

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

March 15, 2020

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

HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on With One Voice)

Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we GATHER before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the WORD of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the MEAL of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are SENT, the shortest but per haps most important part of worship, because it is THEN that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.

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 <u>as you are able</u>. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir Sing

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.

Welcome and Announcements — Virginia Synod Presentation to Grace—ACTS

Prelude: Voluntary on "Brother James' Air"

Ashdown

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Confession and Forgiveness

The congregation stands.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Gathering Song: "Give Me Jesus" Hymn #770, Page 4

Give Me Jesus



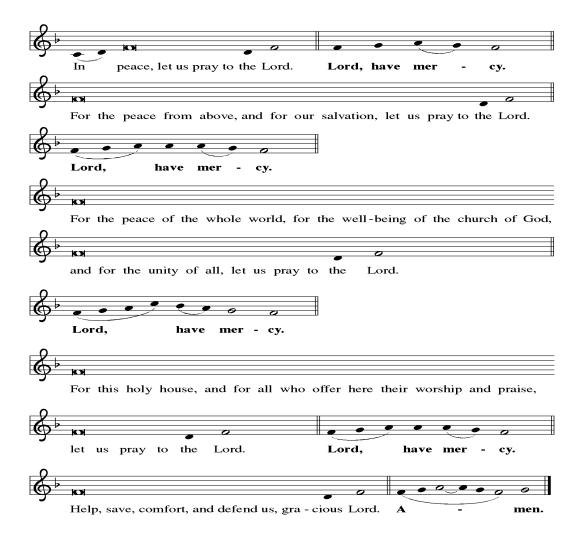
Text: African American spiritual Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is **seated**.

Word

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus:

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 95

- ¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
- ³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
- 4In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
- ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- ⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- 8"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.
- ⁹There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
 - 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'
- ¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Romans:

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

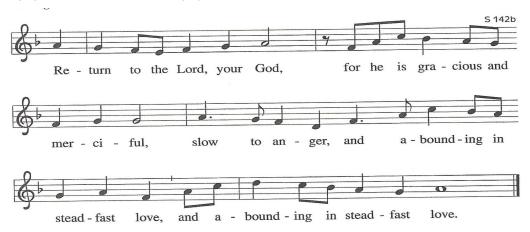
⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Continued

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Children's Sermon

Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

Sermon

Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" Hymn #445, Page 11

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed. how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. liv-ing bread. us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light. one with Christ in liv-ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Litany of Thanksgiving—Ordination Anniversaries

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For the vocations of pastor, deacon, and bishop, for those who lead churches and faith communities, for those whose life work is evangelical witness in word and deed, We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For 50 years of women's ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor bodies,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For the women of color who have been called by God to serve this church, We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For the work of seminary professors and staff, chaplains and administrators, those who work for nonprofits, and those who are retired from paid ministries,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For those who are discerning a call to serve Christ's church, for those who are in candidacy, and for those in their internship congregations,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For the witness of Mary Magdalene, the dance of Miriam, the hospitality of Lydia, the prayer of Mary, the discernment of Deborah, the courage of Rahab, and the faithfulness of our biblical foremothers, **We rejoice and give thanks to God**.

For witness of women in this church [church/synod], including ... [insert names of local women leaders here],

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

Gracious and living God, we rejoice and give you thanks for your power on display throughout time and place, calling all kinds of people to be witnesses to your grace and power. We celebrate how the Spirit has blessed your church through the work of women and girls, including in this time and place. Guide us, as your people, into welcoming your prophets and teachers among us and hearing Christ's good news through them. With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The congregation is **seated**.

<u>Offering</u>

(The offering is gathered by the ushers. Please place visitor cards in the offering plate)

Anthem: "Walkin' to Jordan" Althouse

The congregation stands

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

Offertory Response



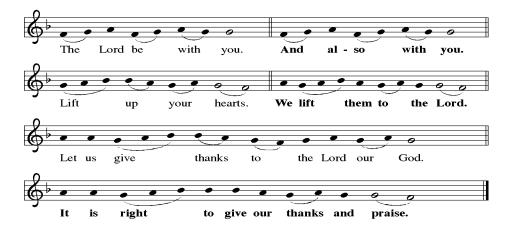
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

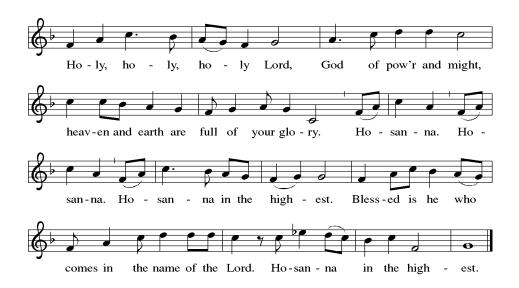
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:



Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Sprit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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

God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be **seated**.

