



*EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
September 26, 2021*

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

**Service of the Word via You Tube**  
(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)  
Congregational responses are in bold print

*There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the 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**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

***We stand***

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

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

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

**Amen.**

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

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

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

### Prelude

### 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**



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



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



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

## 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;



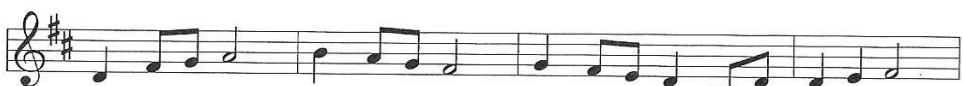
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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;



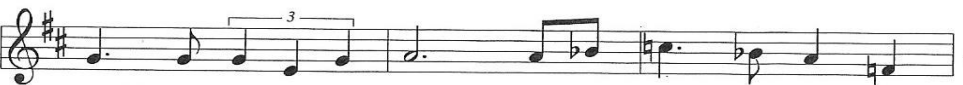
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



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



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.*

Loving God,

Like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us ability to follow our dreams.

**Amen.**

*We sit*

### **Word**

#### **First Reading: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17**

A reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup>When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. <sup>3</sup>Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. <sup>4</sup>Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

<sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; <sup>16</sup>and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. <sup>17</sup>Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob.

<sup>18</sup>So he went in to his father, and said, "My father"; and he said, "Here I am; who are you, my son?" <sup>19</sup>Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me." <sup>20</sup>But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." <sup>21</sup>Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." <sup>22</sup>So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." <sup>23</sup>He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

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<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation



**Gospel: John 1:50-51**

The holy gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day:** "Blessing and Honor "

**#854, Page 10, Verses 1,3**

## Blessing and Honor

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our  
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,  
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and  
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the  
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his  
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we  
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!  
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.  
 Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

### Apostle's 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.**

### Prayers of Intercession

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

*A brief silence.*

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

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.*

*The offering plate is located in the Narthex near the doors.*

*The congregation remains standing for offertory song*

## Meal

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

### Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

*Continued*

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**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

***We sit***

## The Holy Communion

*The congregation may be seated.*

**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)*

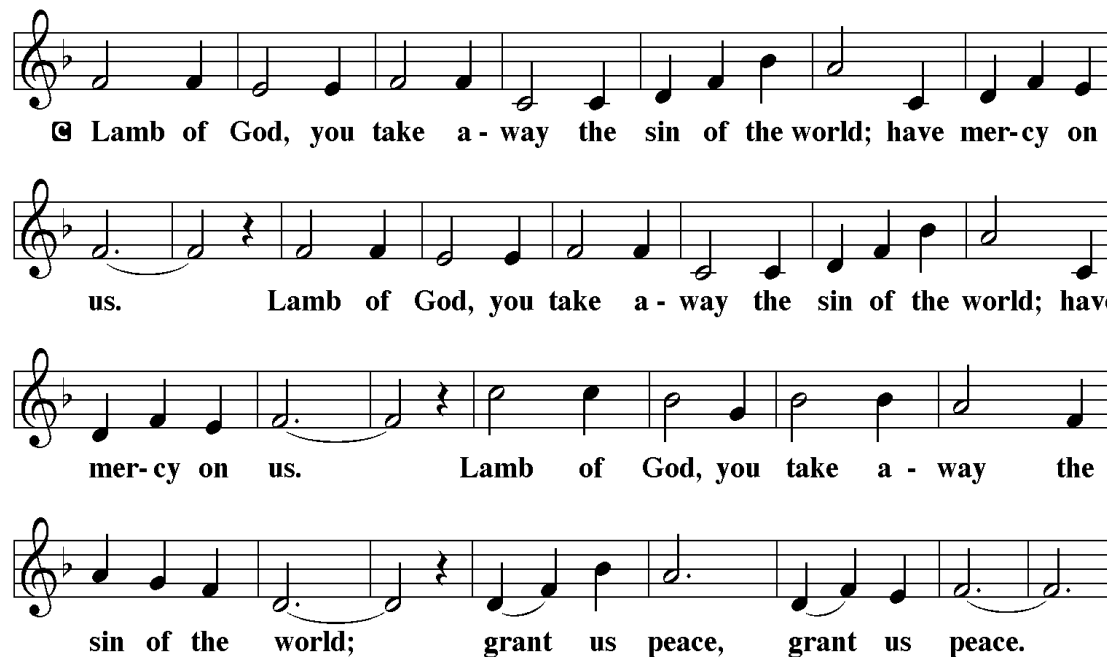
**Communion Distribution:** *We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*The congregation stands.*



