



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

February 28, 2021

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

Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on ELW Setting Four)

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, the **+** Son, and the Holy Spirit.
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

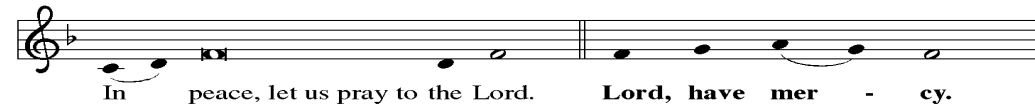
Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

Musical Presentation

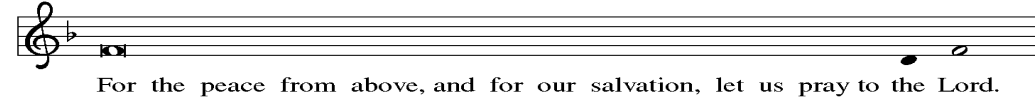
Greeting

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



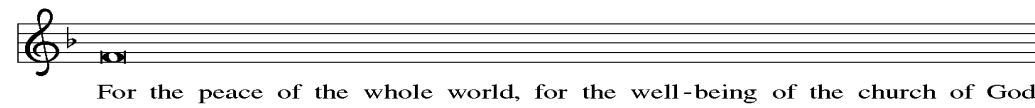
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



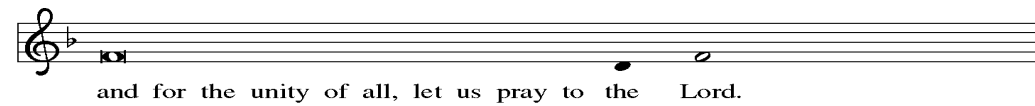
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



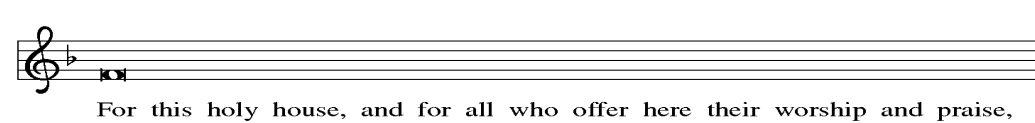
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



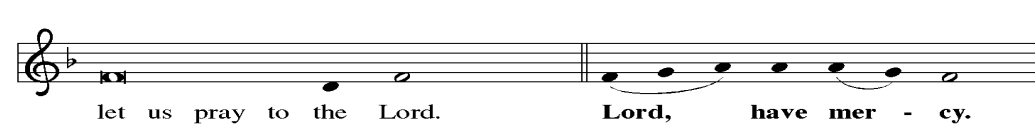
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



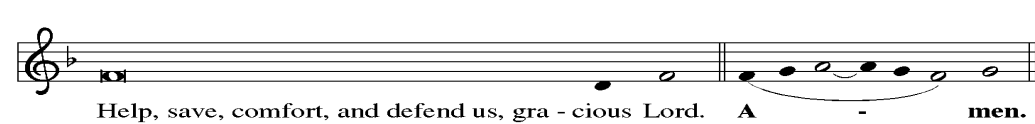
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn: "As Rain From the Clouds"

As Rain from the Clouds

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

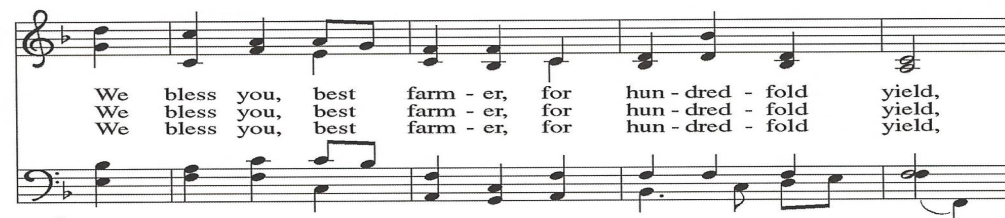
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
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We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

Continued



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.



We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,



for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
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Prayer of the Day

Holy One of mighty power,
 Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Word

Psalm: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

²Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together.

Continued

⁴To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke:

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Continued

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Bokelman Family

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Musical Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing in the name of the Father, Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“Thy Holy Wings”*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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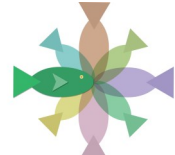
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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

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| Assisting Minister: | TBD |
| Offering Steward: | Pat Brady |
| Altar Flowers: | Open |
| Council Person of the Week: | Kathryn Johnson |
| Children's Sermon: | The Bokelman Family |

*The Chancel Flowers today are given
to the glory of God*



United in Christ

Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

Galatians 3:27-28—²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday In Lent

Service of the Word via YouTube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Lost Sheep, Coin, Son

Luke 15:1-32

Psalm 119:167-176



AUDIO VISUAL

The past few Sundays, I have been using a program to insert live closed captioning into the worship service. Unfortunately, it does not transcribe everything correctly. It is particularly bad with peoples names. Thank you for your patience; Owen Keefer



Lent: Broken and Healed on the Cross - From Brokenness to Restoration on the Cross, and in Our Lives Today - This is our theme for the Season of Lent. We join with our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem to worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent via You Tube and Zoom. All will be recorded at Grace and broadcast Live. We all have experienced brokenness; come, worship and experience the healing of God's Word this Lenten Season.