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

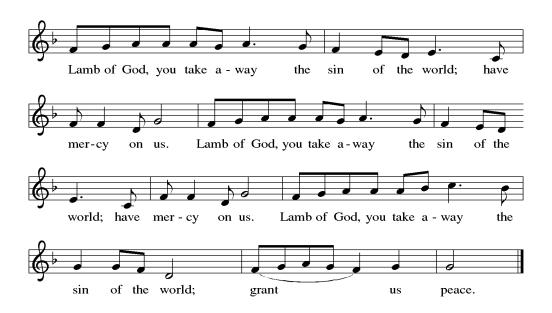
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening 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.

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:



There will be a time of silence as the choir comes down for Holy Communion. Please use this time for prayer and preparation, then join in the singing of the hymns....

Communion Hymns

"As the Deer Runs to the River" Hymn #331, Page 19

"Come to the Table" Hymn #481, Page 20

"One Bread, One Body" Hymn #496, Page 21

As the Deer Runs to the River



- the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase, As
- When your Is rael crossed the des ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- "Come and drink," I sa iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer cy plead!
- Christ, we come from des ert plac es, deep est thirst un sat is fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace. Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean. God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need." Lead us to the wa-ters flow-ing from the cross on which you died.



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Come to the Table



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One Bread, One Body



Text: John Foley, sJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ
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After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

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.

Holy and healing God:

In this meal, you have given us your very self to eat, and you have made us one in Christ: there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female.

As we go forth from this place, take us by the hand and free us from fear that we might sing your praise with our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

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: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" Hymn #647, Page 23

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God

Postlude: "Andante" Hesse

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Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt. Music: BLAENWERN, William P. Rowlands, 1860–1937

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Donna Gum

Communion Assistants: Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick and Kathy Bump

Ushers: Ron Almarode, Hal Aaslestad, Rick Bump,

Lee Lynch

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady and Sharon Lynch

Acolyte: Charlotte Jones

Cup Gatherer: Amelia Jones

Altar Guild: TBD

Nursery Caregivers: Lisa Gray and Eleanor Sampson

Altar Flowers: Open

Council Person of the Week: Holly Carper

The Chancel Flowers today are given by to the Glory of God

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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"

<u>Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)</u> Barb Susen

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

Ernie Campbell, Sr., Friend of Tomeys
Ron Denney, Friend of Brian Lundstrom & Other Members
Lane Doerring, Father of Beth Ann Doerring
Alice Goodyear, Aunt to Robin and Cathy Crowder
Tommy Harvey, Friend of Several Members
Madelon O'Neil, Sister of Deloris Wertman
Maggie Pennington, Friend of Beth Ann Doerring
Sean Ryan, Friend of Kathryn Johnson
Richard Smith, Friend of Kathryn Johnson
Tamara Stevens, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

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

Mary BertelsenLiz Ann BinnsFred BrowerJean BrowerMarie BrownNancy FitzgeraldPete GiesenSandra R. HoyBob and Carol KnemollerPeggy LucasJanet LungerGlenn and Flossie Myers

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

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law

Barbara Shifflett and Family

George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Sharon Johnson, Friends of the Crowders Family of Ian King, Grandson of Eleanor Sampson Family of Connie Mora, Friend of the Tomeys

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Katie Lynch Peggy Aaslestad Sarah Kite Owen Keefer Jordan Driskill **David Ranzini**

The Needs of the World

Coronavirus outbreak as well as flu victims Our care of God's Creation Our military and first responders Victims of the Tornadoes that caused much WARM Cold Weather Shelter damage in Nashville

The blessing and privilege of our democratic process

The Church

Unity of Christ's Church in Jesus Christ alone Our friends in the United Methodist Church



Due to concerns over the coronavirus and public meetings, please note the following:

- Bach Around the Clock at Christ, Staunton, March 21st, is CANCELLED
- The Lenoir Rhyne Concert at Muhlenberg, Harrisonburg, is CANCELLED
- We will re-assess our March 29th event with Christ Tabernacle this week
- We will be assessing our Worship Schedule and Meetings Schedule this week at Grace Council Meeting
- We will be assessing our Wednesday Lenten schedule, both lunches AND soup supper and Evening Prayer
- We are contacting VMA, and other partners who use our building to assess their uses of the building
- Roots and Wings, March 28, is CANCELLED

Bishop Humphrey sent out a Pastoral Letter this week, and here's an important phrase, as God's people, confident in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior: We act not out of fear, but out of genuine care and concern for those most vulnerable in our midst...We also act in Christ's peace promised to us: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not them the be afraid. (John 14:27)

Look for updates in the coming days via email, Facebook and website.

