



## *The Holy Trinity*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*June 4, 2023*

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world.”*

# Holy Communion

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four  
Congregational responses are in bold print

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.*

*We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

## Gathering

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

### Welcome and Announcements



## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.  
**Amen.**



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

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us.**

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

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

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

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

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

By grace you have been saved.

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

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

**Amen**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

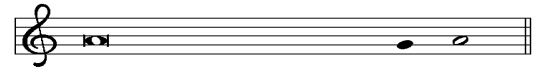
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be,  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## Greeting

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

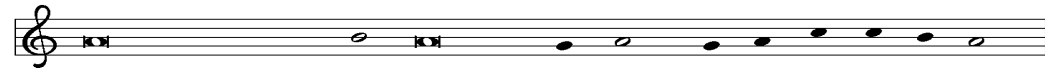
**And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



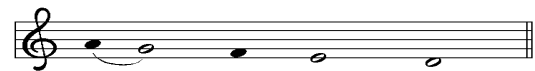
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



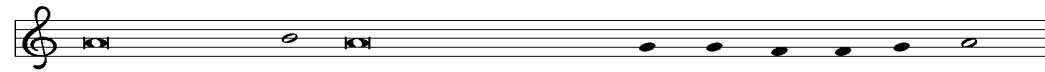
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

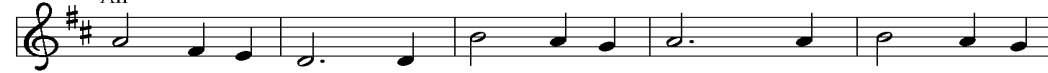
## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



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

All



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



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



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

*Refrain*



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



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



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



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

*Final refrain*



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



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

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

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: Genesis 1:15, 31-2:41**



A reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day...

<sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 8**

*We read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark  
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

### **Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

## Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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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**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

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

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

### **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.

Allison Fink, Jerry Kite, Linda Meyer, Jean Morgan, Donna Yobs, and Cabell Caister (Youth Representative).

*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*)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.**

**Peace**

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

**Offertory**

*We stand.*

**Meal**



**Offertory Response**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**  
*Offering Song*

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

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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



### Great Thanksgiving

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

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

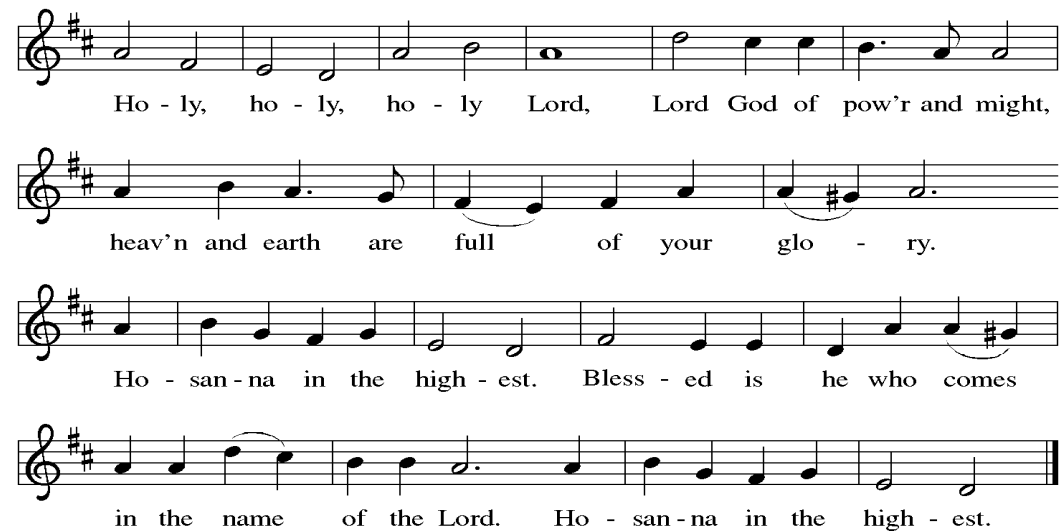
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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 their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

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

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

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

**Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



### Invitation to Communion

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

***We sit.***

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)***

***Communion Distribution: One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:***

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**

*We stand*

### 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:** *"Oh What Has Now Been Sown"*

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### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**



