



Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 21, 2023*

“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 Now the Feast and Celebration
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.

Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements



Thanksgiving for Baptism

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,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.



United at the Table
Unidos en la fiesta

Refrain / Estribillo

U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se_ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la_a - le - grí - a se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.

1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo

que_en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

2 Cantaremos la bondad
del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa,
y nos llama a comulgar
como hermanos su vino y su pan.

3 Cantaremos al Señor
alabanzas al son de instrumentos,
y será nuestra canción
la alabanza que ensalza su amor.

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Apostolic 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.

Kyrie

P In peace, in peace...

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

P For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...
(to Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
Word...(to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast"

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NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
 slain, whose blood has freed and u -
 nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
 God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

See Refrain on bulletin page 7

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

See Refrain on bulletin page 7

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

Word



First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts:

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

We read responsively

¹Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

²**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

³But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds — his name is the LORD —
be exultant before him.**

⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

⁶**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;

¹⁰**your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness,
O God, you provided for the needy.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the LORD,

³³**O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice,
his mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

³⁵**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!**

Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter:

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Gospel: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children’s Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: “I Come With Joy”

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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, offer 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)



We stand

Offertory Response

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

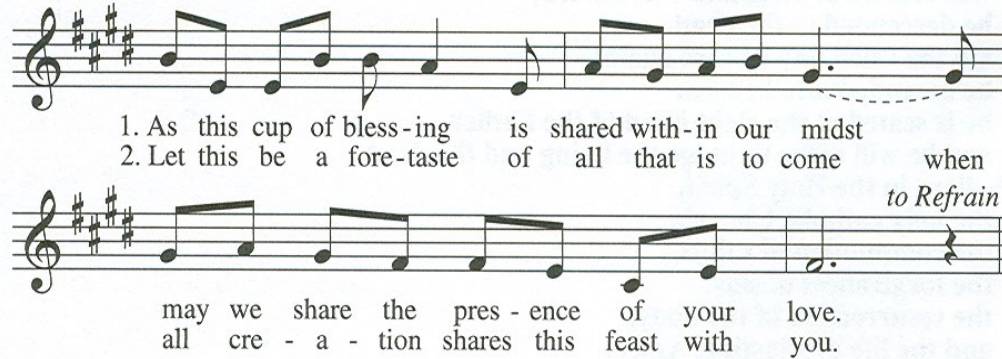
Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

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

Presider: *Congregation:*

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

Preface

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through 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 the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY *Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
In great love
you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out
to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news
to the poor,
and who, on the cross,
opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills
of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you
and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

Amen

I will *praise*
the name
of *God*
with a song, and will
magnify him
with
Thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30, NKJV

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

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.
Thanks be to God!

We sit.

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

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.



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:

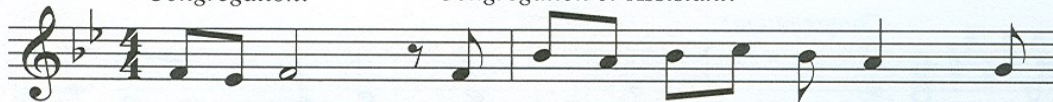
The body of Christ, given for you
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

You may respond with **"Amen"**

After all have returned to their places, **we stand**


LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and


Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.


Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

The Communion Blessing

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

Amen

The Post-Communion Canticle

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Sending

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

Benediction+

Sending Song: *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Selected

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

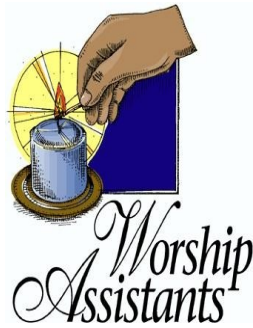
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	<i>Jim and Gloria Nelson</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
Assisting Minister:	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
Communion Assistant:	<i>Allison Fink</i> <i>Gloria Nelson</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Karen Walck</i>
Offering Steward:	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>David Proctor</i>
Ushers:	<i>Karen Walck</i> <i>Rew Walck</i>



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers this morning
are given to the Glory of God*



**Next Sunday's Schedule and
Lessons**

May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 29:19-23



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 four (4) weeks)

Beth Brady

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

Bishop Clyde Brown, Jr., Friend of Many Grace Members

Larry Fridley, Son of Linda Tomey

Scott Noble, Friend of the Proctors

Tim Smith, brother of the Rev. Pat Nabers

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

Congratulations to High School and College Graduates!

