



*“Come to me, all you who  
are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will  
give you rest.”*

*Matthew 11:28*

## *Sixth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*July 9, 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 *Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four*  
Congregational responses are in bold print

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

*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 the parts 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

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

*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,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**



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

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you**

**in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.


By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

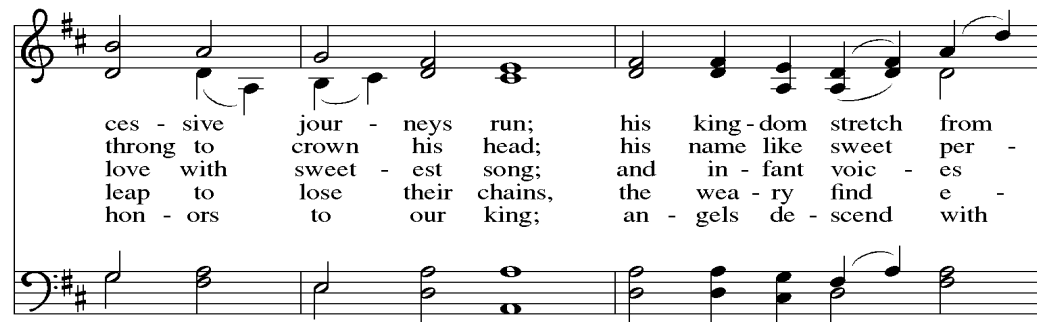
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen**

## Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



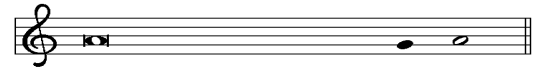
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

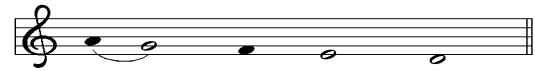
## Greeting

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

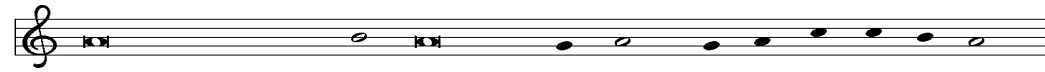
**And also with you.**



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.



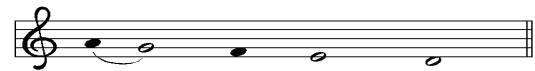
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



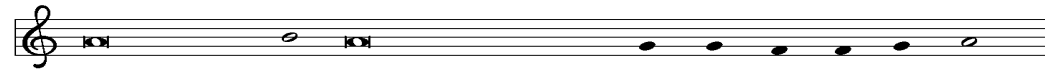
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy 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, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

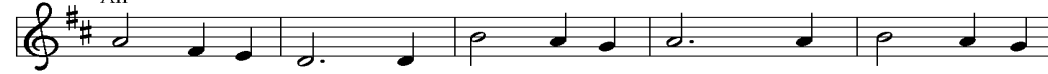
## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **Word**

### **First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12**

A reading from Zechariah:

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14**

*We read responsively*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
and tell of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.

**<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

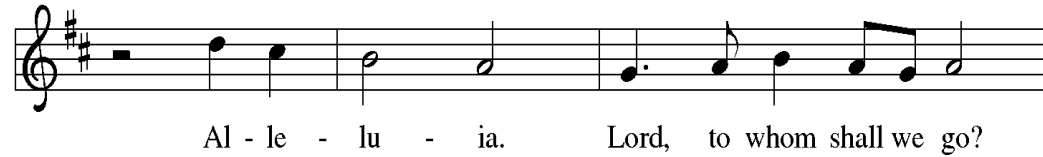
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*



## Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

<sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

Hymn of the Day: "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me. "Come home, come home!  
 mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909  
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

## **Installation of Leaders in the Congregation**

The following people have been *elected* by Grace Council to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Allison Fink (Vice-President), Robin Crowder (President), Ron Almarode (Treasurer), Charles Goodrich (Financial Secretary)

*A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:  
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices  
to which you have been *elected*?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

***The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.***

***Continued***

People of God, I ask you:  
Will you support these, your *elected* leaders,  
and will you share in the mutual ministry  
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?  
**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

I now declare you installed as *officers* of this congregation.  
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,  
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father,  
and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Apostle's Creed in Swahili**

