



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 24, 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

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

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

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 greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Take My Life, That I May Be"

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Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The second system also has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staves.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.


Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Kyrie

HYMN OF PRAISE

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



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



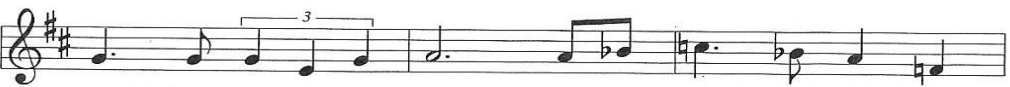
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Jonah 3:10--4:11

A reading from Jonah:

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

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⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8

We read responsively.

¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from Philippians:

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

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²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

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

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

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 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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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 - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 in 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.

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.

**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.**

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: *“O Zion, Haste”*

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, - your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

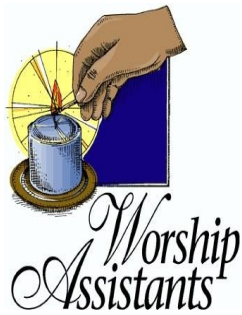
one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth, that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923
 Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Welch, 1837-1901



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	Jean Morgan
Altar Guild:	Jane Stein/Cathy Firkin
Assisting Minister:	Eric Hilker
Communion Assistant:	Donna Gum Carolyn Hite
Council Person of the Week:	Susan Myers
Offering Steward:	Jean Morgan David Proctor
Ushers:	Jerry Kite Maella Hilker Gail Johnson

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 1, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32


Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



*Chancel flowers are given this morning
to the glory of God and
In Memory of Robert Morgan, husband
of Jean Morgan*



Prayer List

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)

Robin Crowder

Janet Parmer

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

- C. D. Brown**, Bishop of Church of God in Christ
- David Carpenter**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Sean Donnelley**, Friend of the Almarodes
- Mia Eckstrom**, Granddaughter of Jack & Antoinette Eckstrom (knee surgery)
- Zaneta Freeman**, Sister of Debra Freeman Belle
- Leslie McCarthy**, friend of Rew and Karen Walck
- Cinzia Occhioni**, Niece of Linda Meyer
- Doug Price**, ELCA Deacon

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
Natalie Dodge and Family (2 year old cancer patient), Friend of the Almarodes and Warrens
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
James Pingel, Brother of Pastor Pingel
Charles and Ruth Ann Williams, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson

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

Family of Chucky Bergdorf, former Assistant Principal at Kate Collins
Family of Jim Mays, Uncle of Mike Myers
Family of Ellen Moyer, Member of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Linda Tomey (9/24)
Imogene Hull (9/29)

Lew Yobs (9/26)
Zachary Rankin (9/30)



The Needs of the World

Prolonged drought in our area; recovery from Hurricane Idalia and Maui fires

A War-weary world - conflict in Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Myanmar

Earthquake in Morocco and Flooding in Libya affecting tens of thousands of lives and families

The work of our elected Representatives in Congress resuming this Fall

The work of our local Government: City of Waynesboro, Augusta County, Nelson County employees

The Church

The ELCA, our parent denomination

Virginia Synod Bishop
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton,
beginning her term as
Bishop and installed in
Waynesboro Saturday, October
21st

Our Neighbors

**Our neighbors at St. John Episcopal
with a new rector, Fr. Tom
DuMontier**



Dinners of Eight Are Back! Members and friends of Grace are invited to sign up for Dinners of Eight – a monthly time of informal fellowship and getting to know each other better as a family of faith.

The plan is to schedule Dinners of Eight soon for the autumn months. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the church along with copies of a Frequently Asked Questions sheet. Hosting is not a requirement to participate. The only obligation is to enjoy an evening of fun, good food, visiting with old friends and making some new ones. Don't let the name fool you: Dinners of Eight is *not* for couples only; it's for couples, singles, and families with kids.

For more information, contact the coordinator, Mark Radecke, at radecke@susqu.edu.



