

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church May 16, 2021

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

### Service of the Word via You Tube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! 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 <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

## Gathering

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

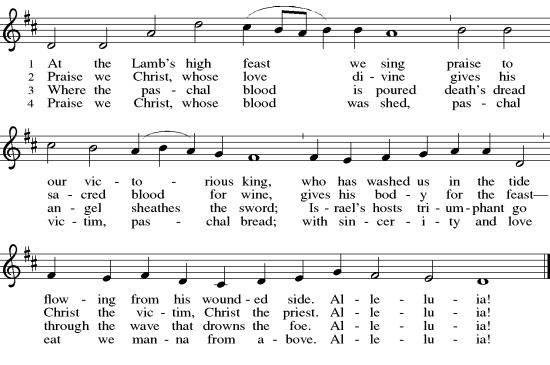
Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

#### Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

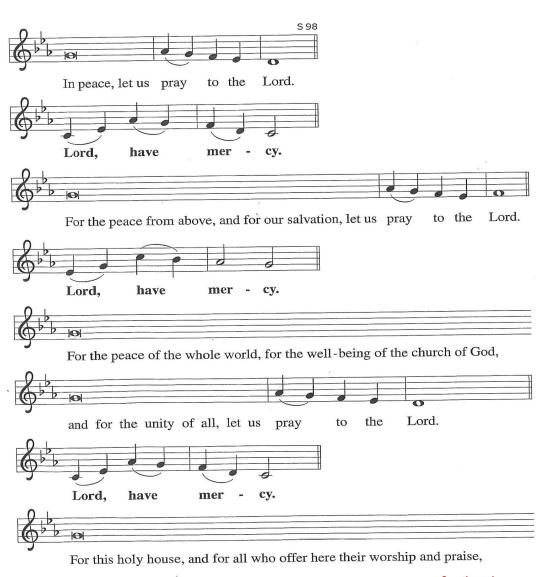
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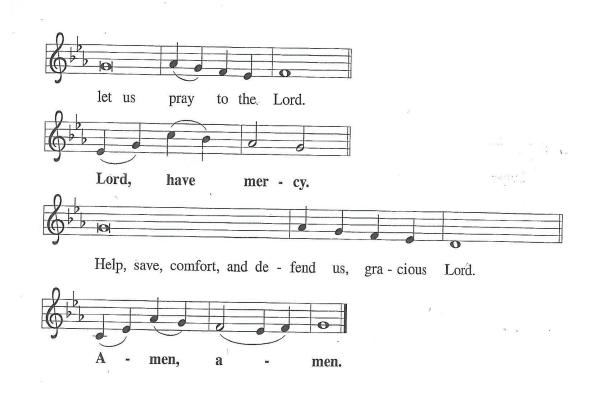
## **Greeting**

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**





**Hymn of Praise**: "Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing"

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

### A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Faithful Deliverer,

You have chosen us to receive salvation by faith, not by the works of our hands. Deliver us, then, from the law, and free us from the bondage of sin so that with our hands we might serve you in purity of joy and response to your goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is all goodness.

Amen.

We sit

## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
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#### Word

## First Reading: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

### A reading from Galatians:

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing? — if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

<sup>6</sup>Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," <sup>7</sup>so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you." <sup>9</sup>For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### We stand



The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.



#### Word

#### **Gospel: Luke 1:68-79**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

## Glory to you, O Lord.

68"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. <sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David. <sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. <sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us 74that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God,

<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

#### Children's Message

The Stollings/Cooper Family

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

#### **Musical Selection**

We stand

#### **Nicene Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 (such as arms open) to one another.

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

The congregation remains seated for offertory song.

## Offertory Song

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of love.

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

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.

## <u>Preface</u>

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## 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**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

### Thanks be to God!

"Lamb of God" may be sung.



## **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.

After all have returned to their places, 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.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Sending

## **Blessing**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, 

Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: "In Christ There Is No East or West" #650, Page 17, Verses 1, 3, 4

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

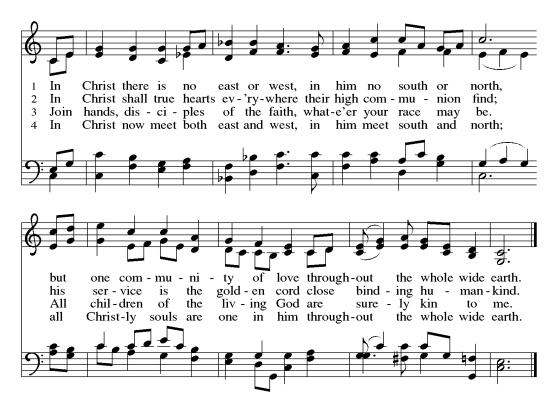
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## **Postlude**

## In Christ There Is No East or West



Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949



### Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Open

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan Assisting Minister: Susan Myers

Children's Church: The Stollings/Cooper Family

Council Person of the Week: Jerry Kite
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

**Temperature Takers:**Jill Pingel, Jane Stein **Ushers:**Fred Biggers, Jean Morgan



# The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of our God.

## Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

May 23

Day of Pentecost

### Service of the Word In-Person And via You Tube

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

### Pentecost; Fruits of the Spirit

Acts 2:1-4

Galatians 4:1-7

Luke 11:11-13



## Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

I Peter 2:9-10—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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\*)

Beth Ann Doerring Frannie Knicely

Phyllis Kite Flossie Myers

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

Gregory Barrette, Son of Bob and Carolyn Barrette
Christina Frazier, Granddaughter of Eleanor Sampson
Gabby, Friend of Kaitlyn Hull
Connie Henson, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Cindy Honeycutt, Friend of the Pingels
David Lindsey, Friend of the Almarodes
Jacob O'Neil, Cousin of Eric Hilker

<u>Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)</u>
Congratulations to High School and College Graduates!

