



*SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 25, 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

Temple Talk

Fred Biggers

Gathering

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: *"We Are Called"*

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Greeting

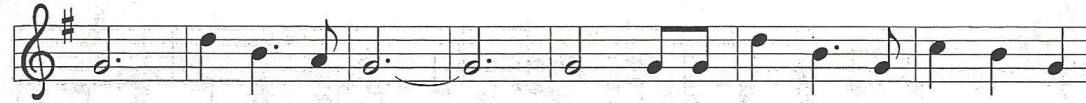
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



We Are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

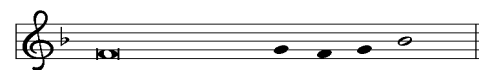


love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

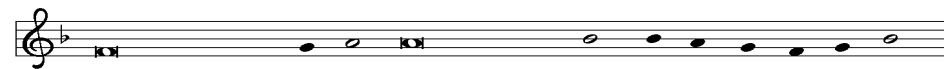
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



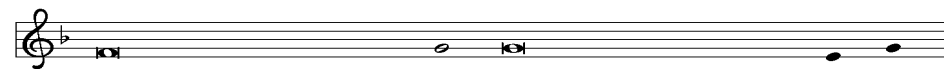
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



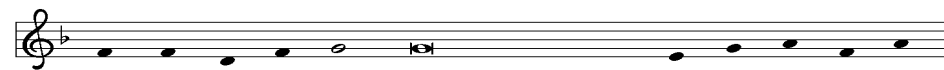
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



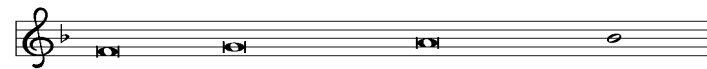
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.



Word

A reading from Genesis

Genesis 39:1-23

¹Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. ⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she

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caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. ¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

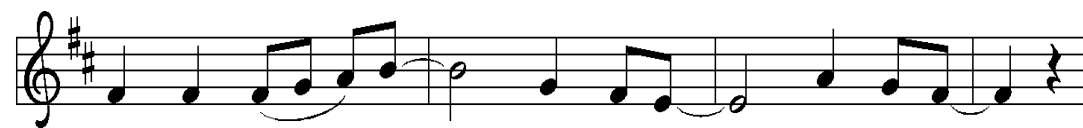
¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 5:11-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message



Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.



Pastor Pingel

Hymn of the Day: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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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.

Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;

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.

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.

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 Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na
uzima wa milele. Amina

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +

Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PEACE
BE 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: "Sonata in A"

Jared Stratton, Guitar

D. Scarlatti

We stand.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
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 - er and might,
heav - en 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

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.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

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)

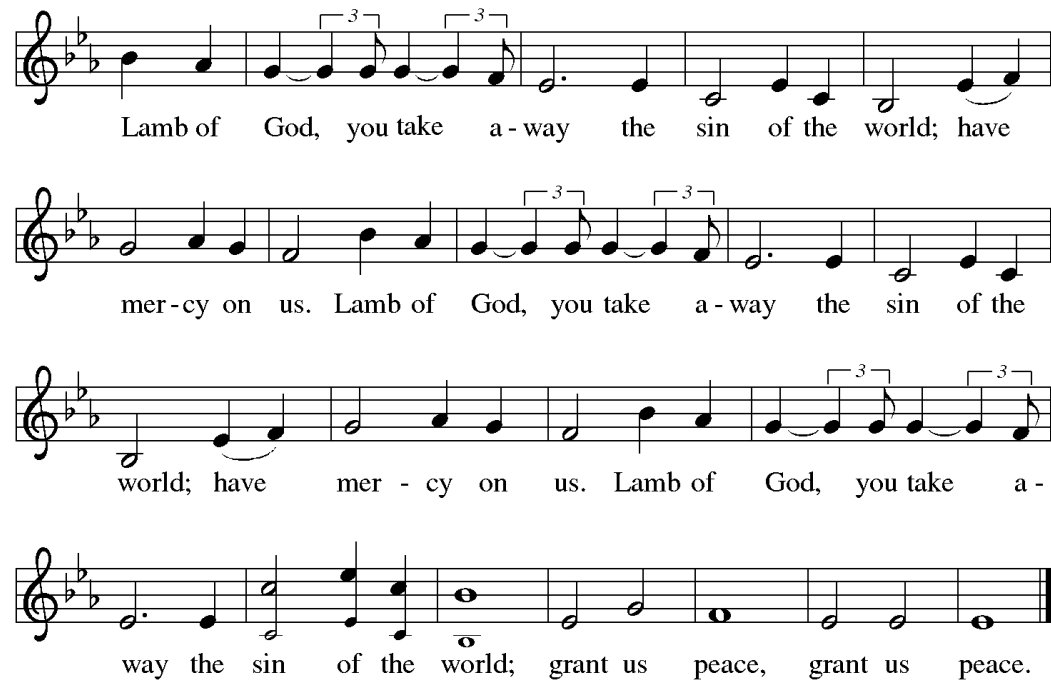
Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return 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.***