Caring for our Neighbor, and One Another - As the coronavirus pandemic grows deeper in our nation, one of our calls as God's people is care for our neighbor. Martin Luther, 500 years ago, cautioned Christians to be prudent, to not behave rashly, or heedless of the advice of doctors and/or public officials (such as, in our case, the CDC). What he also reminds us is that our neighbor still has needs around us. So, as we live carefully, think creatively of ways to check in with neighbors, and help neighbors in need. Check in by phone or text; if you know of someone needing a meal, leave it by the door; think of ways our technological world can help us keep in touch with homebound members, and show our care. Be creative, for the sake of sharing God's good news of love with others.

Announcements



Passing the Peace - In this time of care, please pass the peace without handshake or hug, greeting your neighbor with arms outstretched in a sign of peace, or other way of conveying that we are sharing



We welcome Assistant to the Bishop, Reverend Kelly Bayer Derrick! Pr. Bayer Derrick's full responsibilities in the Virginia Synod are considerable, including coordination and support of the Candidacy committee, Synodical justice ministries (including Tapestry and World Hunger), and planning Synod Assembly, among many other areas of responsibility. In addition to proclaiming God's Word to us

today, she will be making a presentation in thanksgiving for Grace's almost two decade support of ACTS (Ambassador's Community for Theological Study), as well as helping Grace honor theELCA 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Women, 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Women of Color, and 10th Anniversary of Ordination of LGBTQ pastoral candidates. Please welcome Pastor Bayer Derrick and give thanks for her gifts and talents richly shared in the Virginia Synod!



Funding is available for distribution during 2020 from our **Mission Endowment Fund**. Ministry categories are: Christian Education, Seminary/Missionary Education, Social Ministry, Disaster Relief, Alleviating Hunger, Special Music and The Grace Fund (undesignated category). Any member of our congregation is

encouraged to submit grant requests to Grace Council. Information and forms are available in the back of the Nave. You can submit your request by placing it in the offering plate, giving it to a Council member or turning it into the Church Office. Requests need to be submitted by today! Grace Council will review proposals in March 17 to select the grants. Please see the Request Grant Form.

Announcements



Baptismal Font Proposed Design available for Review in March - Over the past year, Joan Ranzini, Pastor Paul and Council have proposed and reviewed design ideas for a Proposed Font that honors the original design of the Baptismal Font while allowing for a larger amount of water to be available for Baptisms. The Proposed Design will be available for Grace Congregation review during the month of March. Review Forms, plus an explanatory form for the Font Design will be available beginning today, March 1st. Your input is important! Please make

comment, whether positive or negative, using the available Review Form, and place in the offering plate or box on the table in the narthex.



Confirmands, Mentors and Grace Children Help Blue Ridge Food Bank! Starting last Sunday, Grace's Confirmands, their Mentors and other children from Grace will head out to local grocery stores to purchase food and other Kudos to Dur Confirmands requested merchandise for the Blue Ridge Food Bank! They be using the

funds collected from last year AND this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a great hands-on way to learn about hunger, what it takes to feed hungry families, and how God uses us to be a blessing to those in need!



Parking Lot Update - We anticipate beginning the paving of the Parking Lot in the Spring of this year. In planning for the updates of the parking lot (more handicapped spaces, islands in the main lot), we discovered an interim step of a site plan is required by the city. We are currently receiving bids from local firms, and we anticipate the drawings to be complete in time for Spring

paving. We will keep the congregation informed about progress as we move forward.



We have **RE-SCHEDULED** the informational presentation by Thrivent Action Team presenters for Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Dessert will be served!) The presentation is open to all congregational members that have a passion for helping others in our community. (See Grace Notes for details.)



Did you know...we have the church calendar on our website? You can visit there www.gracewaynesboro.org to check events, times, locations, meeting room availability, cancellations, birthdays, etc. If you click on the event, it will give you more detail. Nancy makes every effort to keep it up to date. If you would like an item added, changed, etc., please contact the Church Office.

Life of Grace Church March 15-22, 2020

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	03/15	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Third Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding
Monday	03/16	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Kiwanis (Conference Room) Book Study (Seminar Room)
Tuesday	03/17	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Saint Patrick's Day Saint Patrick's Day Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Congregational Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	03/18	Noon 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Lenten Luncheon—First Presbyterian Office On Youth (Seminar Room) Season of Lent Soup Supper Season of Lent Worship Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	03/19	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30-2:30 p.m.	Newcomers' Club (Fellowship Hall) Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	03/22	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Monday

Genesis 41:46-57 1 Corinthians 4:8-20 Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday

Genesis 42:1-17 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday

Genesis 42:18-28 1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11 Mark 4:1-20

Thursday

Genesis 42:29-38 Corinthians 6:12-20 Mark 4:21-34

Friday

Genesis 43:1-15 1 Corinthians 7:1-9 Mark 4:35-41

Saturday

Genesis 43:16-34 1 Corinthians 7:10-24 Mark 5:1-20



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Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday; 8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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