



***Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 South Wayne Avenue  
Waynesboro, VA 22980***

***March 7, 2021***

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



# Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on ELW Setting Four)

**Congregational responses are in bold print**

*In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.*

*MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.*

## Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, the **+** Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.  
**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,  
**pour out your mercy over us.**  
**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined**  
**and mend what we have torn.**  
**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit**  
**to follow in the way of Jesus,**  
**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

### **Musical Presentation**

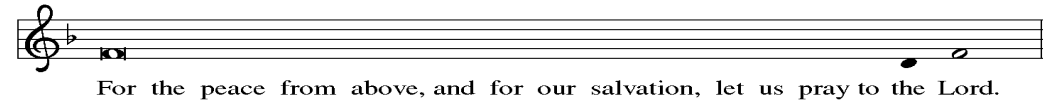
#### **Greeting**

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

Kyrie



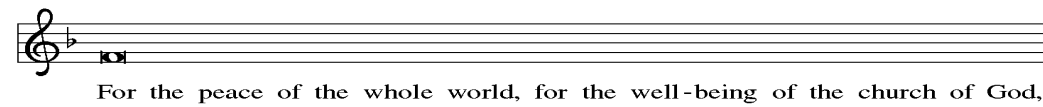
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



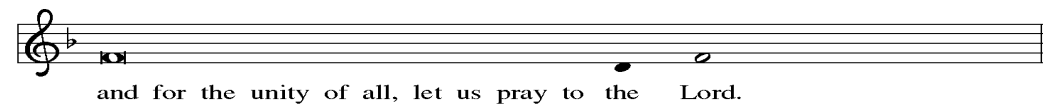
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



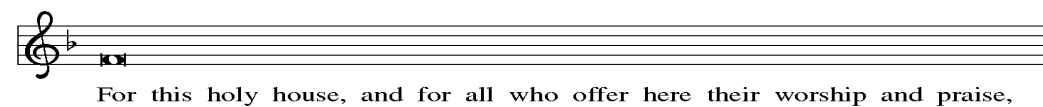
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



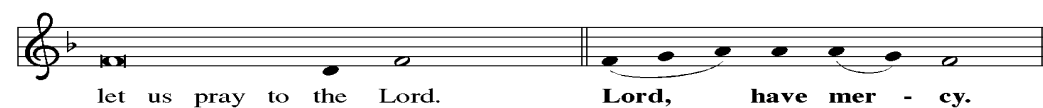
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



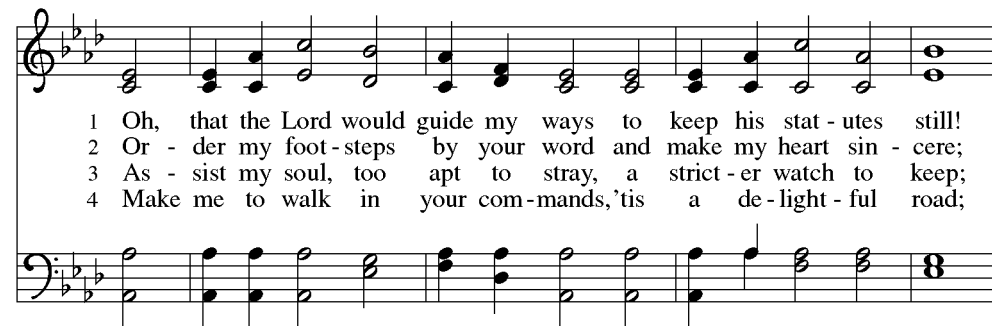
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

Hymn: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## **Prayer of the Day**

Rejoicing Father,  
You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no-one is worthless to you.  
We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions.  
Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who  
became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker.  
**Amen.**