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

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anaka kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

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

### Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these words*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We sit.*

**Meal**

### Offertory

*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

### 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 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.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and '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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### 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 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 wait 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**



### 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

All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit.*

### 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

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 Holy Communion

*We sit.*

*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.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

### 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.

**We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**



### **Sending**

#### Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

Sending Song: *"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

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#### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

# Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

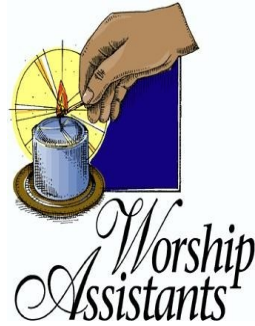


your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Jean Morgan
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jane Stein
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Linda Meyer
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Allison Fink Donna Gum
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Susan Myers
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
<b>Ushers:</b>	Karen Walck Rew Walck



*Chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in Memory of Mark Morgan*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**July 16, 2023**  
**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Karen Van Stee**  
Presiding and Preaching

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 54:(1-8) 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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)

Claire Biggers

Susan Myers

Lisa Gray

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

Heather Bolden Guinn, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace

Taunya McDonald, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Maxine McKinney, Friend of Grace

Sophie Wilson, Friend of Donna Gum

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

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

Marge Cloutier

Kathy Johnson

Sandy Johnson

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

Bill Aldridge, Friend of the Kites

Cathy Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Mike Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Natalie Dodge (2 year old cancer patient), Friend of the Almarodes

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

David Jones, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

Chris Jordan, Cousin of Mike Myers

James Pingel, Brother of Pastor Pingel

Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke

Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps

Sue Smoot, Friend of the Radeckes

Kay Truslow, Friend of the Trauschts

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

**Family of Doris Beck**, Friend of the Pingels  
**Family of Timothy Bradford**, Friend of Grace from Christ Tabernacle  
**The Family and Friends of Laura DeLapp**, Friend of Cindy Trauschts  
**Family of Bucky Lang**, Friend of the Trauschts and Nancy Dowdy  
**Family of Matthew Lang**, Friend of Many Grace Members  
**Family of Jimmy Owens**, Member of Grace  
**Family of Tim Smith**, Brother of Rev. Pat Nabers  
**Family of Officer Mark "Chris" Wagner II**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Cindy Glenn (7/11)**

**Carolyn Shields (7/14)**

**Malachi Dolan (7/11)**

**Zanny Bandy (7/16)**

**The Needs of the World**

**Numerous storms and damage, from the Northeast to Texas**

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**

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 pray for the upcoming July 13-15 Power in the Spirit Event at the Virginia Synod and for all participants and leaders**

Virginia Synod Bishop-Elect  
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton

**Our Neighbors**

**Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area**



**We Install Grace Officers This Morning** - As a part of worship, we will install Grace Council President Robin Crowder, Grace Council Vice-President Allison Fink, Treasurer Ron Almarode, and Financial Secretary Chuck Goodrich. Please pray for our Officers and Council as they help to lead Grace in the Mission God has for us!



**Monthly Prayer Vigil** – the Christian Coalition for Equity & Justice (CCE&J) Prayer Vigil is this Saturday, July 15th at North Park. Members of Grace and Christ Tabernacle host this Prayer Vigil in which we pray for our community, and equity and justice in our community. We meet at 11 a.m. Come and pray this Saturday!



**Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event**—Grace is coordinating a **Rise Against Hunger** food packing event with some area churches. The event will be held on **Saturday, September 9**, at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. It will start at 10 a.m. and be completed in about two hours. The last event Grace coordinated was pre-covid and there were over 20,000 meals packed. The event is a fun morning with a variety of processing stations including mixing food, weighing food packages, sealing food packages, packing boxes of bagged food and runners who move items to each station. It is an event that everyone can help with. Grace Mission Outreach Team will be using a grant that we received from the Mission Endowment support. Watch for signup sheets coming in August. Our goal for the event is to pack 25,000 meals based on support from area churches. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



**Grace Office Phone** - Our 20+ year old phone system has called it quits! Thanks to Owen Keefer we temporarily have phone call receiving and calling at Grace using older "analog" phones until we convert to a new system. Voicemail also continues to be available, and we will check for messages daily. We appreciate your patience over the next couple of weeks until our new system becomes available.