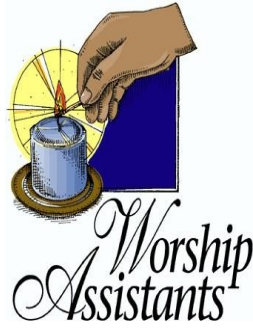
## On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing Lord, be - stow; the  
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789



**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

|                                    |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Flowers:</b>              | Lew and Donna Yobs            |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>                | Jean Morgan                   |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b>         | Robin Crowder                 |
| <b>Communion Assistant:</b>        | Cathy Crowder<br>Karen Walck  |
| <b>Council Person of the Week:</b> | Robin Crowder                 |
| <b>Offering Steward:</b>           | Pat Brady<br>Jean Morgan      |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                     | Fred Biggers<br>David Proctor |



*Chancel flowers this morning  
are given to the Glory of God  
and to the memory of  
Dr. Anne Yobs*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**June 11, 2023**  
**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion**  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel**  
Presiding and Preaching

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



**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)**

**Susan Myers**

**David Proctor**

**David Schwiesow**

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

**Larry Fridley**, Son of Linda Tomey

**Shirley Gilmmett**, Friend of the Lynches

**Scott Noble**, Friend of the Proctors

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

**Congratulations to High School and College Graduates!**

**Congregation of Christ Tabernacle's Move to Their New Church!**

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

**Marge Cloutier**

**Kathy Johnson**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Jimmy Owens**

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

**Bill Aldridge**, Friend of the Kites

**Cathy Cunningham**, Friend of the Lynches

**Mike Cunningham**, Friend of the Lynches

**Regan Grant**, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

**David Jones**, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

**Chris Jordan**, Cousin of Mike Myers

**Steve Rolland**, Father of Kathy Meicke

**Kirsten Schwiesow**, Daughter of David and Nancy Schwiesow

**Arta Smith**, Friend of the Bumps

**Sue Smoot**, Friend of the Radeckes

**Continued**

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**  
**Family Nickie Aldridge, Friends of the Kites**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**  
**E. G. Rankin (6/5) Jan McCombs (6/6) Brian Lundstrom (6/7)**

**The Needs of the World**

**First responders: police, fire, medical personnel, often in harms way in their work**

Many Instances of War and Conflict around the World (Ukraine, Syria, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Sudan)

**Our President, Vice-President, Senators, Congress, Governor and local leaders as they work for the Common Good**

Tornado devastation in Mississippi, Alabama and Virginia Beach; storms, flooding

**For God to break the stiff-necked political impasse that refuses to address gun violence in America**

The immigration crisis at our U. S. borders; refugees in the millions around the world

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

**We celebrate the 200th anniversary of Zion Lutheran, Waynesboro, and pray for their continued ministry**

**Our Neighbors**

Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area





**Grace on the "ground floor"** - Grace has been working with other local congregations to establish an Assistance Ministry that helps all Waynesboro congregations to pool their resources to

- Better help local people and families in crisis with rent and other assistance
- Have one place where people in need can go, rather than "shop" all the churches
- Establish a database so as many people as possible are helped, with no duplication of services
- Offer casework services to families so they can receive the help they need to move from living in crisis to functional living more able to focus on children and the more routine challenges of daily life.

Grace Council on May 16th approved our congregation as a "charter member" of this Assistance Ministry. We will be a part of putting together the policies on how the fund is used. Currently approximately 10 other congregations have expressed interest, with the hope that we continue to grow the number of participating churches. Please pray for this Ministry, and getting it up and running as soon as possible, as the need is great!



The **All God's Children Anti-Racism Book Group** is taking the summer off! Our last meeting will be on **Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Grace conference room. We will discuss chapters IV (Hate) and V (Love) of *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman.

We will resume meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month (same time, same place) on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** and discuss Tony Morrison's only short story, *Recitatif* (including the 2022 Introduction by Zadie Smith).

Through the summer, members are asked to preview potential sources for future discussions and experiences. These can include books, articles, events, movies, programs, web or podcasts, field trips, guest speakers or anything that deepens our understanding of racial equity and justice in the world. We plan to map out an agenda for the next year at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know ([rcbump0621@gmail.com](mailto:rcbump0621@gmail.com)).



