



*THE HOLY TRINITY*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*May 26, 2024*

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

# *Trinity Sunday*

Trinity Sunday is the only principal feast of the Church that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. Falling on the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy and Undivided Trinity as the final celebration, after Christ's resurrection and ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Christians have held a festival to honor the Holy Trinity since the ninth century, when it was celebrated in French monastic communities. In the fourteenth century, the festival was added to the Church calendar and has been celebrated throughout the world since that time.

The word "trinity" is actually not found in the scriptures, but in the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. From the day of our baptism, we are commissioned to go out into the world and show the love God as Jesus showed his disciples.

More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith. We, as the body of Christ—the Church—are called to be a sign in the world of the Holy Trinity's unity-in-diversity.



## *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.*



**Thanks**  
FOR WORSHIPING  
WITH 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**

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.*

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

Word

### **First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Psalm: Psalm 29**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
**May the LORD bless his people with peace!**





**Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

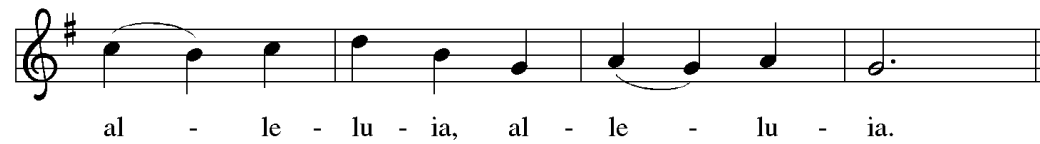
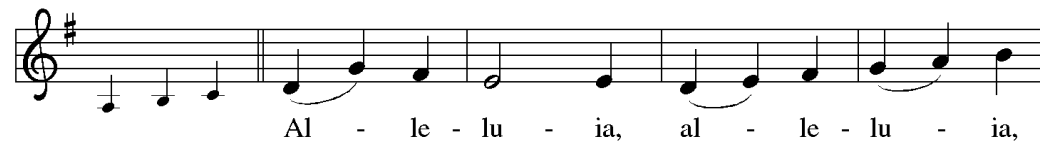
A reading from Romans:

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

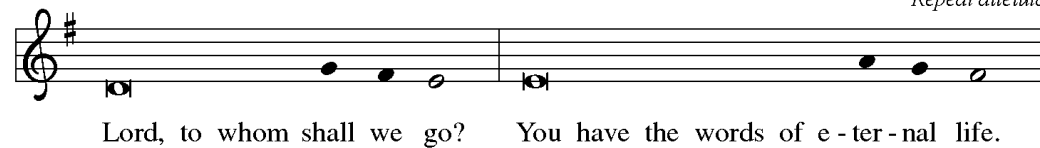
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*



*Repeat alleluia*



**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Creed

*The First Article: On Creation*

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

What does this mean?

**I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental facilities.**

**In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property—along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

*The Second Article: On Redemption*

***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 will come to judge the living and the dead.***

What does this mean?

***I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the Virginia Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.***

*The Third Article: On Being Made Holy*

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

What does this mean?

**I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

## Installation of Leaders in the Congregation

The following people have been elected by Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 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.

**Peggy Caister, Jacob Dolan, Jack Eckstrom, Susan Myers and Karen Walck.**

*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.

**Continued**



*The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly.*

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 council members 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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

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

God of Grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit  
and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**



**Meal**

**Peace**

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

*Please greet those around you and offer 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.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.



### Great Thanksgiving

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

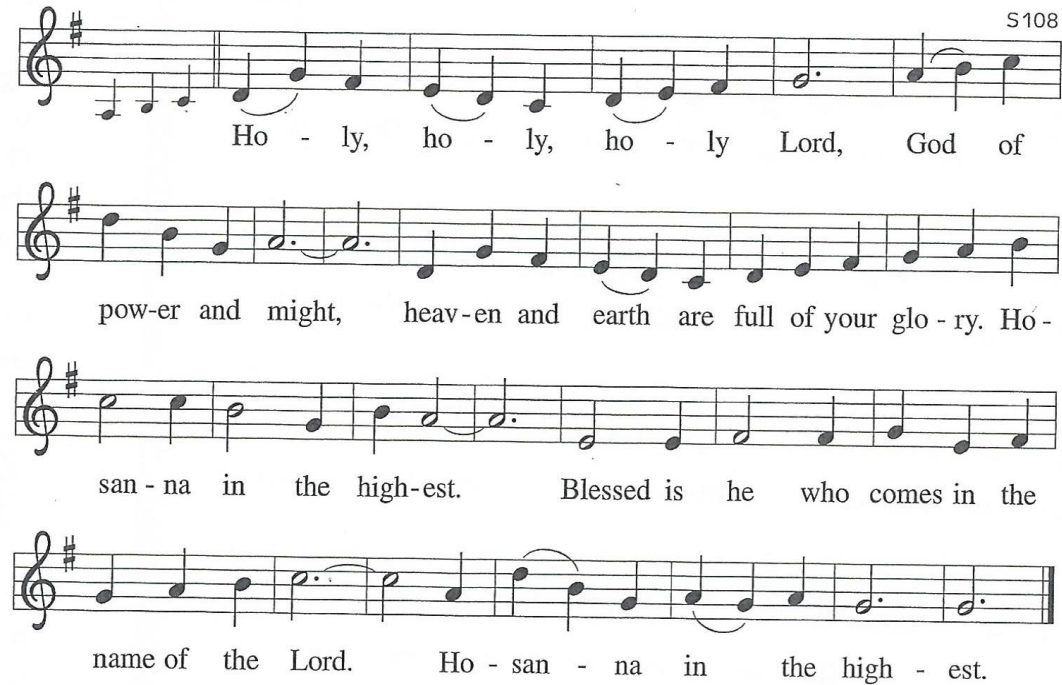
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join the 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