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Emily Almarode

Liz Ann Binns

Fred Brower

Marge Cloutier

Sandra Hoy

Kathryn Johnson

Sandy Johnson

Jimmy Owens

Phyllis Kite

Bill Lucas

Glenn Myers

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Bill Aldridge, Friend of the Kites

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Nina Crowe, Mother of Cathy Crowder

Cathy Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Mike Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode

Kyle Getler, Relative of Bill Meicke

Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

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Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends Cont. (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Kathy Hale, Friend of Charlie and Betty Karol Wilson
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
David Jones, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke
Kirsten Schwiesow, Daughter of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch
Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps
Sue Smoot, Friend of the Radeckes
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks*)

Family Nickie Aldridge, Friends of the Kites
Family of Matt Olli, Brother-In-Law of Brian Lundstrom

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Brodie Franklin (5/23)
Ron Almarode (5/24)
Lisa Jackson (5/28)

Chris Carper (5/23)
Jean Franklin (5/28)
Roger Bowers (5/28)

Rew Walck (5/28)



Our “Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends” – A continuing part of our Prayers during worship involves our prayer for relatives and friends, as well as for Grace members. We know the importance of continued prayer, especially as those we love and care for face longer term illness and recoveries. We *also* want to be sure that we can continue to add the names of all friends and relatives who are in need of prayer, and include this list during Sunday prayer. Therefore, we will begin a new policy of keeping “Ongoing Needs for Prayer” *for 3 months*, and then removing the names (*unless by request for names to remain on the list longer*).

The Needs of the World

First responders: police, fire, medical personnel, often in harms way in their work

Many Instances of War and Conflict around the World (Ukraine, Syria, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Sudan)

Our President, Vice-President, Senators, Congress, Governor and local leaders as they work for the Common Good over power and control

Tornado devastation in Mississippi, Alabama and Virginia Beach; storms, flooding

For God to break the stiff-necked political impasse that refuses to address gun violence in America

The immigration crisis at our U. S. borders; refugees in the millions around the world

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

We celebrate the 200th anniversary of Zion Lutheran, Waynesboro, and pray for the continued ministry

Our Neighbors

Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area



Called Congregation Meeting TODAY - We will:

1. Elect five (5) Grace Council members and one (1) Youth Council Member
2. Vote on a recommendation from Grace Council to perform roof, painting, entrance and awning work for a price of \$75,250

Please plan on attending this important meeting after worship!



The Valley Music Academy would like to invite you to their Spring Concerts Today at 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Grace on the "ground floor" - Grace has been working with other local congregations to establish an Assistance Ministry that helps all Waynesboro congregations to pool their resources to

- Better help local people and families in crisis with rent and other assistance
- Have one place where people in need can go, rather than "shop" all the churches
- Establish a database so as many people as possible are helped, with no duplication of services
- Offer casework services to families so they can receive the help they need to move from living in crisis to functional living more able to focus on children and the more routine challenges of daily life.

Grace Council on May 16th approved our congregation as a "charter member" of this Assistance Ministry. We will be a part of putting together the policies on how the fund is used. Currently approximately 10 other congregations have expressed interest, with the hope that we continue to grow the number of participating churches. Please pray for this Ministry, and getting it up and running as soon as possible, as the need is great!



The **All God's Children Anti-Racism Book Group** is taking the summer off! Our last meeting will be on **Monday, June 5th** at 7:00 pm in the Grace conference room. We will discuss chapters IV (Hate) and V (Love) of *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.

We will resume meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month (same time, same place) on **Monday, September 11th** and discuss Tony Morrison's only short story, *Recitatif* (including the 2022 Introduction by Zadie Smith).

Through the summer, members are asked to preview potential sources for future discussions and experiences. These can include books, articles, events, movies, programs, web- or podcasts, field trips, guest speakers or anything that deepens our understanding of racial equity and justice in the world. We plan to map out an agenda for the next year at the September 11th meeting.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know (rcbump0621@gmail.com).



