

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 6, 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."

Service of Holy Communion

(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)

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

We stand

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.

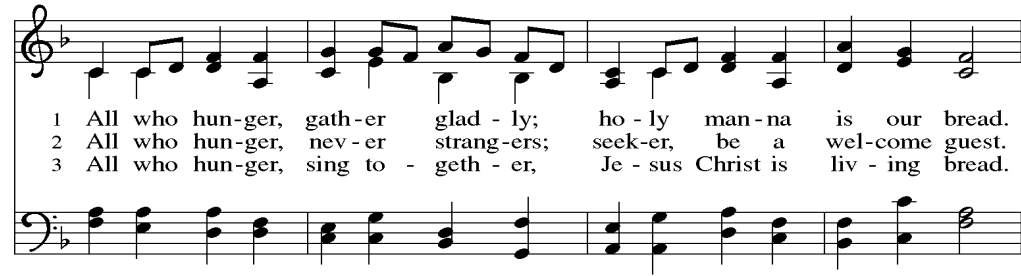
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”*

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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Prelude

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



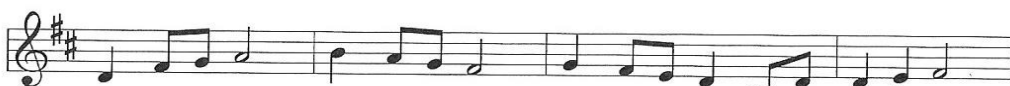
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



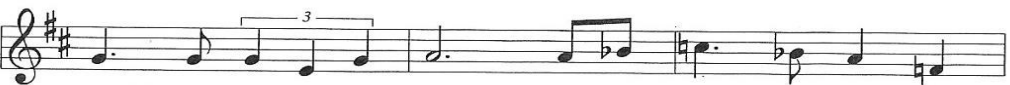
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

We read responsively

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

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

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹**He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans:

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever.

Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a common time signature. The first staff begins with a square symbol containing a cross. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

We stand

Hymn of the Day: "Baptized and Set Free"

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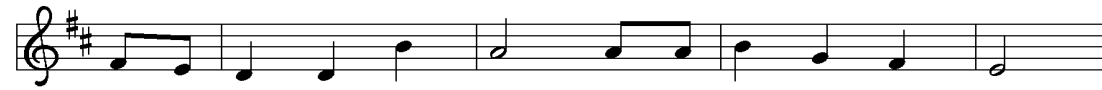
Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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In preparation for Holy Baptism at the font, the congregation is invited to come to the back of the Church where the font is located to be "the great cloud of witnesses" as we observe and celebrate God at work through Water and the Word, forgiving, rescuing from death and evil, and offering eternal salvation to Jackson Wyatt Chaffin. If you do not come to the back, please turn in your pew (as you are able) to face the font, and join in the service from your seat.

Holy Baptism

Presentation

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Jackson, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you live in the covenant God is making with you in holy baptism, do you intend:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support Jackson and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsor and the congregation.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Continued

We give you thanks, O God, for the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Jackson Wyatt, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jackson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The sign of the cross is marked on the forehead of the baptized.

Jackson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming
word to all the world.**

We return to our seats.

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 or similar 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 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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 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:



Holy, Holy, Holy

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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music is a simple, melodic line. The lyrics are: "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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Sosanna
IN THE
Highest

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this 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.

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

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

We sit

The Holy Communion

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

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.



☩ 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

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

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

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: *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



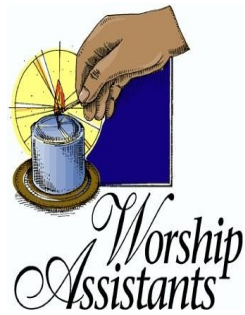
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	<i>Pat Giesen</i>
Altar Guild:	
Assisting Minister:	<i>Mike Trauscht</i>
Communion Assistant:	<i>Allison Fink Carolyn Hite</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Donna Yobs</i>
Offering Steward:	<i>Pat Brady Robin Crowder</i>
Ushers:	<i>Jerry Kite Maella Hilker Gail Johnson</i>

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons


August 13, 2023
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching

1 Kings 19:9-8
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33



*Chancel flowers this morning
are given to the glory of our Lord
and remembering
Pete on his 90th birthday*



Prayer List

*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)

Lisa Gray

Robin Crowder

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

Lisa Harrison, Friend of Donna Gum

Alberta Muir, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

John Schmidt, Son-in-Law of Peggy Marks

Rev. Ken Price, Virginia Synod Pastor

Colleen Privette, Sister of Lisa Gray

Rebecca Walls, Friend of Donna Gum

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

Thanks for answered prayers that **Regan Grant**, Friend of the Bumps, has been cured of cancer

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

Emily Almarode

Marge Cloutier

Sandy Johnson

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

Bill Aldridge, Friend of the Kites

Gary Barrette, Brother of Bob Barrette

Cathy Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

Mike Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches

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

Chris Jordan, Cousin of Mike Myers

Taunya McDonald, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Members/Friends Grieving *(Remain on List for four (4) weeks*)*
Family of Mike Freed, Cousin of Marshal Howard, Friend of Almarodes
Family of Bob Knemoller, Member of Grace
Family of Mike Moles, Friend of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Paige Smith (8/7)

