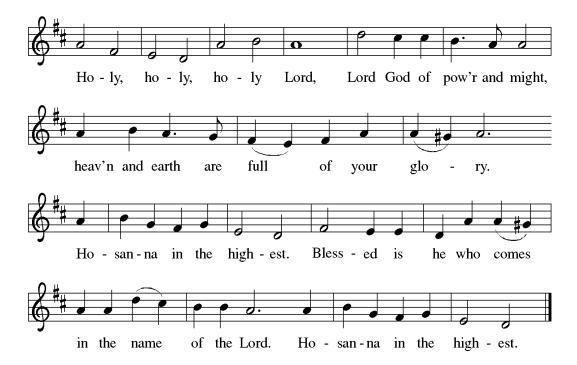
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



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

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord: to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer

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

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



Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come, taste and see!

Thanks be to God!



Verses 1 & 2 are sun in preparation for Holy Communion

asks for it all;

For the Healing of the World 2 Des-per-ate peo-ple are mak-ing their way to see 3 Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our Still in our world we see peo-ple con-tin-ue to 3----3----Wound-ed and bro-ken we Je sus; Here, in the sha-dow of rows; sor suf _ fer: So man - y hun - gry and come for we've no-where to turn; death, he's no strang - er tears; so man - y liv - ing pain. Long-ing for free-dom from de-mons and all our dis Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak-ness he Now we must go with God's heal-ing and jus-tice to He's mak-ing us whole eas es, and tak - ing the cup bor He's rows; and of fer, For this is the call, he free-ing our souls and we owe him our lives. drink-ing it up, then he pours out his life.

Will you lay down your life?



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Communion Hymn: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

#614

We stand.

The Communion Blessing

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

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Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.



JOHN 6:27, NIV

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

→ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!



Altar Flowers: Jim & Gloria Nelson
Altar Guild: Jean Morgan
Assisting Minister: Tami Radecke

Carolyn Hite

Council Person of the Week:

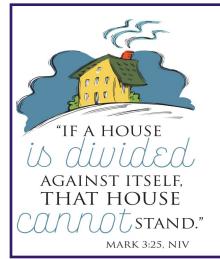
Andrew Sell
Allison Fink

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady
David Proctor

Ushers: Rick Bump Linda Meyer



The Chancel flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God!



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons Sunday, June 9, 2024 Third Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion and via You Tube

Genesís 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthíans 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

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

Malachi Dolan Phyllis Kite

Betty Karol Wilson

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

Kathy Blanc, Friend of the Wilsons
Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace
Zoe Bump, Granddaughter of Bumps
Chris Cody, Niece of Linda Tomey
Natalie Dodge, Friend of the Almarodes
Kim Elliott, Daughter of Pat Giesen
Jayne Freed, Sister of Marsha Howard
Tony, Dave and Sue Jones, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer
Tawana Sunderland, Friend of Grace

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)
Birth of Carson Wayne Comer, son of Ty & Hannah Lundstrom,
Grandson of Brian & Diane Lundstrom
Great Grandson of Frannie Knicely

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months) Ernestine Moomaw Carol Varner

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

Roy and Flora Henderson, Parents of Allison Fink Zach Klemm, Friend of the Caisters Phoenix Oberg, Friend of Sarah Beth Kite Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows

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

Family of JoAnn Barber, Friend of Linda Tomey
Family of Molly Martin, Friend of Frannie Knicely
Family of Tom Varner, Member of Grace

<u>Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays</u>

June Stiehl (6/1)Susie Driskill (6/2)E. G. Rankin (6/5)Jan McCombs (6/6)Brian Lundstrom (6/7)

Prayers for the World

Palestine/Israel - for the hostages, a hope for ceasefire, for healing from hate and conflict.

Tornado damage throughout the middle part of our nation: for those grieving, those who have lost homes and livelihood.

Those suffering severe famine in the Sudan amidst civil war.

For Police and other First Responders facing danger in their work; the families of four Charlotte, NC officers killed and four others injured; for our nation's gun and violence culture.

Graduates and completion of the school year; thanksgiving for our schools' teachers, administrators, and support staff.

Landslide in Papua New Guinea, families of the 2,000 who died.

