

*As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you ...*

John 15:9



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024

*“A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”*

Service of the Word and HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

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

We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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.

We stand.

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

Mark 16:16, NIV



Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts:

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm: Psalm 98

We read responsively.

¹O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²**The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸**Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.



Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6



A reading from 1 John:

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.

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

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you O Lord.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel



Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



Hymn of the Day: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

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

God of Grace,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

Meal

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.

Offertory



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.

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
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.

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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 in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God!

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.**

**Our
Father**

"Lamb of God" may be sung.

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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.

Communion Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me!"

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We stand.

The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.



Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✝️ bless you now and always.
Amen.

CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

Sending Hymn: *“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

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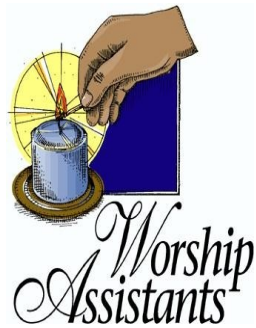
Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Postlude

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!

Altar Flowers:	Bob & Carolyn Barrette
Altar Guild:	Jim & Gloria Nelson
Assisting Minister:	Andrew Sell
Communion Assistant:	Carolyn Hite
	Tami Radecke
Council Person of the Week:	Karen Walck
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady
Ushers:	Ron Almarode
	Lee Lynch



Altar Flowers

The flowers are being given this morning in gratitude for God's many blessings - especially this month for many family birthdays and graduations of two grandchildren, Tabulah & Zachary.

As you
SENT ME
into the world,

so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.
John 17:18, ESV

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Sunday, May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion
and via You Tube

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19



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)

Marge Cloutier
Pastor Cynthia Long

Frannie Knicely
Gloria Nelson

Pete Warren

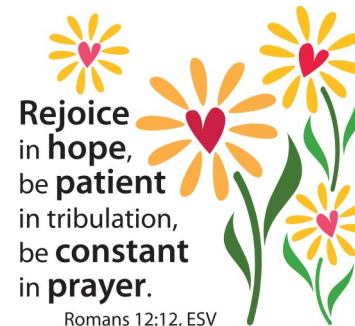
Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Joe Archambeault, Son of Berenice Archambeault
Ron Artz, Friend of Tom Carper
Leigh Crane, Friend of the Wilsons
Barbara Eagle, Sister of Nancy Schwiesow
Ernie Graham, Friend of the Schwiesows
Drew Matherly, Friend of Many at Grace
J. J. Redifer, Friend of the Caisters
Kathy Woods, Friend of Sandy Johnson

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

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

Ernestine Moomaw



Rejoice
in **hope**,
be **patient**
in tribulation,
be **constant**
in **prayer**.

Romans 12:12, ESV

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

Roy and Flora Henderson, Parents of Allison Fink
Zach Klemm, Friend of the Caisters
Heidi Messick, Friend of the Trauschts
Phoenix Oberg, Friend of Sarah Beth Kite
Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows

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

Family of Angela Cunningham, Sister of Colleague of Pastor Paul
Family of Lisa Harrison, Friend of Donna Gum
Family of Heidi Messick, Friend of the Trauschts

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Betty Karol Wilson (04/28)	Cori Blosser (05/01)	Ryan Blosser (05/01)
Alvin Jackson (05/04)	Nathan Skelton (05/04)	Kathy Johnson (05/06)
Jim Nelson (05/07)	Allison Fink (05/07)	Sharon Vorel (05/10)
Carolyn Barrette (05/10)		

  
Please be
Praying for...


Prayers for the World

Palestine/Israel - for the hostages, a hope for ceasefire, for healing from hate and conflict.

In our nation, peace amidst Palestinian protests at colleges and universities.

Tornado damage throughout the middle part of our nation: for those grieving, those who have lost homes and livelihood.

Those suffering severe famine in the Sudan amidst civil war.

For Police and other First Responders facing danger in their work; the families of four Charlotte, NC officers killed and four others injured; for our nation's gun and violence culture.



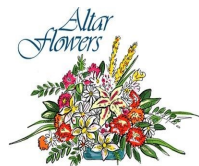
The Church

Congregations a part of supporting HERO (Housing Emergency Relief Outreach), which includes Grace.

For: Pastors and congregations of the Southern Valley Conference and the Virginia Synod:

- Pastor Karen Van Stee, Vice-Pastor of Bethlehem, Waynesboro
- Pastor Wes Smith, Zion, Waynesboro
- Pastor Gordon Putnam, St. James, Fishersville
- Pastor Carl Trost, St. James, Fishersville and New Mount Olive, Fairfield

For our unity in our diversity in Christ, that our differences will - as in the book of Acts - aid the spreading of the gospel, rather than serve as causes for division.



Altar Flowers—Each week we have flowers to remind us of the Resurrection, that God has raised us up, and that God has created a very beautiful world for us in which to live. A huge thank you to those who have provided flowers for the altar.

Grace is currently in need of a **Flower Steward**. If interested, please get in touch with the Church Office. Also, we continue needing your help. If you can, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the Nave to provide Sunday altar flowers! If you sign up for altar flowers, please call Waynesboro Florist at 540-949-8125 the Monday before you will be providing them, order your flowers and arrange payment. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.