David Proctor (8/9)

Rachel Hilker (8/11)

The Needs of the World

Extreme weather conditions around the world; severe temperatures, crippling drought, and extreme rains elsewhere

Many areas of war and tension around the world

"The poor, the widow, the orphan, the alien:" paying attention to the biblical call for us to care for others

Those in medical professions - doctors, nurses, surgeons, specialists, CNA's, social workers, and support personnel - maintenance, cleaning staff, kitchen staff

Teachers, Professors, Administrators, Assistants, and Support Personnel preparing to welcome students at our local schools and colleges; and for our children, grandchildren and young adults starting school either this week or the next few weeks in August and September

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

**Virginia Synod Bishop-Elect
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton**

Our Neighbors

Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area

Baptism

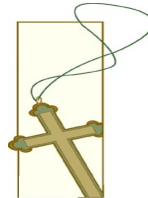
Baptism Today — Jackson Chaffin, a 23-year-old who has been visiting with us regularly, will be baptized during worship today! In Holy Baptism "... by water and the Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the Church, the body of Christ." (*Liturgy of Holy Baptism, ELW, Page 227*) We rejoice that the Holy Spirit is gathering Jackson into our life together here at Grace!



Blessing of the Backpacks moved to August 13 - In order to have greater participation, we have moved the Backpacks Blessing to next Sunday the 13th. Bring your backpack, or a notebook or text book from school!



A **secure entry system** has been installed for the Office Entrance Door. Ring the bell located beside the door during office hours; and if someone is available, they will buzz you in. Reminder:
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THE BISHOP

Bishop's Installation in October! Bishop-Elect Phyllis Milton's Installation and Reception will be in Waynesboro, VA on Saturday, October 21st, at 1:00 pm; and Grace - as we did with Bishop Humphrey six years ago - will host the reception. We're just starting to plan and detail this out, but there may be an opportunity to help with the reception and transportation. Stay tuned in August and September for more detailed information!



Christian Education at Grace:

- Confirmation - Parents and Confirmands will meet following the August 13th worship service to finalize Confirmation for this year.
- Children's Classes and Adult Education this Fall - Look for information next Sunday or the 20th!

There is much to choose from to grow in Faith through Christian Education this Fall! Plan on joining in!



ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024! For the first time in six years, the ELCA is having a National Youth gathering, this time in New Orleans. Three of our Youth are tentatively committed thus far, with a September registration deadline. Please pray for and support our Youth as they prepare and fundraise, and then join approximately 20-25K other Youth from around the nation for this unique and powerful event in July, 2024.



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*



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 am 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 to help support this event. Watch for sign-up sheets coming in August or you can register online at www.events.riseagainsthunger.org/Waynesboro2023. Our goal for the event is to pack 20,000 to 25,000 meals based on support from area churches. Remember to bring a hat or baseball cap because we are packing food. They do provide hairnets. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



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.



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.



Quilting—The Grace Quilters will be returning to the regular Tuesday quilting day on September 12. Last year, over 60 quilts were donated, with 54 sent to Lutheran World Relief. Quilting is a delightfully hands-on ministry and the more hands we have, the more quilts we can complete. We invite you to join us on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. There are other ways to participate as well. If you are more comfortable working at home, that is fine. The quilts for LWR are typically easy squares and LWR requests the size to be approximately 60x80. They are hand tied so that could be either done at home, or we have tables and quilt racks that can be used at church. Sewing is not a required skill to help. Cutting fabric and designing the squares is an easy way to help and if you can tie a knot, you are set to help tie the quilts. Another way to participate is by providing cotton fabric. We also use full size or larger all cotton or 50/50 cotton/polyester sheets for the backs. A solid color works best and with no stains. Often they can be found at thrift stores. If you know a quilter that would like to participate, please let them know they are welcome to participate and we would welcome any fabric that they may not be using. If you have any questions, you may contact Gwen Kite at 540 910-0508 or email at gwenma2002@yahoo.com.



Life of Grace Church
August 6-13, 2023

Day of the	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	08/06	10:00 a.m.	Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel , Preaching and Presiding Baptism
		11:00 a.m.	First Sunday Fellowship—Altar Guild
Wednesday	08/09	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	08/10	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30 p.m.	Virginia Organizing (Conference Room)
Friday	08/11		
Saturday	08/12	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/13	10:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel , Preaching and Presiding Blessing of the Backpacks

Monday

1 Samuel 18:5-16 (17-27a) 27b-30
 Acts 11:19-30
 Mark 1:29-45
 Morning Psalm 57, Evening 85

Tuesday

1 Samuel 19:1-18 (19-24)
 Acts 12:1-17
 Mark 2:1-12
 Morning Psalm 54, Evening 28

Wednesday

1 Samuel 20:1-23
 Acts 12:18-25
 Mark 2:13-22
 Morning Psalm 65, Evening 125

Thursday

1 Samuel 20:24-42
 Acts 13:1-12
 Mark 2:23—3:6
 Morning Psalm 143, Evening 81

Friday

1 Samuel 21:1-15
 Acts 13:13-25
 Mark 3:7-19a
 Morning Psalm 88, Evening 6

Saturday

1 Samuel 22:1-23
 Acts 13:26-43
 Mark 3:19b-35
 Morning Psalm 122, Evening 100



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