☞ 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 Communion Blessing**

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

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

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

**Sending**

### **Blessing**

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

**Sending Song:** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart "

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### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

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## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

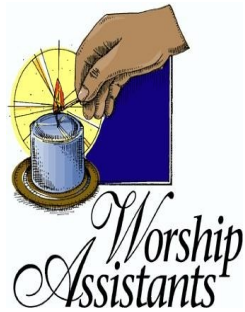
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860  
 Music: MÖRECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897



***Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today***

<b><i>Altar Flowers:</i></b>	<i>Pat Giesen</i>
<b><i>Altar Guild:</i></b>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<b><i>Assisting Minister:</i></b>	<i>Robin Crowder</i>
<b><i>Children's Church:</i></b>	<i>Amber Bokelman</i> <i>Amy Warren</i>
<b><i>Council Person of the Week:</i></b>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<b><i>Covid Monitor:</i></b>	<i>Jill Pingel</i>
<b><i>Offering Stewards:</i></b>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	<i>Ron Almarode</i> <i>Jack Eckstrom</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are given  
to the Glory of God and in memory of  
A. R. "Pete" Giesen*

**Next Sunday's Schedule  
and Lessons**

October 3, 2021  
19th Sunday After Pentecost

***Service of Holy Communion  
And via You Tube***

Pastor Paul Pingel,  
Presiding and Preaching

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17  
John 8:58

**Monday**

1 Kings 21:1-16  
1 Corinthians 1:1-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

**Tuesday**

1 Kings 21:17-29  
1 Corinthians 1:20-31  
Matthew 4:12-17

**Wednesday**

1 Kings 22:1-28  
1 Corinthians 2:1-13  
Matthew 4:18-25



**Thursday**

1 Kings 22:29-45  
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15  
Matthew 5:1-10

**Friday**

2 Kings 1:2-17  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:11-16

**Saturday**

2 Kings 2:1-18  
1 Corinthians 4:1-7  
Matthew 5:17-20



**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 4 weeks\*)**

**Flossie Myers  
Steven Van Stee**

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

**Andy and Jane, Request by Mail  
David Cookus Cousin of Linda Tomey  
Pastor Lauren Eanes, Muhlenberg Church, Harrisonburg  
Carol Garvin, Daughter of Dick Tomey**

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

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

**Sylvia Almarode  
Fred Brower  
Ty Elliott  
Sandra R. Hoy  
Bob Knemoller**

**Liz Ann Binns  
Marie Brown  
Nancy Fitzgerald  
Phyllis Kite  
Glenn and Flossie Myers**

**Janet Parmer**

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

**Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson  
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace  
Kyle Getler, Member Relative**

**Timothy Bradford, Friend of Schwiesows  
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife  
Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps**

**Members/Friends Grieving**

Family of Pat Frazier, Friend of Gail Johnson

Family of Rick Glidden, Grace Member

Family of Clinton Tomey, Dick Tomey's Grandson

Family of Terry White, Al McKechnie's granddaughter's husband

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

*Tom Sheaffer*

*Linda Tomey*

**The Needs of the World**

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

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

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

Afghan refugees; those who remain in Afghanistan; those in peril under the Taliban.

**For our nation—our President, Vice President, Senators, Representatives, Governor, local officials—that their work be guided by God's wisdom and for the common good.**

**The Church**

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

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

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

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in Augusta County

## worship WITH US

**Worship at Grace - Worship at Grace** - A recent, highly urgent notice from Augusta Health announced the crisis situation we find ourselves in our area. We have Covid rates higher than at any point since March 2020 in Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro! Eleven deaths last week, two deaths alone last Tuesday, and expectations that this current wave of infection will spike in mid-October. Because of this information and after much discussion by Council:

- Beginning October 3rd, we will return to YouTube and Zoom worship until levels of infection in our area are reduced.
- All meetings and classes will be held via Zoom during the same time period.
- All outside groups using our Fellowship Hall or Conference Room areas will not meet.
- A letter from Grace Council was sent to all members and friends of Grace this past week. If you did not receive it, copies are available in the narthex today.
- Contact any Council member or Pastor if you have questions.
- Pray for those suffering from Covid,
- And if you have not been vaccinated, please do so. We averted influenza, smallpox, polio, rubella, measles, whooping cough and many other diseases through vaccination. The same possibility is true of Covid-19. God has blessed us with the creativity of modern medicine to alleviate suffering and death.