The Church

Our new Grace Council and Committee Members

For: Pastors and congregations of the Southern Valley Conference and the Virginia Synod:

- Pastor Karen Van Stee, Vice-Pastor of Bethlehem, Waynesboro
- Pastor Wes Smith, Zion, Waynesboro
- Pastor Gordon Putnam, St. James, Fishersville
- Pastor Carl Trost, St. James, Fishersville and New Mount Olive, Fairfield

For our unity in our diversity in Christ, that our differences will - as in the book of Acts - aid the spreading of the gospel, rather than serve as causes for division.

The ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea) - our Companion Church of the Virginia Synod.





First Sunday Fellowship! Join us after worship for a time of Fellowship as the Quilters provide refreshments and a brief presentation of their ministry here at Grace!



Hiker Ministry/Community Meal—All Are Invited—Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share if you are able or just bring yourself.



Woodworkers Crafting Crosses and Items for Worship - Look for Crosses that you will be able to order made out of the Redwood Tower Cross, that will be available in wall, mantle or Christmas ornament sizes, in the next few weeks. We're also working on Holy Communion tables for us up front!



Are you a Thrivent Member? If so, please indicate you are a member on the sign-up sheet in the back. We are planning a Thrivent Fellowship time after worship this summer - all are invited! - where our local representative, Sarah A.Sunde, will help us understand the wonderful ways we can support Grace through "Choice Dollars," provide funds for "Action Projects," and otherwise be a blessing to Christ's Church with other planning and learning events! Look for a July date in the next week or two!



Communications - Do you like sharing information about Grace? Got some creativity to think outside the box? Do you like to write? Communication is such an important part of our daily life, as is making sure information stays current and fresh. If you'd like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



Food Pantry Collections: A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. To date, we have collected over **4,293** pounds of food (we have made *forty-one deliveries*, eighteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-three to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). That's two tons+!



HIKER MINISTRY 2024: May 27 – June 22—For the 20th year, the Grace Hiker Ministry will again welcome Appalachian Trail Thru-Hikers stopping in Waynesboro for respite and refueling. We offer a place to clean-up and sleep overnight, snacks and breakfast foods, information, etc.

Overall planning and coordination continue to be provided by long-time members of Grace – Irma and Woody Graf. During the 4-weeks the ministry will be open, we also have coordinators from the community. Liaison with the ministry will be provided by Jean Morgan and Linda Meyer. **What we need:**

People – a calendar for sign-ups will be in the back of the nave every week during May and will include the duties of each type of volunteer

- Overnight volunteers
- Check-in and check-out volunteers
- Small groups of members to provide a meal on Wednesday evenings

Donations

- Cereal
- Juices
- Bread
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Snacks
- Milk
- Fresh Fruit
- Ice Cream
- Home-Baked Goods (once we open)
- Self-Care Items: shampoo, body wash, skin moisturizer, razors, Band-Aids, etc.

Grace Church has a reputation up and down the AT for being a welcoming and safe space, and that depends on members coming down to help out and getting to know the hikers who are attempting to hike the 2,000+ miles from Georgia to Maine each year.

Questions or concerns? Contact Linda or Jean. We're happy to help you decide where your participation would help the most.



Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	06/02	10:00 a.m.	The Holy Trinity Service of Holy Communion Blessing of the Quilts
		11:10 a.m.	First Sunday Fellowship—Quilting
		2:00 p.m.	Serenity Garden Memorial Service
		3:30 p.m.	Pastor—Vespers at Summit Square
Monday	06/03		Hiker Hostel Ministry
Tuesday	06/04		Hiker Hostel Ministry
		10:00 a.m.	Encircle (Conference Rom)
Wednesday	06/05		Hiker Hostel Ministry
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	Hiker Ministry & Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	06/06		Hiker Hostel Ministry
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	06/07		Hiker Hostel Ministry
Saturday	06/08	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	06/09	10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion



Monday

Proverbs 10:1-12 1 Timothy 1:1-17

Matthew 12:22-32

Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112

Tuesday

Proverbs 15:16-33

1 Timothy 1:18—2:15

Matthew 12:33-42

Morning Psalm 146, Evening 186

Wednesday

Proverbs 17:1-20

1 Timothy 3:1-16

Matthew 12:43-50

Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4

Thursday

Proverbs 21:30—22:6

1 Timothy 4:1-6

Matthew 13:24-30

Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 27

Friday

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2

1 Timothy 5:17-22

Matthew 13:31-35

Morning Psalm 148, Evening 139

Saturday

Proverbs 25:15-28

1 Timothy 6:6-21

Matthew 13:36-43

Morning Psalm 149, Evening 111

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