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

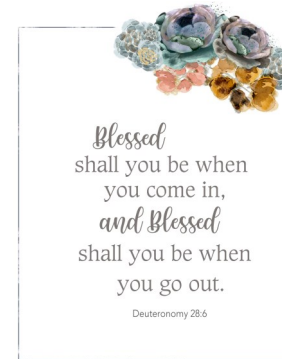
God of the abundant table,
**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.**
**Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.



Sending

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.



Sending Song: "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-B4, quarter notes C5-B4, and quarter notes A4-G4. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and block chords in the right hand.

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is

Oh,

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, eighth notes A4-B4, quarter notes C5-B4, and quarter notes A4-G4. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The system ends with the vocal line on a whole note G4 and the piano accompaniment on a whole note chord.

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is

vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

The third system features a vocal line with a quarter note G4, eighth notes A4-B4, quarter notes C5-B4, and quarter notes A4-G4. The piano accompaniment continues with block chords and a bass line. The system ends with a whole note G4 in the vocal line and a whole note chord in the piano accompaniment.

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, eighth notes A4-B4, quarter notes C5-B4, and quarter notes A4-G4. The piano accompaniment continues with block chords and a bass line. The system ends with a whole note G4 in the vocal line and a whole note chord in the piano accompaniment.

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Worship Assistants

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	Jean Morgan
Altar Guild:	Cathy Firkin Jane Stein
Assisting Minister:	Lew Yobs
Communion Assistants:	Brian Lundstrom Susan Myers
Council Person of the Week:	Susan Myers
Covid Monitor:	Carolyn Hite
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady David Proctor
Ushers:	Jerry Kite Lee Lynch



Altar Flowers

Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Morgan, husband of Jean Morgan.

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Karen Van Stee
Presiding and Preaching

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Matthew 2:13-15



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*)
Carolyn Shields

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

Judy Lambert, Sister-in-Law of Linda Tomey
Jen Kerney, Friend of Nancy Schwiesow
Karen Mongold, Friend of Kate Van Bremen
Margarett Neely, Jill Pingel's Mother
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Jane Wood, Sister-in-Law of Lisa Jackson

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

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

Emily Almarode	Liz Ann Binns	Beth Brady
Fred Brower	Marie Brown	Sandra Hoy
Phyllis Kite	Glenn and Flossie Myers	Jimmy Owens
Janet Parmer	Ingrid Sevigny	Lily Skelton

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

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

Continued

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

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
James Hepner, Father of Gloria Nelson
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Jim Didion, Friend of Rick and Kathy Bump
Family of Bob Smith, Father-in-Law of Jessica Lynch Smith
Family of Peggy Wood, Friend of Linda Tomey

Monday

Job 4:1; 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27
Acts 9:19b-31
John 6:52-59
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82

Tuesday

Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21
Acts 9:32-43
John 6:60-71
Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Job 6:1; 7:1-21
Acts 10:1-16
John 7:1-13
Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1

Thursday

Job 8:1-10, 20-22
Acts 10:17-33
John 7:14-36
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16

Friday

Job 9:1-15, 32-35
Acts 10:34-48
John 7:37-52
Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

Saturday

Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22
Acts 11:1-18
John 8:12-20
Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138



The Needs of the World

Westminster and Grace's Congolese refugee family, the Mmeswa/Madawa family, are now in their 4th month in Waynesboro

The great increase in mental health cases in our nation

Hurricane Season—at this time, Fiona and Gaston and devastation in the Caribbean

Continued epidemic of mass shooting incidents in our nation

God's Creation in Distress (200 whales dead in Australia, extinction of the dugong in China)

Teachers in our schools, and our children's learning this school year

Dangerous rhetoric and war in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Ethiopia

The Church

Pray for God's Plan for Grace

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

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Basic City Area.