Nametag September! - We have name tags out in the narthex, and encourage you to wear a nametag! It's a way to put a name to faces we see often, but do not know as well; and it is a way to make welcome those visiting with us. We'll see how it goes and either continue this practice or enjoy the September emphasis!



New Setting at Grace debuts October 1st - The ELCA created a new supplemental hymnal called *All Creation Sings* in 2020. Covid delayed its use in many congregations, including ours. It is the most recent hymnal addition to the Red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), which we began using *seventeen years ago!* There are new Worship Settings, and we'll begin using one of the Settings Sunday, October 1st. ***We'll meet at 9:48 a.m. before worship the next two Sundays, September 24th and October 1st, to begin hearing and singing the liturgy before its first use on the 1st.***



Community Potluck at Grace—This meal is for community members to gather for fellowship and provide an opportunity for fellowship and building relationships with others in our community 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. We are inviting people in our community that would enjoy a time of fellowship as well as those who struggle to have enough food. Come and eat—bring a dish, bring a friend!



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. For the past few years this project has been headed up by Caroline Biggers and Linda Meyer—along with volunteers who provide the goodies and help pack the boxes. 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 (lameyer@cfw.com or 540-256-2277) or Caroline (caroline.r.biggers@gmail.com or 540-337-1951).



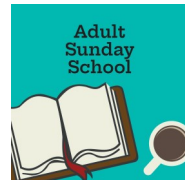
Summit Square Vespers this Afternoon—At 3:30 p.m., Pastor Paul will preach at the Vespers service held each Sunday at Summit Square. Grace has 10 members residing at this facility just up on 13th Street from us.



Serenity Garden Dedication Service on October 1st—Some have called Serenity Garden Waynesboro's best kept secret! Located just behind Westwood Hills Elementary on the edge of Ridgeview Park, this beautiful Garden is a wonderful place for a quiet stroll, or time of reflection. Pastor Paul will be taking part next Sunday in a Dedication Service for Bricks given in memory of loved ones at 2:00 p.m.



Baptism—History, Celebration, and Font! - Final Sunday to sign-up. You are invited to take part in a class on Holy Baptism. We'll look at the history of Baptism, from Jesus' words in the Bible to its importance in the early Church, its practices through the years, all the way to present day! **SIGN UP** on the sheet in the Nave. We will begin Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in October!



Adult Sunday School has resumed at 8:30 a.m. We will be exploring the gospel according to Mark, looking ahead to the season of Advent, when we enter a new church year and hear from this gospel in worship. Call Pastor Karen Van Stee at 325-0736 for more information. All are welcome!



Children's Sunday School - is available after worship from 11:15 to Noon downstairs in the Sunday School Room (where VMA meets). We use the Readings from each Sunday (called the Lectionary) to expand on the children's learning through study, games and crafts.



The Church World Service 2023 **CROP Hunger Walk** is today at 2:00 p.m. beginning in Ridgeview Park. So far, we have raised \$840 of our \$1,000 goal. Online donations can still be made to our team, Grace Lutheran Waynesboro at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova>. One quarter of all monies raised locally stays in our area and supports the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Disciples Kitchen and VPAS Meals on Wheels. Karen Walck will be in the back of the nave after church today to receive donations. We only have four walkers on our Grace team, so consider joining us this afternoon. If you have questions, please call Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.



Christ Tabernacle Indoor Yard Sale and Caribbean Food Plates! Saturday, October 7th, from 8 a.m.—2 p.m., our friends at Christ Tabernacle are hosting a yard sale at their new building, and also offering some delicious, authentic Caribbean meals (see bulletin board outside of the narthex) for purchase!



Quarterly Community Support Info Ministry Fellowships—Each quarter, 2-3 community volunteer groups will present their mission and work in Waynesboro. Grace members can introduce their volunteer organizations to our congregation, helping those interested in contributing to the community. Each group will provide a 2-3 minute overview of their work, target audience, and volunteer tasks, followed by fellowship and light refreshments. To participate, sign up your organization on the sheet at the back of the church. The first fellowship will be on October 15th after the service. For questions, contact Donna Yobs or Karen Walck.