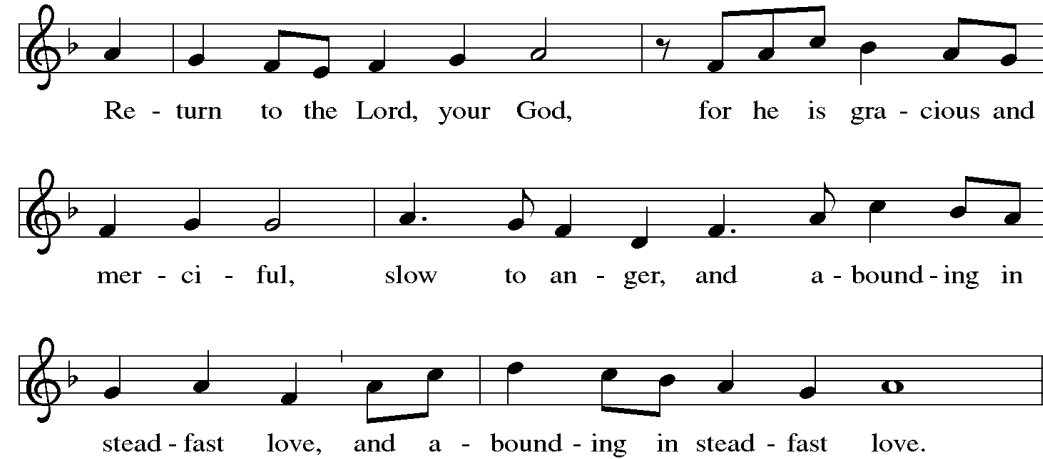
## **Word**

### **A reading from the Psalms:**

#### **Psalm 119:167-176**

<sup>167</sup>My soul keeps your decrees;  
I love them exceedingly.  
<sup>168</sup>I keep your precepts and decrees,  
for all my ways are before you.  
<sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
give me understanding according to your word.  
<sup>170</sup>Let my supplication come before you;  
deliver me according to your promise.  
<sup>171</sup>My lips will pour forth praise,  
because you teach me your statutes.  
<sup>172</sup>My tongue will sing of your promise,  
for all your commandments are right.  
<sup>173</sup>Let your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.  
<sup>174</sup>I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
and your law is my delight.  
<sup>175</sup>Let me live that I may praise you,  
and let your ordinances help me.  
<sup>176</sup>I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek out your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

## Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The holy gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

*Continued*



<sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Message**

**The Jones Family**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

**Musical Offering**

**Apostle's Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

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

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Peace**

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

### **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.**

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing in the name of the Father, Son ✝ and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

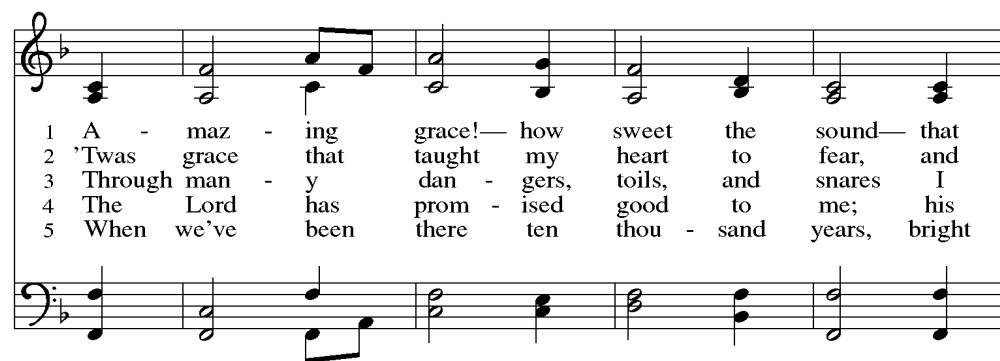
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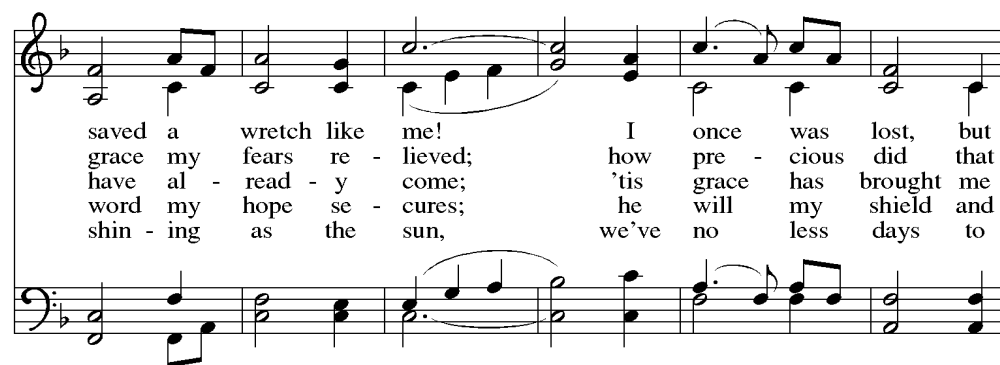
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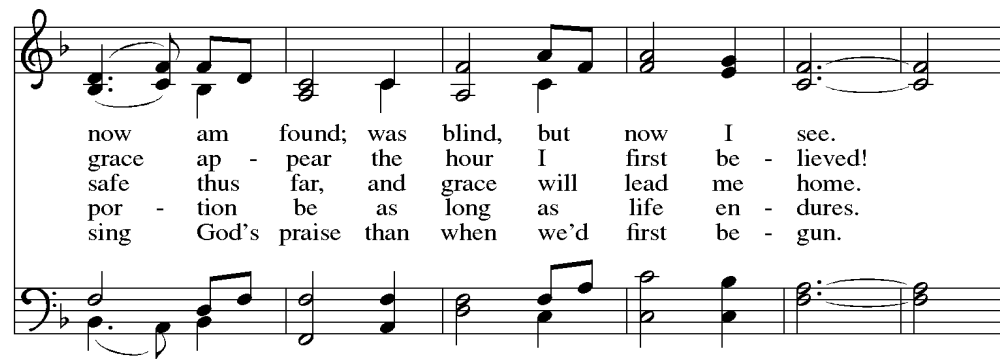
## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.