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

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald Sandra R. Hoy Bob Knemoller
Glenn and Flossie Myers Janet Parmer Barb Susen

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

Nancy Beiker, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson
Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife
Ernie Graham, Friend of the Schwiesows
Mike Huff, Brother of Donna Gum

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps
George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

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## **Members/Friends Grieving**

Family of Pete Giesen, Grace Member
Family of Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum
Family of Kathy Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad
Family of Anne Seaton

## Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Ron Almarode Brodie Franklin Chris Carper Karley Hull

**Eleanor Sampson** 

## The Needs of the World

## Too many gun incidents and the wisdom to move forward

Students and teachers as we draw to the close of a pandemic-affected School year

Our nation and the many conversations about race and a way forward Together

Crisis in Israel and Gaza

The gift of patience in time of shortage, uncertainty

## **The Church**

The Student Care Center at Grace

Our unity in Christ with Churches in our Community

## **Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in Augusta County

### **Announcements**



## Congratulations to our Graduates

- Eden Grayce Lemons, granddaughter of Tom and Jane Blosser, will be graduating from CDM High School and will attend the University of California Irvine in the fall with an emphases on Physical Medicine and Dance.
- Ethan Lynch, son of Aaron Lynch, grandson of Lee and Sharon Lynch, will be graduating from Patrick Henry High School and will attend Universal Technical Institute in Charlotte. NC in the fall.
- Hannah Pingel, daughter of Pastor Paul and Jill Pingel, will be graduating from Waynesboro High School and Shenandoah Governor's School and will attend James Madison University in the fall with an emphases on Engineering and Music.
- Tyler Wertman, son of Mark and Tammy Wertman, grandson of Deloris Wertman, will be graduating from UVA with a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education from the School of Education and Human Development.

We send our prayers that God's gifts will bless them to be a blessing in their work, life and faith!



Grace Congregation Meeting Called TODAY—We will be meeting after worship both In-Person and via Zoom in order to elect Grace Council members - five members for two-year terms beginning July, 2021. A Youth **ELECTION** Member has yet to be determined.



Return to In-Person Worship at Grace - Following best-practice advice from our medical experts, we are limiting attendance to 30 people per worship service. You will need to sign-up each week by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday in order to attend the next Sunday. We will add an additional 8:30 worship if we exceed 30 wishing to attend.



Change in Grace's Office Hours Effective May 10: Grace's Office Hours remain Monday through Friday, with the following changes: Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.; (one hour for lunch) 12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon.



Ways you can As we return to in-person worship, we need worship assistants. If you plan To return to in-person worship and could/would help with taking temperatures. offering stewards, ushering, etc., please call the Church Office if you can help!

## **Announcements Continued**



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers, especially now that we are having in-person worship. Please call the church office if you would like to sign up for Altar Flowers. May 30 is currently open.



**Confirmation Gifts**—Next Sunday on Pentecost, May 23, we will give gifts to our Confirmands Quinn Franklin, Kaitlyn Hull and Zachary Rankin in-person and in gratitude to God for claiming them as God's children through their Baptism!



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 <u>fifteen</u> deliveries thus far, seven to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Fresh Air, God's Creation, Christian Fellowship! Enjoy walk on the Greenway or the Tree Streets in downtown Waynesboro, on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.! In this time where outdoor fellowship no longer requires masks, our Grace Walker group has resumed! Come and enjoy good exercise, good fellowship and the beauty of Spring and Summer! They meet in the Grace Parking Lot.



**C4/YMCA Student Care Concludes for Summer**—Grace has been hosting students throughout the pandemic school year, helping many families who were in need of care for their children while they worked during the pandemic year. This Student Care program concludes this Friday, as school semester concludes. We give thanks that our space was able to be a blessing to our community!



## Life of Grace Church May 16-23, 2021

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	05/16	10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Easter  Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube  Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
			Congregational Meeting
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	05/17	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
			Pastor on Vacation
		TAX DAY	Tax Day
		10:00 a.m.	Trail Talk—150 Race Avenue, Waynesboro
Tuesday	05/18	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
	03/16		Pastor on Vacation
Wednesday	05/19	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	05/20	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		11:00 a.m.	Galatians Bible Class In Person
		5:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle
		7:00 p.m.	Galatians Bible Class via Zoom
Friday	05/21	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	05/23	10:00 a.m.	Day of 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

#### **Monday**

Jeremiah 30:1-9 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 6:1-11

## Tuesday

Jeremiah 30:10-17 Colossians 1:15-23 Luke 6:12-26

### Wednesday

Jeremiah 30:18-22 Colossians 1:24-2:7 Luke 6:27-38



#### **Thursday**

Jeremiah 31:1-14 Colossians 2:8-23 Luke 6:39-49

#### **Friday**

Jeremiah 31:15-22 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 7:1-17

#### Saturday

Jeremiah 31:23-25 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 7:18-28 (29-30) 31-35



## Members of Grace Congregational Council

Linda Meyer, President
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Bob Barrette, Kathy Bump,
Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,
Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,
Kathryn Johnson, Amy Warren
Hannah Pingel, Youth Representative
David Proctor, Secretary
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Jinancial Secretary
Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor
Mike Myers, Organist,
Director of Music

Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

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