Handbell Choir—anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, please contact Sam Moyers.



Thanks to all who have cut prewashed, flannel, 9"x9" squares for hygiene kits. We will take as many squares as you may wish to cut!! Please return all squares by Sunday, October 1. If you are donating flannel, please have it to the church by September 24 so we have time to cut the squares.



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).



Acolytes

Acolyte and Crucifer Training - Those interested, please look for the email from Stephen and Pastor Karen Van Stee about the date of training, which will be after Confirmation and Children's Sunday School, with lunch provided!



Quilting—The Grace Quilters have returned to the regular Tuesday quilting day. Last year, over 60 quilts were donated, with 54 sent to Lutheran World Relief. Quilting is a delightfully hands-on ministry and the more hands we have, the more quilts we can complete. We invite you to join us on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. If you are more comfortable, another way to participate is by providing cotton fabric or mostly cotton sheets (a solid color works best and with no stains). If you know a quilter that would like to participate, please contact Gwen Kite at 540 910-0508 or email at gwenma2002@yahoo.com.



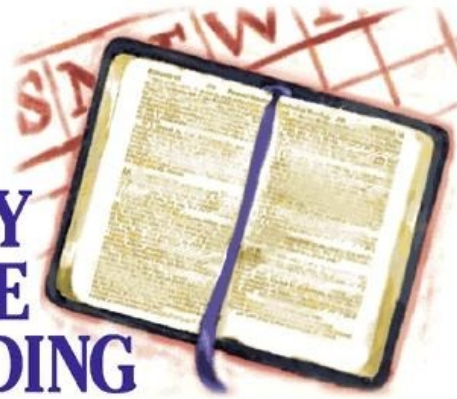
Grace ELC and WARM Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) - We are beginning to plan our contributions to the Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry's Cold Weather Shelter. The CWS coordinates with churches in our area to provide food and shelter to our homeless neighbors. Estimates indicate there are over 80 people in our area in need of these services. Grace ELC has been asked to host up to 20 of our homeless neighbors for the week of **December 4 - 11, 2023**. Please pray for this important ministry as we enter the planning stage. More info is coming soon! Peace - Susan Myers and Donna Yobs, CWS Co-Coordinator



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-six deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,815 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	09/24	8:30 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School Review New Liturgy Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Confirmation Class (Seminar Room) K-5 Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom)  Crop Walk (Ridgeview Park) Summit Square Vespers
		9:45 a.m.	
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	
		2:00 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.			
Monday	09/25	7:00 p.m.	Nancy Dowdy on Vacation September 25-29— Carolyn Hite is in the Church Office  All God's Children (Conference Room) 
Tuesday	09/26	9:30 a.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	09/27	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Community Potluck (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room) Choir Practice
		6:00 p.m.	
		6:00p.m.	
7:30 p.m.			
Thursday	09/28	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		12:30 p.m.	
Saturday	09/30	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	 October 10/01	8:30 a.m.	 Adult Sunday School Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding First Sunday Fellowship - <i>Quilters</i> Confirmation Class (Seminar Room) K-5 Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom)
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	

DAILY BIBLE READING



Monday

2 Chronicles 6:32—7:7
James 2:1-13
Mark 14:53-66
Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97

Tuesday

1 Kings 8:65—9:9
James 2:14-26
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

Wednesday

1 Kings 9:24—10:13
James 3:1-12
Mark 15:1-11
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

Thursday


1 Kings 11:1-13
James 3:13—4:12
Mark 15:12-21
Morning 36, Evening 80

Friday

1 Kings 11:26-48
James 4:13—5:6
Mark 15:22-32
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

Saturday

1 Kings 12:1-20
James 5:7-20
Mark 15:33-39

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