



## **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**September 27, 2020**

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

# Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

**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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### **Prelude**

### **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:** *“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”*

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## Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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### **Prayer of the Day**

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Let us pray.

God of dreams and hope, you spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good.

**Amen.**

## Word

### **First Reading: Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21**

A reading from Genesis:

<sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. <sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

<sup>17b</sup> So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

<sup>29</sup>When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup>He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?" <sup>31</sup>Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup>They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." <sup>33</sup>He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

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<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah 612

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!' repeated in various ways across the systems. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, D7, G, C, Am, D, G, B7, Em, Am, G/D, D, G.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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**Gospel: Luke 6:35**

The holy gospel according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Musical Offering**

**Mike Myers**

**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**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

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

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through 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**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry -  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**



- Assisting Minister:** Linda Meyer
- Offering Steward:** Pat Brady
- Altar Flowers:** Jean Morgan
- Council Person of the Week:** Kim Hull
- Children's Sermon:** Pastor Pingel



*The Chancel Flowers today are  
given to the glory of God and  
in memory of  
Robert Morgan,  
husband of Jean Morgan*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**



**October 4, 2020**  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
**Service of the Word via YouTube**  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding**

The Promise of Passover  
Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8  
Luke 22:14-20



**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 for Prayer" list.

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

**Beth Ann Doerring  
Ty Elliott  
Bobby Hull  
Jimmy Kite  
Bobby Moyer  
Alexandra Spellman  
Rudy Yobs**

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

**Irwin Bohmfalk**, Friend of Goodriches  
**Tony Forbes**, Cousin of Ron Almarode  
**Ginger Hood**, Sister-in-Law of Kathy Johnson  
**Barry Schwiesow**, Brother of David Schwiesow  
**Alex Zuber**, Associate Pastor at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church  
**Philip Bouknight**, Pastor at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, and Family

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

<b>Liz Ann Binns</b>	<b>Fred Brower</b>	<b>Marie Brown</b>
<b>Nancy Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Pete Giesen</b>	<b>Sandra R. Hoy</b>
<b>Bob and Carol Knemoller</b>	<b>Glenn and Flossie Myers</b>	<b>Janet Parmer</b>
	<b>Mickey Shook</b>	

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

<b>Janice Collins</b> , Friend of Grace	<b>Nancy Delaney</b> , Dave Delaney's Wife
<b>Lisa Dofflemeyer</b> , Daughter of Linda Tomey	<b>Kyle Getler</b> , Member Relative
<b>Maxine Pierce</b> , Mother of Cindy Trauscht	<b>Barbara Shifflett and Family</b>
<b>George Toop</b> , Friend of Schwiesows	

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Rev. Robert Graetz**

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

<b>Dottie Sheaffer</b>	<b>Bob Barrette</b>	<b>Marge Cloutier</b>
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**The Needs of the World**

This election cycle for the United States of America and our privilege and right to vote

**Those seeking vaccines and treatment for coronavirus**

Our School Districts, Colleges, Teachers and students as they begin school

**Flooded businesses, damaged homes in Staunton**

Victims of Hurricanes Laura and Sally in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama and Florida

**Wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington State**

Police and the national conversation over police response to people of color

**The Church**

**Our Confirmands: Thea Franklin, Karley Hull, and Kiera Mahoney**  
Our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches

**Our unity in Christ over all other loyalties and preferences**

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in Wayne Hills and Basic Neighborhoods

**NEWS**



**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 **eight** deliveries thus far, four to Main Street United Methodist, and three to Calvary

United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

# NEWS



**Anti-Racism forums**—A letter was sent out to the congregation inviting you to take part in a discussion forum about the actions we at Grace can take together to show our support for our black brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as other people of color, and share our anti-racist stance in the community. Two forums remain in September: today, Sunday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Please email or call the church office to let us know which date and time you would like to participate.



We continue— after our Holy Communion Service last Sunday—to meet live on Sundays at 10 am via You Tube worship and Zoom. Council at its September meeting elected to continue in this manner for now as Covid cases continue on a level pace in our area. Holy Communion worship will next occur on Sunday, October 25th Reformation Sunday. Also please remember the Coffee Fellowship after worship after each worship service, and opportunity to connect with one another as sisters and brothers in Christ!



Child Care

**STAFF NEEDED! Child Care Needs for Students Through Grace** - The Student Care program that Grace has joined through the local YMCA and “C4” Initiative in our area is ON HOLD BECAUSE OF STAFF NEEDS. The need for this program continues to be great in our area, and many families are on standby waiting for space in programs like Grace’s. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE LOOKING FOR PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT who wants to help with this program, please notify Pastor Paul, or email [childcare@unitedwaysaw.org](mailto:childcare@unitedwaysaw.org).



**Newsletters available!** Grace Notes has been sent out via email and U.S. mail this week! Take a look at your copy today, as it contains news of Grace events, notes from the community, birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, calendar and more!



**Life of Grace Church**  
**September 27-October 4, 2020**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	09/27	10:00 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class via Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Racism Forum via Zoom
Monday	09/28	6:30 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Group via Zoom
Tuesday	09/29	7:00 p.m.	Racism Forum via Zoom
Thursday	10/01	5:30 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Sunday	10/04	10:00 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

**Monday**

Job 32:1-10, 19—33:1, 19-28  
 Acts 13:44-52  
 John 10:19-30

**Tuesday**

Job 29:1-20  
 Acts 14:1-18  
 John 10:31-42

**Wednesday**

Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31  
 Acts 14:19-28  
 John 11:1-16



**Thursday**

Job 29:1; 31:1-23  
 Acts 15:1-11  
 John 11:17-29

**Friday**

Job 29:1; 31:24-40  
 Acts 15:22-35  
 John 11:30-44

**Saturday**

Job 38:1-17  
 Acts 15:22-35  
 John 11:45-54



**Member 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,

Anne Putnam

Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative

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Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary

**Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor**

Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music

Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;

8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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