The “**First Sunday Fellowships**” are in full swing! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up in the Nave for your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign- up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

**Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:**

- **August 6** **Altar Guild**
- **September 10\*** **Hospitality and Grace**
- **October 1** **Quilters**

*\*Date change due to Labor Day*



“**Homework Toolboxes**” - It might be hard to imagine, but school will open for the coming year on August 9. As in the past, the Salvation Army is requesting aid in filling preschool and kindergarten “Homework Toolboxes”. The items needed for these boxes are:

- Pencil Boxes/Pouches
- Colored Pencils
- Blunt Tipped Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Erasers
- Individual Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencils
- Slim Colored Markers
- Crayons

Please return your donated items to the box located in the hallway outside the church office by **Thursday, July 27**, so that they can be delivered to the Salvation Army in time for the opening of school on August 9.

In lieu of buying supplies, checks may be sent to the Salvation Army, P. O. Box 1065, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Write “Homework Toolboxes” on the memo line. Thank you! Amy Warren



Grace's Congregational Council has approved sponsoring a second mission trip to **CICRIN**, the Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center and School. The dates are February 2-10, 2024 and the tentative price is the same as this year: \$1,995 per person. Those who think they might be interested can speak with Grace members who were part of this year's team: Chuck and Judi Goodrich, Linda Meyer, Pastor Pingel, and trip leaders Mark and Tami Radecke. Anyone wanting to have a FAQ sheet emailed to them can contact Mark Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



**Project Esperanza Fund Drive Update-** Last year, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ worked together to donate \$5,520 to Project Esperanza. This year, our goal was to raise \$6,000, enough money to support ten Haitian refugee students for a full year. With one month to go, we are delighted to announce that we have surpassed our goal and have raised nearly enough money (\$50 to go) to sponsor 12 children! The \$7,150 in pledges and donations represents \$2,000 from the Grace Endowment Fund, \$2,500 from Christ Tabernacle members and \$2,650 from Grace members. Thanks to all who have contributed so generously.

Grace members can still contribute directly to the Church, noting the money is contributed to support Project Esperanza as a memo. We will collect funds throughout the summer, with the fund drive ending on August 3, 2023. The mission of Project Esperanza is to form a global community focused on creating positive change and a sustainable future for Haitian refugee and immigrant youths in the Dominican Republic through education and empowerment. For the past 16 years, Project Esperanza has served the Haitian refugee and immigrant population of Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic (DR) in the areas of education, social aid, and community development. The project runs two schools serving 275 Haitian immigrant children in the Dominican Republic. More information is available at the project's web site: <https://esperanzameanshope.org/>



**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-four** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,654 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**  
**July 9-16, 2023**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	07/09	10:00 a.m.	<b>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>Church Council Installed</b>
Monday	07/10		<b>Pastor—Vacation</b>
Tuesday	07/11		<b>Pastor—Vacation</b>
Wednesday	07/12	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Pastor—Vacation</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Thursday	07/13	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>Pastor—Vacation</b> <b>Grace Walkers</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Virginia Organizing</b> (Conference Room)
Friday	07/14		<b>Pastor—Vacation</b>
Saturday	07/15	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Pastor—Vacation</b> <b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation</b> (North Park)
Sunday	07/16	10:00 a.m.	<b>Pastor—Vacation</b> <b>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Karen Van Stee</b> , Preaching and Presiding

**Monday**

1 Samuel 1:1-20  
 Acts 1:1-14  
 Luke 20:9-19  
 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112

**Thursday**

1 Samuel 2:27-36  
 Acts 2:22-36  
 Luke 20:41—21:4  
 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 27

**Tuesday**

1 Samuel 1:1-21—2:11  
 Acts 1:15-26  
 Luke 20:19-26  
 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 86

**Friday**

1 Samuel 3:1-21  
 Acts 2:37-47  
 Luke 21:5-19  
 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 139

**Wednesday**

1 Samuel 2:12-26  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 Luke 20:27-40  
 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4

**Saturday**

1 Samuel 4:1b-11  
 Acts 4:32—5:11  
 Luke 21:20-28  
 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 111

## **Grace Church Council**

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