### **More Blessing Through Grace's Mission Endowment Fund!**

After distributing \$19,995 to the community around us thanks to your grant requests submitted earlier this year, \$7,575 remains to be distributed through our Christian Education, Social Ministry, Disaster Relief and Special Music Funds. If you would like to make a grant request for a local, national, or international need from these funds, *take an information and grant request form in the Narthex and return the request form by Wednesday, October 13th.* Grace Council will review the requests and select the grants at its October meeting.



**Children's Church** - Following this Sunday, we hope to return to offering a Children's Message via YouTube as a part of worship. Children's Church will resume when we are able to return In-Person.



**Confirmation Class**- Please keep Kiera Mahoney in your prayers, as she starts her second year of Confirmation! In our Lutheran tradition, the promises of baptism that have been kept by parents and this congregation are Affirmed by the confirmation student. Kiera is in the process of saying "yes" to her baptismal promises!



**Adult Christian Education at Grace!** Because of concerns over the Delta Virus, we will not meet in person for Adult Sunday School (trying to meet one hour or less indoors at one time). However, there is a Weekday opportunity to meet via Zoom for bible class on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We continue our study of the Epistle of James. Martin Luther didn't like it –called it the "straw epistle," and yet, its common sense questions and wisdom speak to our modern day living. We started the class Thursday, September 16th! Call the Church Office if interested.



**Thank You for Grace's Lawn Workday**—a big **THANK YOU** to all the workers who helped pull weeds, trim bushes and trees at Grace on Saturday, September 18th. Your work looks great and gives the grounds a needed update.





**CROP HUNGER WALK**—The CROP Walk will take place this Sunday afternoon, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. It starts at the amphitheater at Ridgeview Park and is an approximate 3 mile walk around Waynesboro. Our team, Grace Lutheran Waynesboro, has raised \$390 of our goal of \$1,500 as of September 19. There is still time to support organizations that alleviate hunger here in our community as well support projects of Church World Service around the world. Our team walkers include Pastor and Jill Pingel, Jerry and Gwen Kite, Sarah Kite and Karen Walck, but you can still join us. Donations are still being accepted online at [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) and our team name is Grace Lutheran Waynesboro. Thank you for the congregation’s support of this event. Karen Walck



**God Work’s, Our Hands!** Every September, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encourages all ELCA congregations to have a “God’s Work, Our Hands” effort of service in the community.

**Renewing Homes Deck Project “All Hands on Deck!”**—There’s an opportunity to help a family in Staunton to repair a deck on Saturday, October 23. Call Jerry Kite for more details and to sign up. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Grace.



**WARM Update—Thank you** to so many who donated breakfast, lunch and snack items for the WARM Shelter this week. It was an amazing response. They received enough for each day’s breakfast, lunch and snacks plus we sent additional items for breakfast and lunch that can be used when they need extra. It was a wonderful way for Grace to serve the week celebrating God’s Work/Our hands.



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made eighteen deliveries thus far, nine to Main Street United Methodist, and nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **90 pounds of food** went to Main Street United Methodist. **Overall, we have given well over 1,400 pounds!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



### You Can Help In This World of Need!

Hurricane Ida Relief: To help those whose lives were devastated by the force and fury of Hurricane Ida, make checks payable to Grace, with “Hurricane Ida” in the memo line. Or go to [elca.org](http://elca.org)

Haiti Crisis: To help this nation in whom more than 1 million are homeless because of the recent earthquake, make checks payable to Grace, with “Haiti Crisis” in the memo line. Or go to [elca.org](http://elca.org)

Afghan Allies: To help those refugees coming from Afghanistan to our shores (VA is a primary area of refugee settlement with many Afghan families to be settled in Harrisonburg), make checks payable to Grace, with “Afghan Allies” in the memo line. Or go to [lirs.org](http://lirs.org)

### Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse





*Matthew 25:34-35*

<sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**September 26-October 3, 2021**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	09/26	10:00 a.m.	 <b>18th Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Service of Holy Communion</b> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  <b>Children's Church</b> <b>Confirmation</b>  <b>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</b>  <b>Crop Walk</b>
		10:50 a.m.	
		2:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	09/29	7:00 p.m.	<b>New Member Class Via Zoom</b>
Thursday	09/30	8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot)
		11:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> via Zoom
		6:00 p.m.	<b>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle</b> via Zoom
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> via Zoom
Sunday	10/03	10:00 a.m.	 <b>19th Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Service of Holy Communion</b> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  <b>Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</b>
		10:50 a.m.	



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**Mike Myers, Organist,**  
**Director of Music**  
**Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary**

**Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Lunch 11:30—12:30) -**  
**Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m.—Noon - Friday**

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