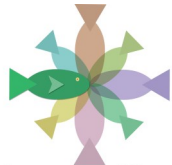
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

- Assisting Minister:** Robin Crowder
- Offering Steward:** Pat Brady
- Altar Flowers:** Open
- Council Person of the Week:** Jerry Kite
- Children's Sermon:** The Jones Family



*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God*



United in Christ

### Our Unity in Christ—Grace Racial Reconciliation Verse

*Galatians 3:27-28—<sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

### Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons



**March 14, 2021**  
Fourth Sunday In Lent  
*Service of the Word via YouTube*  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding**

*Rich Man and Lazarus*  
Luke 16:19-31  
Psalm 41:1-3



AUDIO VISUAL

The past few Sundays, I have been using a program to insert live closed captioning into the worship service. Unfortunately, it does not transcribe everything correctly. It is particularly bad with peoples names. Thank you for your patience; Owen Keefer



**Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List.** In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, **names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks.** If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need"

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

**Emily Almarode**

**Dick Tomey**

**Joe Moyer**

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

**Lisa Barmore**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Ernie Graham**, Friend of Schwiesows

**Rick Huff**, Brother of Donna Gum

**Kathy Lambertson**, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

**Kay Snead**, Friend of Berenice Archambeault

**Dennis Wasielewski**, Brother-in—Law of Bradys

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

Our Confirmed Sisters and Brother—**Quinn Franklin, Kaitlyn Hull and Zachary Rankin Cooper James Lawson**, born to Emily & Chris Lawson, Daughter of Robin and Cathy Crowder  
**Fisher Lee Ritchie**, born to Brooke, Granddaughter of Tom and Holly Carper, and Forrest Ritchie

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)**

**Liz Ann Binns**

**Fred Brower**

**Marie Brown**

**Nancy Fitzgerald**

**Pete Giesen**

**Sandra R. Hoy**

**Bob Knemoller**

**Glenn and Flossie Myers**

**Janet Parmer**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)**

**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace

**Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife

**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

**Regan Grant**, Friend of the Bumps

**Larry Hinebaugh**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Maxine Pierce**, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

**George Toop**, Friend of the Schwiesows

**Members/Friends Grieving**

Family of Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey  
Family of Sally Massey, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

Richard Bump  
Sylvia Almarode  
Thea Franklin

Robert Shaw  
Berenice Archambeault  
Nancy Schwiesow

**The Needs of the World**

The deliveries of Covid-19 vaccine and  
frontline healthcare workers

**Families affected by Covid-19 - death,  
health, employment**

Winter storms and severe temperatures  
across our Nation

**Instability and Violence in Myanmar**

The work of WARM (Waynesboro Area  
Refuge Ministry) for the homeless

**Students, teachers and their learning  
and teaching.**

**The Church**

The Student Care Center at Grace

**Our unity in Christ with Churches in our  
Community**

Our trust in God, our refuge and strength  
(Psalm 46)

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Westwood Hills area





## ***LILIES & GERANIUMS***

White Easter Lilies and White Regal Geraniums with green foil will be used for Easter Sunday at the altar and may be purchased in memory or honor of a loved one(s). Lilies are \$10.50 and Regal Geraniums are \$12.00.

