

*FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 5, 2021*

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

Service of the Word via You Tube

(Based on Jay Beach Setting)

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.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Processional Hymn: *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* **#807, Page 4, Verses 1,3**

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.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.


The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad



I was glad when they said to me, "Let us



go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they



said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."



Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed,
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,



gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly Word,



God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re - peat - ed; Peace! to all pro - claimed,



make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, like a Father you make all things new, and like a Mother you wipe away all tears from our eyes. Give us the hope of your newness and your comfort in the trials and tribulations of our daily life, that the world might be healed, and that your eternal light may shine on us, even now. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb who was slain, and is trustworthy and true, forever and ever.

Amen.

We sit

Word

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5

A reading from Revelation:

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.


Continued

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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Gospel: John 16:20-22

The holy gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. ²²So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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: "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"

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We stand

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
 3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
 4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
 there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
 sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?

Refrain

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;

oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795
 Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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

Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Great Thanksgiving

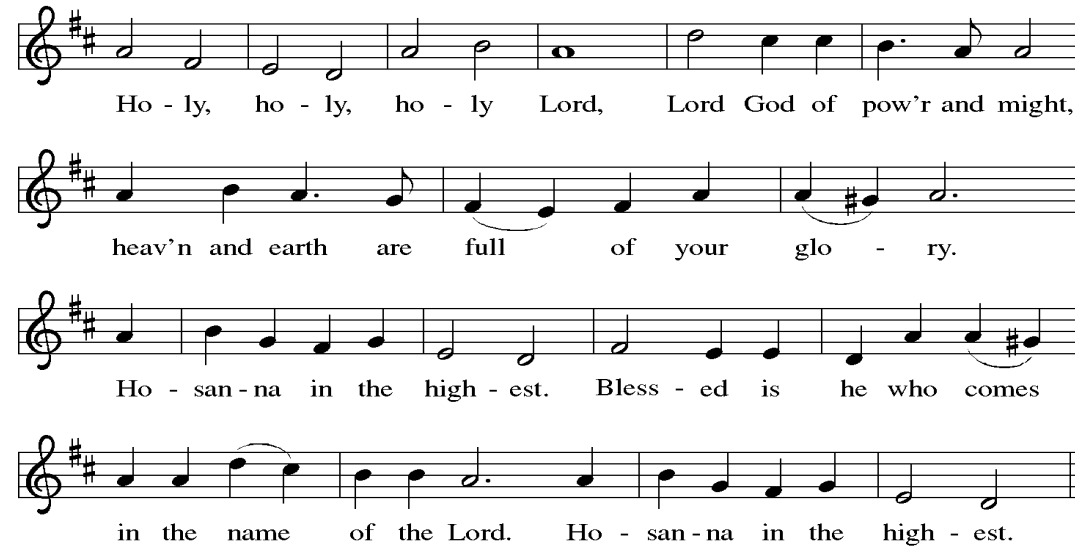
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

Preface

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

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.

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

Thanks be to God!

We sit

"For the Healing of the World"

Pages 15-16, Verse 1

For the Healing of the World



Des-per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to



Je - sus; Wound-ed and bro - ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and



come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.



Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to



eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he



free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

Continued



For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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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.

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,

we have received from your table

more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“For the Healing of the World”*

Pages 15-16, Verses 2, 3

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Barb Susen
Altar Guild: Jean Morgan
Assisting Minister: Mike Trauscht
Council Person of the Week: Robin Crowder
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady
Ushers: Pat Brady
Jean Morgan

*The Chancel Flowers today are given
to the Glory of God and in memory of Mother Teresa
August 26, 1910-September 5, 1997*



Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

Isaiah 2:2-4

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.