If the church **office door is locked** during open hours, please knock and give Nancy a few minutes to answer. For safety reasons, she is locking the door when alone at the church, especially first thing in the morning. Thank you for your patience!



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 **thirty-three** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and eighteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,570 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Covid Policy at Grace

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

We continue to encourage:

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu



Thank you!!! First, to our April 29th mulch and outdoor crew who helped to beautify and clean up our Grace grounds—Fred Biggers, Ron and Roxane Myers, Jerry and Gwen Kite, Rew and Karen Walck! **AND** to our “stairway” crew who built steps required for meeting the city code requirements to hold our Hiker Ministry this year! Check out Glen Gray’s, Jerry Kite’s, Fred Biggers’ and Ron Myers’ handiwork in the Fellowship Hall!



Missing? Sunglasses, a cell phone and umbrella have found their way to our Lost and Found since last week. See Pastor Paul if you are seeking to find!

Hiker Ministry May 22 – June 17

We serve Appalachian Trail through-hikers through the “bubble” of time when they are going through our area from Georgia, heading to Maine, providing showers, a warm, dry, safe place to sleep, breakfast and snacks, and a Thursday evening dinner.

Needs:

1. **Snacks and breakfast foods** – particularly cereals, bread, fresh fruit, ice cream, cookies, etc. They can be left in the kitchen area of the Youth Room or at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays.
2. **Thursday evening dinners** – small groups of Grace members or community provide a dinner for hikers each Thursday while hikers are here.
3. **Volunteers to staff while hikers are here.** We are open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. each day during that time except for Saturdays and Sundays. While we have volunteer coordinators who are on duty each day/night, volunteers from Grace and friends are needed to help with check-in each evening, staying overnight, and helping with check-out each morning. These are not difficult jobs and involve mostly greeting and orienting hikers as they come in to stay the night, showing them the ropes and rules, and supporting whatever needs they might have. **Please check the calendar on the table as you enter the sanctuary to see where volunteers are needed and to see the responsibilities.**

We ask for two volunteers for each shift, so you do not need to do this alone. The “shifts” are as follows:

- Check-in 5 – 8 p.m.
- Overnight 8 p.m. – 7 a.m. (and we provide comfy cots in a private Sunday School room, so you do not need to stay awake all night – the hikers usually go to bed pretty early too!)
- Check out 7 – 9 a.m.

The benefits include getting to know hikers from all over the United States and the world! We've had hikers stay with us who were from Canada, Israel, Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, South Africa and many other countries. They are often on a personal journey of growth and healing and you can be a part of their journey and their story.

If you have any questions about the tasks involved, please feel free to call the church office (540-949-6171) or Linda Meyer (540-256-2277) or Jean Morgan (540-943-1929).



Life of Grace Church
May 21-28, 2023

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	05/21	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Seventh Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Congregational Meeting Confirmation Class K-5 Sunday School VMA Spring Concerts
Monday	05/22		Pastor Out of Town Hiker Ministry
Tuesday	05/23	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Out of Town Hiker Ministry Round Tables (Seminar Room)
Wednesday	05/24	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Hiker Ministry Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Wilson Memorial High School Graduation (JMU) Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	05/25	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Hiker Ministry Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Zoom Meeting
Friday	05/26		Pastor Out of Town Hiker Ministry
Saturday	05/27	11:00 a.m.	Pastor Out of Town Hiker Ministry Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	05/28	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Day of Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Affirmation of Baptism—New Members K-5 Sunday School

Monday
Ezekiel 4:1-17
Hebrews 6:1-12
Luke 9:51-62
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 124

Tuesday
Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27
Hebrews 6:13-20
Luke 10:1-17
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 66

Wednesday
Ezekiel 11:14-25
Hebrews 7:1-17
Luke 10:17-24
Morning Psalm 99, Evening 9



Thursday
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32
Hebrews 7:18-28
Luke 10:25-37
Morning Psalm 47, Evening 68

Friday
Ezekiel 34:17-31
Hebrews 8:1-13
Luke 10:38-42
Morning Psalm 96, Evening 49

Saturday
Ezekiel 43:1-12
Hebrews 9:1-14
Luke 11:14-23
Morning Psalm 92, Evening 23

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