

1 PETER 3:15, NIV

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 24, 2022

"Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world."

Holy Communion

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Six (Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of 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.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

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 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

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir sing.

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

Welcome and Announcements

<u>Gathering</u>

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand.

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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God.

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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Kyrie



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

A reading from 1 Peter

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel: Matthew 10:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁶See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

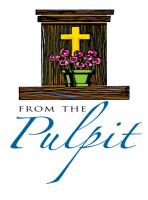
We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Van Stee



<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Van Stee



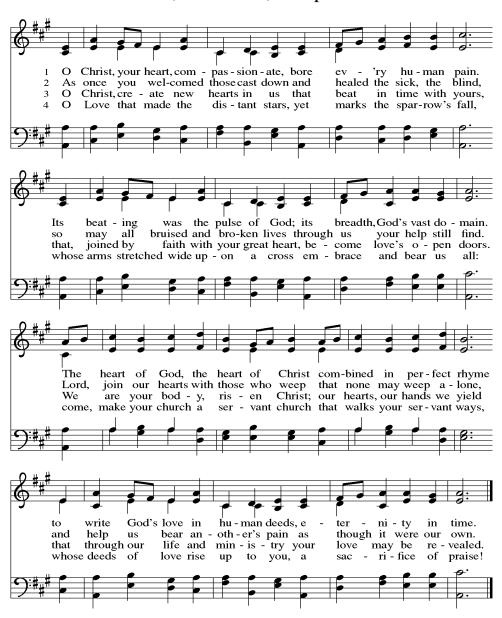
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" #722, Page

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O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

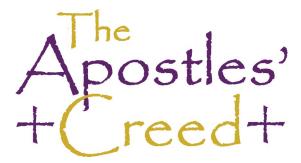
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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. 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



Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

Meal

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 to one another.

We sit.

Offering

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)

Offertory Response



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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

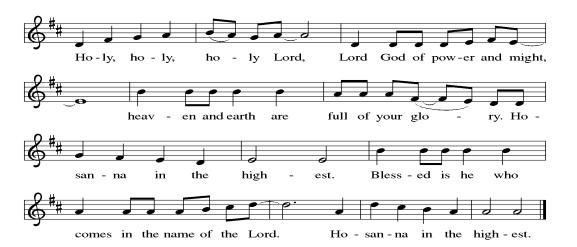
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 for the 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 for the 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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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.

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.



Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

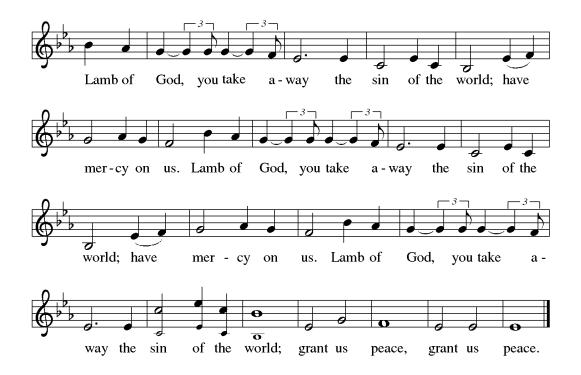
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening 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)

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. Those giving the bread and wine will say the following:

The body of Christ, given for you The blood of Christ, shed for you.

You may respond with "Amen"

After all have returned to their places, 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

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

Sending Song: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

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Dismissal

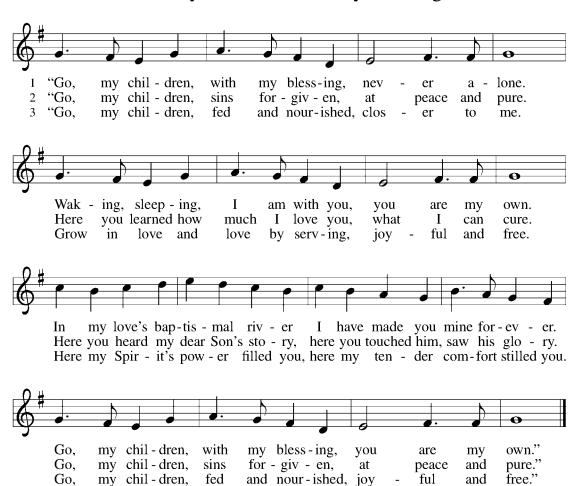
Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

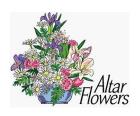


Altar Flowers: Rew and Karen Walck
Altar Guild: Glen and Lisa Gray
Assisting Minister: Ron Almarode
Communion Assistants: Marsha Howard

Council Person of the Week:
Covid Monitor:
Offering Stewards:

Karen Walck
Karen Walck
Jean Morgan
Jean Morgan

Ushers: David Proctor
Pat Brady
Jean Morgan



Chancel flowers are given today by
Rew and Karen Walck to the
Glory of God and in honor of their
daughter Sarah's birthday

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

July 31 Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.
Pastor Karen Van Stee
Presiding and Preaching

1 Peter 4:1-19 Matthew 5:43-48



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*)

Emily Almarode Donna Dodge Sue Kelly Jimmy Owens

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

Louise Harris, Friend of Bobby & Carolyn Hite Cameron Jordan, Friend of Donna Gum Mary Lawhorne, Sister of Gloria Nelson Bishop Emeritus James Mauney Paul Sager, Friend of Sandy Johnson

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

Birth of Malachi Alan Dolan July 11, 2022, Son of Jake and Becca Dolan,

Grandson of Tom and Holly Carper

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

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower
Marie Brown Sandra Hoy
Phyllis Kite Glenn and Flossie Myers
Janet Parmer Ingrid Sevigny

Lily Skelton

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Lou Lanier, Friend of Jim and Gloria Nelson
Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Seth Bauserman, Friend of Jim & Gloria Nelson and Family Family of Gail Byrd, Friend of Lee & Sharon Lynch Family of Cecil Campbell, Friend of Bill and Sue Kelly Family of Mark Hammock, Friend of Ron and Sylvia Almarode Family of Pete Rufe, Grace Member

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year
Al McKechnie Bobby Hite
Diane Lundstrom Cindy Trauscht



The Needs of the World

The War between Russia and Ukraine for millions of refugees now in
Poland, Austria, etc.; for those
in combat; for peace

Westminster and Grace's Congolese refugee family now in Waynesboro

The great increase in mental health cases in our nation

Famine in the Horn of Africa—27 million at risk

Extreme drought, heat and fires in the American West and Europe

Continued epidemic of mass shooting incidents in our nation, most recently the shootings this week in Georgia, Washington, Indiana, Michigan and Nebraska

The increase of race-motivated violence

The Church

Pray for God's Plan for Grace

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch Avenue, Market Street and the YMCA.





, Welcome to Worship!

- Ron Almarode will give the CDC "color" status of Waynesboro each week in his telephone message. **We will base the use of masking on the status of Waynesboro.**
- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship.
- If our area is in an Orange (high risk) status, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) status, those who
 are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask,
 while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional,
 but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.



In the Pastor's absence, if you need any type of support or are facing a crisis, please contact Church Council President, Robin Crowder (540.476.0180) or other members of Church Council. (The Council Person of the Week is listed with the week's worship assistants.)



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. You can continue to borrow and return books there anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the materials you've read and hope you will join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racist Pledge. Get to know the treasures in the LIBRARY, including P. Buckley Moss. Contact the church office, Carolyn Barrette, Rick Bump, or Linda Meyer for more information.



Collection for the Salvation Army's "Homework Toolboxes" has begun! Items needed are pencil boxes or pouches, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, colored markers, glue sticks, individual pencil sharpener, erasers, and scissors. Items can be left before July 28 in the box outside of the office or in the narthex on Sundays. Thank you!



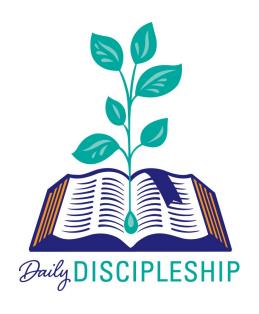
Have you noticed that the Dossal behind the altar is not dragging on the floor? A big thank you to Amy Warren and Lisa Gray for hemming it so it no longer touches the floor.



Worship at Barren Ridge—You are invited to join St. James Lutheran, Fishersville, and Bethlehem Lutheran, Waynesboro, for worship together outdoors at Barren Ridge winery on Sunday, August 14th, at 11:00 a.m. Grace will have our regular service at 10:00 a.m.



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 twenty-seven deliveries thus far, twelve to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Overall, we have given well over 2865 pounds of food! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Monday

Numbers 16:1019 Romans 3:21-31 Matthew 19:13-22 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 9

Tuesday

Numbers 16:20-35 Romans 6:1-12 Matthew 19:23-30 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 7

Wednesday

Numbers 16:36-50 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 20:1-16 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 134 Thursday

Numbers 17:1-11 Romans 5:1-11 Matthew 20:17-28 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 130

Friday

Numbers 20:1-13 Romans 5:12-21 Matthew 20:29-34 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 40

Saturday

Numbers 20:14-29 Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 21:1-11

Morning Psalm 149, Evening 90



DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	07/24	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
	07/07		Coffee Fellowship Zoom
Wednesday	07/27	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	07/28	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	07/30	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	07/31	10:00 a.m.	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom



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