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*)

Bill Lucas

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

Carol Garvin, Daughter of Dick Tomey

Mark Neely, Brother of Jill Pingel

Liz Pierce, Friend of Sharon Lynch

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

George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Timothy Bradford, Friend of Schwiesows

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Dick Jordan, Uncle of Mike Myers
Family of Aven Moffatt, Friend of Pastor April Cranford

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Kiera Mahoney

Hal Aaslestad

Kate Morrison

Antoinette Eckstrom

Alex Skelton

Kristen Spooner

Sydney Rankin

The Needs of the World

**Our Children, Teachers, Professors, and
all School and College Personnel
returning to school this Fall, still
under a Covid watch**

The nation of Afghanistan as U.S. troops
conclude their activity; Afghan
refugees, and Afghanistan women
under the Taliban

**Wildfires in our Nation and around the
world—and our care of the
environment**

Victims of Hurricane Ida from Louisiana and
Mississippi to New Jersey and New
York, and their recovery

**The nation of Haiti in recovery from
earthquake and political turmoil**

The Church

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

Please 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)

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County

Monday

1 Kings 1:(1-4) 5-31
Acts 26:1-23
Mark 13:14-27

Tuesday

1 Kings 1:32-2:4 (5-46a) 46b
Acts 26:24-27:8
Mark 13:28-37

Wednesday

1 Kings 3:1-15
Acts 27:9-26
Mark 14:1-11



Thursday

1 Kings 3:16-28
Acts 27:27-44
Mark 14:12-26

Friday

1 Kings 5:1-6:1,7
Acts 28:1-16
Mark 14:27-42

Saturday

1 Kings 7:51-8:21
Acts 28:17-31
Mark 14:43-52

**Next Sunday's Schedule
and Lessons**

September 12, 2021
16th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Pastor Paul Pingel,
Presiding and Preaching

Genesis 1:1– 2:4
John 1:1-5

worship WITH US

In-Person Worship at Grace - A notice was sent out to all members and regular visitors this past week sharing the worship guidelines for the month of August:

- Masking is required in worship for all in attendance
- Distancing continues, with every other pew blocked off
- We also ask you to share the peace safely distanced
- Holy Communion continues to be shared in the pews
- Please greet guests and friends outdoors before and after worship
- You Tube and Zoom continue to be available



Final Summer Sermon Series - Revelation - This final book of the New Testament (and Bible) has fascinated and troubled many. It is an apocalypse, which is a word that means "unveiling," looking behind the curtain at things that are a mystery. Often the book is used as an "end of time" handbook. More importantly, the book points to our trust in God the Creator, who sent "the Lamb who was slain" in order to redeem us and all of creation. We conclude this series today.



School Food Backpacks—Plans are in the works for the food backpack program to begin soon after a break last year due to COVID. There are some changes this year. We will be packing for both Wenonah and William Perry at Grace. They estimate 200 plus bags to be packed. We are still working out the details of days that we will pack which will be either Tuesday or Wednesday. Again we will be alternating weeks with St John's Catholic Church. We need two teams of about 4 or 5 to pack. We will start packing at 9 and it will take approximately an hour, depending on the number of bags to be packed. We do ask that for the time being that we stay masked and preferably have had a vaccination due to the close quarters of the packing process. We could also use a couple people who would be willing to alternate weeks setting up the delivered food which involves equally dividing the stacks of food sent from the Blue Ridge Food Bank. If you can help with this outreach, please contact Gwen Kite at gwenma2002@yahoo.com or 910-0508.



New Member Class Starts Wednesday, September 15h! This four week class will meet in-person (masked) or via Zoom at 7pm. We have six signed up thus far for this four week class! If you would like to attend—even as a member who would like to meet our new members and get a review of our Lutheran perspective on scripture and faith—use the sign up in the narthex, or call the church office.



CROP HUNGER WALK September 26!

Walk in-person or participate virtually! This Decades-long tradition sponsored by Church World Service helps Blue Ridge Food Bank, Disciples Kitchen, Valley Program for Aging Services and the Salvation Army in our community.

Want to walk? Sign up in the Narthex or online at crophungerwalk.org (look for Grace Lutheran Waynesboro, and follow the instructions), and sign up friends and family to help contribute to this great way to help our community!