Welcome to Worship!

- Pastor Paul 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.



QUILTING GROUP

Our regular day of quilting will be Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gwen Kite, 540-910-0508 or Amy Warren, 540-471-2362.



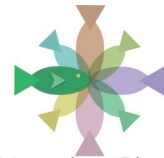
New Member Class Available in October! If God's Spirit is calling you to join in membership with the people of Grace, we'll be scheduling a class in October that works best with the schedule of everyone possible. There is also the opportunity to attend the class via Zoom if family or Covid levels prevent us from meeting together in-person. See the Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex, or call Nancy Dowdy at the Church Office (540) 949-6171 if you are interested!



The Waynesboro CROP Walk for Hunger takes place today at 2:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Park. We have raised \$220 towards our \$1500 goal. Karen Walck will be in the narthex after service this Sunday to accept donations. Twenty-five percent of all money collected in Waynesboro supports local agencies that work to alleviate hunger. They are The Blue Ridge Food Bank, Disciple's Kitchen, Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army. Donations are still being accepted online at www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova.



Embracing Grace - Generous, Loving, Caring - Our Stewardship Theme for this Fall! Fred Biggers offers our second Temple Talk this morning. Look for additional communication via Mail and email!



United in Christ

An Invitation to You on October 15th - As noted in Pastor's sermon last Sunday, there will be a Forum at First Baptist, Waynesboro's Fellowship Hall, where Grace and Christ Tabernacle congregations are invited to hear about what a group of our congregation members have been doing the last two + years as a Coalition for Christian Equity and Justice...and inviting you to take part as well. It starts at 11:00 a.m. Please plan on attending, and mark your calendars!



Our Strategic Planning Team meets today after worship with committee chairs and other leaders to brainstorm and begin to discover where God's Spirit is leading us as our future continues to unfold. Please pray for this meeting at 11:30!



Hurricane Fiona delivers devastating rain and wind, and still strengthens - Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic have already been punished by this strengthening hurricane, followed closely by Gaston. Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground in aid and support of those in need. If you'd like to donate, make a check to Grace, and put "Hurricane Response" in the memo line.



Grace Receives a \$10,000 Gift for Ministry! - A gift was received in honor and thanksgiving of Grace members in the amount of \$10,000 by a dear friend, for the Grace members to designate for use within the ministries of the congregation. The recipients of the gift wish to remain anonymous. \$5,000 of the gift has been designated for Grace and Westminster Presbyterian's Refugee Ministry. The other \$5,000 has been designated for Youth Activities, in particular those ecumenical activities that allow Grace Youth to participate with other Youth in the Community. God provides gifts for ministry, and has richly blessed Grace's ministry through this generous honorarium!



New Adult Education began today! Pastor Karen Van Stee began a **Fall Sunday School** class available at **9:00 a.m.** The focus of the class will be on the Gospel of Matthew, using the ELCA's Book of Faith curriculum. We began with the gospel of John last Spring. Come and grow in Good News! as we study the gospel of Matthew.



Children and Youth Planning Continues - Pastor Paul continues to visit and call parents with families and children, and we will be making an announcement about Children and Youth activities from our Children and Youth Committee in the next week or two. As a people of God together, we encourage EACH OF US to welcome and encourage our children and youth as they grow not only physically, but also in our Faith together.



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.



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-eight deliveries thus far, thirteen 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 2960 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off



Life of Grace Church
September 25—October 2, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	09/25	10:00 a.m.	Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
		11:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Lunch Meeting
		2:00 p.m.	Crop Walk (Ridgeview Park)
All Week			<i>Nancy Dowdy on Vacation</i> <i>Carolyn Hite in Church Office</i>
Monday	09/26	7:00 p.m.	WARM Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	09/27	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	09/28	8:30—2:30 p.m.	Encircle (Fellowship Hall)
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	09/29	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)
		Noon	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	CCE&J Group Zoom
September 30— October 7			Pastor on Vacation
Saturday	10/01	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	10/02	10:00 a.m.	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Zoom

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