**Installation of Grace Council Members** - Allison Fink, Jerry Kite, Linda Meyer, Jean Morgan, Donna Yobs and Cabell Caister will be installed as new Council members as a part of worship today! Please pray for their work on Council over their next terms (one year for Youth member, two years for Adult members), and for our Council as a whole.



**Virginia Synod Assembly** - Donna Gum, Lily Pingel and Peggy Caister are our delegates (along with Pastor Paul) to this week's Virginia Synod Assembly from June 8 - 11. The theme for the event is "The Way in the Wilderness." A new Bishop will be elected following Bishop Humphrey's intent to not run for an additional term. Please pray for our delegates and the whole Assembly as they meet on our behalf this coming weekend. Note that next Sunday, Ron Almarode will be delivering Bishop Humphrey's Assembly Sermon.



**Our "Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends"** – A continuing part of our Prayers during worship involves our prayer for relatives and friends, as well as for Grace members. We know the importance of continued prayer, especially as those we love and care for face longer term illness and recoveries. We *also* want to be sure that we can continue to add the names of all friends and relatives who are in need of prayer, and include this list during Sunday prayer. Therefore, we will begin a new policy of keeping "Ongoing Needs for Prayer" *for three (3) months*, and then removing the names (*unless by request for names to remain on the list longer*).



If the church **office door is locked** during open hours, please knock and give Nancy a few minutes to answer. For safety reasons, she is locking the door when alone at the church, especially first thing in the morning. Thank you for your patience!



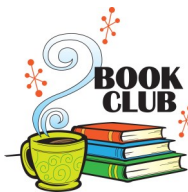
The “**First Sunday Fellowships**” are in full swing! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up 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:**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| June 4      | Worship and Music/Adult Choir/Handbells Choir |
| July 2      | <b>Open</b>                                   |
| August 6    | Altar Guild                                   |
| September 3 | <b>Open</b>                                   |
| October 1   | Quilters                                      |
| November 5  | <b>Open</b>                                   |
| December 3  | <b>Open</b>                                   |



**Missing?** Sunglasses, a cell phone and umbrella have found their way to our Lost and Found since last week. See Pastor Paul if you are seeking to find!



Our **Women’s Book Group** has met for the last time until next September. During the summer we will explore new books to enjoy when we resume our meetings September-May. We meet every 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., at Silk Road, to discuss, eat, and socialize. Everyone is welcome. The list of books being considered can be obtained from Kathy Bump.



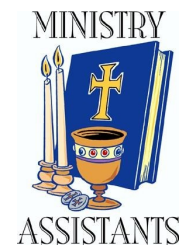
**Hospitality and Grace**—Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and hospitality? Join us for a book/study group! We will read Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition by Christine D. Pohl (9 chapters, 187 pages). If interested, please contact Eric Hilker 978-793-9845, Pastor Paul Pingel, 540-216-4454, or Susan Myers, 434-760-1660.



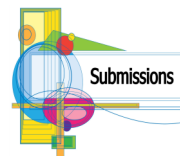
**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac ‘n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made ***thirty-four*** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to 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.



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**We Need Your Help at Grace!** One of the blessings that God's Spirit gives us as a congregation is that we ALL have gifts, talent and time TO SHARE, which allows the ministry of Grace, and God's Mission for us, to continue. If you are not already actively assisting, please consider helping with the Altar Guild (contact Jean Morgan), Assisting Ministers (contact Donna Gum), Communion Assistants (contact Donna Gum), Offering Stewards (contact Pat Brady) and/or Ushers (contact Jack Eckstrom). You may also contact the church office.



**Reminder**—Please have articles, etc. for **Grace Notes** to the Church Office by the 20th of the month for next month's publication. If you need more time, please send Nancy a note and let her know when she will receive it. In addition, please have announcements, etc. for **Sunday bulletins** to the Church Office by Wednesday morning. Nancy's email is: [Grace.lc@comcast.net](mailto:Grace.lc@comcast.net)

# Hiker Ministry May 22 – June 17

We serve Appalachian Trail through-hikers through the “bubble” of time when they are going through our area from Georgia, heading to Maine, providing showers, a warm, dry, safe place to sleep, breakfast and snacks, and a Thursday evening dinner.