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

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

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

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

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

**Amen.**



### 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.**

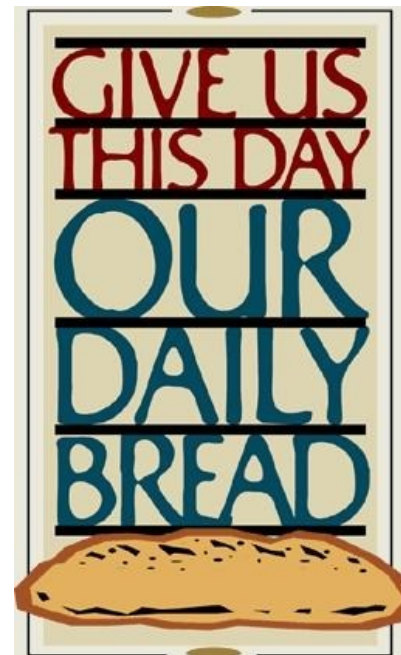
### Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

**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.**



"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:** "All Glory Be To God On High!"

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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.

Jesus, Bread of life,  
**we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

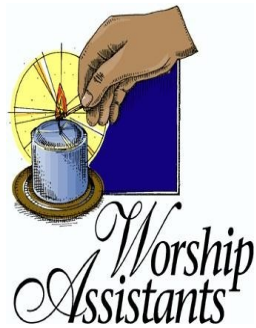
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**





*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!*

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Deloris Wertman
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathy Meicke
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Donna Gum
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Allison Fink Linda Meyer
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Jack Eckstrom
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady Jean Morgan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Maella Hilker Gail Johnson Jerry Kite



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

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
Sunday, June 2, 2024  
Second Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 8:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23—3:6*



**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  
Phyllis Kite  
Pastor Cynthia Long  
Pete Warren

Malachi Dolan  
Frannie Knicely  
Gloria Nelson  
Betty Karol Wilson

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

Kathy Blanc, Friend of the Wilsons  
Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace  
Zoe Bump, Granddaughter of Bumps  
Natalie Dodge, Friend of the Almarodes  
Jayne Freed, Sister of Marsha Howard  
J. J. Redifer, Friend of the Caisters  
Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer  
Tawana Sunderland

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

Birth of Jameson Matthew Lundstrom, son of Jeremy & Jace Lundstrom,  
Grandson of Brian & Diane Lundstrom  
Great Grandson of Frannie Knicely

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

**Ernestine Moomaw**

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

**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 Molly Martin**, Friend of Frannie Knicely

**Family of Heidi Messick**, Friend of the Trauschts

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

**Jean Franklin (5/28)**

**Lesa Jackson (5/28)**

**Roger Bowers (5/28)**

**Rew Walck (5/28)**



### 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.**

Graduates and completion of the school year; thanksgiving for our schools' teachers, administrators, and support staff.

### The Church

**Our new Grace Council and Committee Members**

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.**







**New Dishwasher in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen** - After 60 years! The old Hobart sanitizing dishwasher stopped working. We have replaced it with a new Hobart.



**Hiker Ministry/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.



We have a **woodworking crew** that is finalizing plans to use the wood for various ways to remember and make use of the cross by fashioning other crosses for various uses. Stay tuned!



**Are you a Thrivent Member?** If so, please indicate you are a member on the sign-up sheet in the back. We are planning a Thrivent Fellowship time after worship this summer - all are invited! - where our local representative, Sarah A.Sunde, will help us understand the wonderful ways we can support Grace through "Choice Dollars," provide funds for "Action Projects," and otherwise be a blessing to Christ's Church with other planning and learning events! Look for a July date in the next week or two!



**Communications** - Do you like sharing information about Grace? Got some creativity to think outside the box? Do you like to write? Communication is such an important part of our daily life, as is making sure information stays current and fresh. If you'd like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



**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). That's two tons+!



**HIKER MINISTRY 2024: May 27 – June 22**—For the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Wednesday evenings

**Donations**

- Cereal
- Juices
- Bread
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Snacks
- Milk
- Fresh Fruit
- Ice Cream
- 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.



**Life of Grace Church**  
**May 26—June 2, 2024**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	05/26	10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	The Holy Trinity Service of Holy Communion Confirmation Class Sunday School
Monday	05/27		Memorial Day Hiker Hostel Ministry Office Closed 
Tuesday	05/28	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel Ministry Quilting (Fellowship Hall) All God's Children (Conference Room) Round Tables (Seminar Room)
Wednesday	05/29	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Hiker Hostel Ministry Prayer Group (Chapel) Hiker Ministry & Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	05/30	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Hiker Hostel Ministry Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	06/01	11:00 a.m.	Hiker Hostel Ministry Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	06/02	10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	The Holy Trinity Service of Holy Communion <i>Blessing of the Quilts</i> First Sunday Fellowship—Quilting Serenity Garden Memorial Service Pastor—Vespers at Summit Square

**Monday**

Proverbs 3:11-20  
 1 John 3:18—4:6  
 Matthew 11:1-6  
 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 29

**Tuesday**

Proverbs 4:1-27  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 Matthew 11:7-15  
 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 133

**Wednesday**

Proverbs 6:1-19  
 1 John 5:1-12  
 Matthew 11:16-24  
 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 33

**Thursday**

Proverbs 7:1-27  
 1 John 5:13-21  
 Matthew 11:25-30  
 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62

**Friday**

Proverbs 8:1-21  
 2 John 1-13  
 Matthew 12:1-14  
 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 65

**Saturday**

Proverbs 8:22-36  
 3 John 1-15

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