- **February 24 - Broken Promises** (Peter's promise to never deny Christ)
- **March 3 - Broken Hearts** (many people: Mary Magdalene, Jesus at the fickleness of his followers' loyalty, the disciples at his death, the crowds who were disappointed at Jesus' refusal to act in the way they thought he should)
- **March 10 - Broken Trust** (Judas' betrayal of Jesus)
- **March 17 - Broken Justice** (Jesus before Pilate)
- **March 24 - Broken Bread** (Last Supper, Body of Christ)



Noon Ecumenical Services also available: For many years, downtown Waynesboro congregations have joined for Noon-hour Lenten services. They are available this year on First Presbyterian's You Tube channel - go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in FPC Waynesboro. On March 3rd, Pastor April Cranford of Westminster Presbyterian will preach.



Covid-19 Vaccines - If you have not yet signed up for a Covid vaccine, you can pre-register at the new Virginia Statewide Covid-19 Pre-Registration system at <https://www.vaccinate.virginia.gov>. Or, please call the Church Office so we can help you to get on the list.



Being A Blessing in our Community of Faith - This time of Coronavirus can be isolating. We are blessed that so many of you have reached out to others during this time where we often find ourselves at home much more than in times past. I Corinthians speaks of the importance of Consolation - bearing one another's burdens. If God's Spirit puts someone in mind from Grace, or someone in your neighborhood or community, give them a call, especially someone you may not have thought of or contacted in awhile! A simple hello or check-in can be a great blessing, and can lift a burden of loneliness or isolation that someone may be experiencing. It's an easy way to share in the Word and Work of Jesus!



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"

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

Emily Almarode

Dick Tomey

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

Lisa Barmore, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Ernie Graham, Friend of Schwiesows

Rick Huff, Brother of Donna Gum

Kathy Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Cathy Osborn, Relative of Franklins

Kay Snead, Friend of Berenice Archambeault

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

Our Confirmed Sisters and Brother—Quinn Franklin, Kaitlyn Hull and Zachary Rankin

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 Knemoller

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

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps

Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of John Davis, Friends of the Lynches

Family of Whit Davis, Father of Friends of Pastor Pingel

Family of Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Family of Carol Knemoller, Grace Member

Family of Mary Jane Lever, Friends of the Pingels

Family of Sally Massey, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Kim Hull

Pete Ruff

Dave Shields

Isabelle Bokelman

Ernestine Moomaw

Cynthia Long

The Needs of the World

The deliveries of Covid-19 vaccine and
frontline healthcare workers

**Families affected by Covid-19 - death,
health, employment**

Winter storms and severe temperatures
across our Nation

**Glacier avalanche in India and the families
of 181 victims and 200 missing**

The work of WARM (Waynesboro Area
Refuge Ministry) for the homeless

**Students, teachers and their learning
and teaching.**

The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace

**Our unity in Christ with Churches in our
Community**

Our trust in God, our refuge and strength
(Psalm 46)

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Westwood Hills area



LILIES & GERANIUMS

White Easter Lilies and White Regal Geraniums with
green foil will be used for Easter Sunday at the altar and
may be purchased in memory or honor of a loved one(s).

Lilies are \$10.50 and Regal Geraniums are \$12.00.

**Please complete the form below and return it to the
church office, along with payment, by Sunday, March
14.** Please make checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran
Church and designate them for Lilies and/or Geraniums

Number of White Lilies: _____

Number of Regal Geraniums: _____

Purchased by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

***Please feel free to take your flowers home after
the Easter Sunday Service.***



Life of Grace Church
February 28-March 7,
2021

Day of the	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	02/28	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Second Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	03/01	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	03/02	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Round Tables via Zoom
Wednesday	03/03	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube Season of Lent Evening Prayer via YouTube
Thursday	03/04	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall Personnel Sub-Committee via Zoom Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Friday	03/05	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	03/07	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Deuteronomy 4:9-14
2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Matthew 6:7-15

Tuesday

Deuteronomy 4:15-24
2 Corinthians 11:1-21a
Matthew 6:16-23

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 4:25-31
2 Corinthians 11:21b-33
Matthew 6:24-34



Thursday

Deuteronomy 4:4:32-40
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Matthew 7:1-12

Friday

Deuteronomy 5:1-22
2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Matthew 7:13-21

Saturday

Deuteronomy 5:22-33
2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Matthew 7:22-29

**Members of Grace
Congregational Council**

Linda Meyer, President

Jerry Kite, Vice-President

Bob Barrette, Kathy Bump,

Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,

Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,

Kathryn Johnson, Amy Warren

Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative

David Proctor, Secretary

Ron Almarode, Treasurer

Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer

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