Want to donate toward our team? See Karen Walck in the Narthex or online at crophungerwalk.org (and look for Grace Lutheran Waynesboro to donate). Call Karen Walck with any questions 765-480-9920 and come walk for a great cause!



Dear Grace Lutheran Families: The Christian Education Committee is pleased to invite you to an **Ice Cream Social** for the congregation on Sunday, September 12th. We will meet on the grass between the church and the playground at 3:00 p.m. The playground will be open for the children to play and we will supply the ice cream, bowls, spoons, and waters. Please bring your own chair and an ice cream topping to share!

Please RSVP either by the sign-up list at the back of the sanctuary, or through the link that was emailed out. We appreciate your response by Thursday, September 9th. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Jones at: carrie.t.jones@gmail.com.



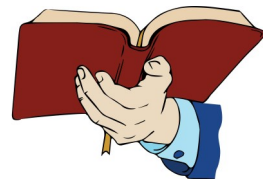
Children's Church starts in September! - Starting September 19th, we will have Children's Church during worship. Pre-K through 5th graders will have the opportunity to have a 15-20 minute time to learn more about the Bible readings we're using in worship, as well as opportunities for singing, playing bells and other activities to help our young people grow in Faith! Invite families, children, grandchildren and neighbors to be a part!



Worship Notice: After our confession, please note we are now singing as the cross comes down the aisle and the candles are lit. As you sing, please sing conversationally, with the same voice you would as if talking to someone in normal conversation, as a precaution during this time when Covid cases are on the upswing.



Property Meeting at Grace—Thursday, August 5th, sixteen Grace members gathered for a Property Committee meeting. Brad Keefer, after 55 years of devoted and unparalleled service to Grace as Property chairperson, is scaling back his activity, and handing the reins over to others. We had a good response from many people, but still have many opportunities to coordinate, as well as a Chairperson to oversee Outdoor, Indoor and Administrative work here at Grace. If you are able to help, please take a look at the Chart in the narthex and mark down areas where you can help maintain this beautiful building and grounds that God has blessed us with!



Narrative Lectionary begins again on September 12th - After a Summer that allowed us to focus on specific books of the Bible - the Psalms, Ephesians, and Revelation - we return to the Narrative Lectionary in September. From September to November, we focus on Old Testament passages that tell us about God's faithfulness to us and activity to restore Creation to God's self. During Advent we hear from the prophets who point us to Jesus, and then begin our focus on John, the gospel focus of this year's Narrative Lectionary.



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

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

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



September

Work Day at Grace









On Saturday, September 18 at 8:30 a.m. there will be a work day to trim bushes and pull weeds around the Church. Depending on number of people helping, it should take 3 hours or less. Tools or items that might be helpful could include: gloves, electric trimmers, battery operated trimmers, rake, favorite tools for pulling weeds, leaf blower, weedeater and other items you think would be helpful. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Kite.



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. We have two: (1) **Warm Shelter Meals**—An email was sent out to collect for meals for the Warm Shelter, now housed in Verona. If you haven't brought your items yet, leave them in the Seminar Room as indicated. (2) **Renewing Homes Ramp Build**—There's an opportunity to help a family in Staunton to repair a deck on Saturday, September 25th. Call Jerry Kite for more details and to sign up. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Grace.



Adult Christian Education at Grace! Because of concerns over the Delta Virus, we will not meet in person for Adult Sunday School. 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'll start with a four week 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 will start Thursday, September 16th! Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call the Church Office.

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	09/05	10:00 a.m.	 15th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding
		10:50 a.m.	 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom
Monday	09/06		 Church Office Closed
Wednesday	09/08	9:00 a.m.	 Backpacks (Fellowship Hall Stage)
Thursday	09/09	8:30 a.m.	 Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		1:00 p.m.	
Sunday	09/12	10:00 a.m.	 16th Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	 Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		3:00 p.m.	 Ice Cream Social Grace Church



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