## Needs:

1. **Snacks and breakfast foods** – particularly cereals, bread, fresh fruit, ice cream, cookies, etc. They can be left in the kitchen area of the Youth Room or at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays.
2. **Thursday evening dinners** – small groups of Grace members or community provide a dinner for hikers each Thursday while hikers are here.
3. **Volunteers to staff while hikers are here.** We are open from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. each day during that time except for Saturdays and Sundays. While we have volunteer coordinators who are on duty each day/night, volunteers from Grace and friends are needed to help with check-in each evening, staying overnight, and helping with check-out each morning. These are not difficult jobs and involve mostly greeting and orienting hikers as they come in to stay the night, showing them the ropes and rules, and supporting whatever needs they might have. **Please check the calendar on the table as you enter the sanctuary to see where volunteers are needed and to see the responsibilities.**

We ask for two volunteers for each shift, so you do not need to do this alone. The “shifts” are as follows:

- Check-in 5 – 8 p.m.
- Overnight 8 p.m. – 7 a.m. (and we provide comfy cots in a private Sunday School room, so you do not need to stay awake all night – the hikers usually go to bed pretty early too!)
- Check out 7 – 9 a.m.

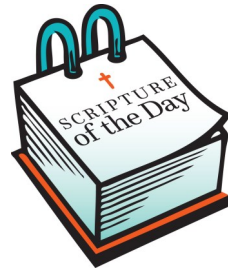
The benefits include getting to know hikers from all over the United States and the world! We've had hikers stay with us who were from Canada, Israel, Australia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Japan, South Africa and many other countries. They are often on a personal journey of growth and healing and you can be a part of their journey and their story.

If you have any questions about the tasks involved, please feel free to call the church office (540-949-6171) or Linda Meyer (540-256-2277) or Jean Morgan (540-943-1929).



**Life of Grace Church**  
**June 4-11, 2023**

| Day of the Week | Date  | Time  | Event   |
|-----------------|-------|---|---|
| Sunday          | 06/04 | 8:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br><i>Installation</i><br>11:10 a.m. | Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)<br><br>Holy Trinity<br>Service of Holy Communion<br>In Person and via You Tube<br>Pastor Paul Pingel<br>Presiding and Preaching<br><i>Installation of New Council Members</i><br><br>First Sunday Fellowship—Worship and Music |
| Monday          | 06/05 | 7:00 p.m.   | Hiker Ministry<br><br>All God's Children (Conference Room)  |
| Tuesday         | 06/06 |   | Hiker Ministry  |
| Wednesday       | 06/07 | 10:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.   | Hiker Ministry<br><br>Nancy Dowdy Off—Carolyn Hite in Church Office<br><br>Prayer Group (Chapel)<br><br>Yoga (Seminar Room)   |
| Thursday        | 06/08 | 8:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.   | Hiker Ministry<br><br>Nancy Dowdy Off—Carolyn Hite in Church Office<br><br>Grace Walkers<br><br>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)<br><br>Virginia Organizing (Conference Room)<br><br>CCE&J Zoom Meeting  |
| Friday          | 06/09 |    | Hiker Ministry<br><br>Virginia Synod Assembly   |
| Saturday        | 06/10 | 11:00 a.m.  | Hiker Ministry<br><br>Virginia Synod Assembly<br><br>Yoga (Fellowship Hall)   |
| Sunday          | 06/11 | 8:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.   | Virginia Synod Assembly<br><br>Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)<br><br>Second Sunday After Pentecost<br>Service of Holy Communion<br>In Person and via You Tube<br>Ron Almarode, Preaching<br>Rev. Karen Van Stee, Presiding                                    |

**Monday**

Ruth 1:1-18  
1 Timothy 1:1-17  
Luke 13:1-9  
Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97

**Tuesday**

Ruth 1:19—2:13  
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8  
Luke 13:10-17  
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

**Wednesday**

Ruth 2:14-23  
1 Timothy 3:1-16  
Luke 13:18-30  
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

**Thursday**

Ruth 3:1-18  
1 Timothy 4:1-16  
Luke 13:31-35  
Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80

**Friday**

Ruth 4:1-22  
1 Timothy 5:17-22 (23-25)  
Luke 14:1-11  
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

**Saturday**

Deuteronomy 1:1-8  
1 Timothy 6:6-21  
Luke 14:12-24  
Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118

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