Important Called Congregation Meeting, Sunday, May 19th - Grace Council has called a special Congregation Meeting after worship Sunday, May 19th, for the following reasons:

1. To vote on a new revised Grace Constitution, which takes into account the changes approved by the Virginia Synod and the ELCA over the last ten + years, as well as revisions specific to Grace that reflect our practices and meetings within the congregation.
2. To elect Council Members for the 2024-2026 terms.

Please plan on attending this very important meeting in the life of Grace congregation!



Nominations for Grace Council - Per our Constitution, "nominations for Council shall be made by Grace Council..." with their biographical information supplied to the Congregation ten days prior to the May 19th Congregation meeting. **Please note: additional nominations may be made by Grace Congregation in writing to Nancy Dowdy by Monday, May 6.** All nominees must have consented to serve, in order for the name to be put on the ballot".



First Sunday Fellowship - Join us following worship in the Fellowship Hall for conversation, fellowship, and a brief presentation from Grace Council - our hosts for today - and the work they do as a part of our ministry together!



Community Meal—All Are Invited—Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share if you are able or just bring yourself.



If you have a **graduate** in your family, please let the church office know the following **by tomorrow**: student's name, parents' names, school, degree, graduation date and plans for the future. Thank you!



Adult Bible Class resumed Thursday, May 2, studying the texts for the coming Sunday. Join us!

Guest Musician



Many thanks to Maxine McKinney - for being our music leader at worship this Sunday, while Mike and Susan Myers are away. We're thankful for her gifts and talents!



Grace Tower Cross Update - Engineers hired by our Insurance company have met with Grace's Property Committee, took pictures by drone of the top of the tower, inspected the Columbarium, and reviewed the architectural blue-prints dating to the Tower's construction. The conversations were preliminary; however "the ball is rolling" in beginning to replace the cross and fix the damage done on March 20th.



Power in the Spirit—“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” Esther 4: 14

The story of Esther, one of God’s faithful presence, deliverance from oppression, and bold service to the neighbor will be the event’s highlight. God calls Esther—a Jewish queen in a foreign land—to join in God’s plan to save God’s people. God gifts her with leadership, strengthens her in those gifts, and calls her to take risks, all for the sake of her own people. Like her, we can be assured of God’s holy presence and deliverance or we can choose to act for the deliverance of others.

The Rev. CeCee Mills, former pastor in the VA Synod, now Assistant to the Bishop in North Carolina, will be the Keynote Speaker, highlighting the risk of discipleship. The Rev. Heidi Neumark will be the Bible Study leader, celebrating Esther’s leadership growth, and inviting us to recognize the gifts which God has given us.

This event is June 13-15, 2024, at Roanoke College. All people are invited to attend this inspirational conference to explore God’s call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. Children accompanied by their parents are invited to attend and be a part of children’s activities and study.

Scholarship money is available from Grace Lutheran for our members. Please contact Donna Gum for more details: fdgum@ntelos.net & 540-649-0260.



HIKER MINISTRY 2024: May 27 – June 22—For the 20th year, the Grace Hiker Ministry will again welcome Appalachian Trail Thru-Hikers stopping in Waynesboro for respite and refueling. We offer a place to clean-up and sleep overnight, snacks and breakfast foods, information, etc.

Overall planning and coordination continue to be provided by long-time members/associate member of Grace – Irma and Woody Graf. During the 4-weeks the ministry will be open, we also have coordinators from the community. Liaison with the ministry will be provided by Jean Morgan and Linda Meyer. **What we need:**

People – a calendar for sign-ups will be in the back of the nave every week during May and will include the duties of each type of volunteer

- Overnight volunteers
- Check-in and check-out volunteers
- Small groups of members to provide a meal on Thursday evenings

Donations

- cereal, juices, bread, jam, peanut butter, and snacks
- milk, fresh fruit, ice cream and home-baked goods once we open
- self-care items – shampoo, body wash, skin moisturizer, razors, band-aids, etc.

Grace Church has a reputation up and down the AT for being a welcoming and safe space, and that depends on members coming down to help out and getting to know the hikers who are attempting to hike the 2,000+ miles from Georgia to Maine each year.

Questions or concerns? Contact Linda or Jean. We're happy to help you decide where your participation would help the most.




Food Pantry Collections: A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. To date, we have collected over **4,293** pounds of food (we have made **forty-one deliveries**, eighteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-three to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



**Life of Grace Church
May 5-12, 2024**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday 	05/05	8:30a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion 1st Sunday Fellowship—Church Council (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Class Sunday School
Tuesday	05/07	9:30 a.m.	 Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	05/08	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	 COMMUNITY DINNER Prayer Group (Chapel) Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room) Choir Practice
Thursday	05/09	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Virginia Organizing (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Conference Room)
Saturday	05/11	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room) VMA Recital (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)
Sunday 	05/12	8:30a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Seventh Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class Sunday School

<p>Monday Leviticus 25:35-55 Colossians 1:9-14 Matthew 13:1-16 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115</p>		<p>Thursday Daniel 7:9-14 Hebrews 2:5-18 Matthew 28:16-20 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113</p>
<p>Tuesday Leviticus 26:1-20 1 Timothy 2:1-6 Matthew 13:18-23 Morning Psalm 146 Evening 116</p>		<p>Friday 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Ephesians 2:1-10 Matthew 7:22-27 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138</p>
<p>Wednesday Leviticus 26:27-42 Ephesians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:41-46 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118</p>		<p>Saturday Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 Ephesians 2:11-22 Matthew 7:28-8:4 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 114</p>



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