**Please complete the form below and return it to the church office, along with payment, by Sunday, March 14.** Please make checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and designate them for Lilies and/or Geraniums

Number of White Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Regal Geraniums: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please feel free to take your flowers home after the Easter Sunday Service.***



**Return to In-Person Worship at Grace** - After much discussion, we will offer the first In-Person Worship in over a year on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday! See the letter that was sent to you this week via email or U.S. Mail. Following best-practice advice from our medical experts, we are limiting attendance to 30 people per worship service. **You will need to sign-up for the services you wish to attend.** Again, please see the letter sent recently for details.



**Lent: Broken and Healed on the Cross** - From Brokenness to Restoration on the Cross, and in Our Lives Today - This is our theme for the Season of Lent. We join with our sisters and brothers at Zion, St. James and Bethlehem to worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent via You Tube and Zoom. All will be recorded at Grace and broadcast Live. We all have experienced brokenness; come, worship and experience the healing of God's Word this

Lenten Season.

- **March 10 - Broken Trust** (Judas' betrayal of Jesus)
- **March 17 - Broken Justice** (Jesus before Pilate)
- **March 24 - Broken Bread** (Last Supper, Body of Christ)



**Noon Ecumenical Services also available:** For many years, downtown Waynesboro congregations have joined for Noon-hour Lenten services. They are available this year on First Presbyterian's You Tube channel - go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in FPC Waynesboro.



**Covid-19 Vaccines** - If you have not yet signed up for a Covid vaccine, you can pre-register at the new Virginia Statewide Covid-19 Pre-Registration system at <https://www.vaccinate.virginia.gov>. Or, please call the Church Office so we can help you to get on the list.

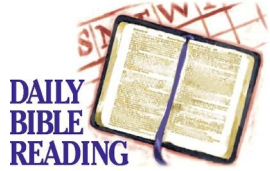


**Being A Blessing in our Community of Faith** - This time of Coronavirus can be isolating. We are blessed that so many of you have reached out to others during this time where we often find ourselves at home much more than in times past. I Corinthians speaks of the importance of Consolation - bearing one another's burdens. If God's Spirit puts someone in mind from Grace, or someone in your neighborhood or community, give them a call, especially someone you may not have thought of or contacted in awhile! A simple hello or check-in can be a great blessing, and can lift a burden of loneliness or isolation that someone may be experiencing. It's an easy way to share in the Word and Work of Jesus!



***Life of Grace Church***  
***March 7-14, 2021***

Day of the	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	<b>03/07</b>	10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	<b>03/08</b>	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall  Grace Anti-Racism Group via Zoom
Tuesday	<b>03/09</b>	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	<b>03/10</b>	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.  Noon  7:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall  Ecumenical Lenten Service via YouTube  Season of Lent Evening Prayer via YouTube
Thursday	<b>03/11</b>	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall  Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Friday	<b>03/12</b>	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	<b>03/13</b>		<b><i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i></b>
Sunday	<b>03/14</b>	10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Lent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

<p><b>Monday</b> Deuteronomy 6:1-15 Hebrews 1:1-14 John 1:1-18</p>		<p><b>Thursday</b> Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Titus 1:1-16 John 1:29-34</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Deuteronomy 6:16-25 Hebrews 2:1-10 John 1:19-28</p>		<p><b>Friday</b> Deuteronomy 7:12-16 Titus 2:1-15 John 1:35-42</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Jonah 3:1—4:11 Hebrews 12:1-14 Luke 18:9-14</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b> Deuteronomy 7:17-26 Titus 3:1-15 John 1:43-51</p>

**Members of Grace  
Congregational Council**

*Linda Meyer, President*

*Jerry Kite, Vice-President*

*Bob Barrette, Kathy Bump,*

*Holly Carper, Robin Crowder,*

*Kim Hull, Gail Johnson,*

*Kathryn Johnson, Amy Warren*

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*Mike Myers, Organist,*

*Director of Music*

*Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary*

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