



*THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*April 18, 2021*

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

# **Service of the Word via You Tube**

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)  
**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 perhaps 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 as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

## **Gathering**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Temple Talk**

David Schwiesow

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast,  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## 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

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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,

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

A - men, a - men.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy Giver and Receiver of life,  
Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Word**

**First Reading: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 7:44-60**

A reading from Acts:

<sup>1</sup>Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup>while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." <sup>5</sup>What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.

<sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup>They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the

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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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council. <sup>13</sup>They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; <sup>14</sup>for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." <sup>15</sup>And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

<sup>1</sup>Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" <sup>2</sup>And Stephen replied:

<sup>44</sup>Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, <sup>46</sup>who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. <sup>47</sup>But it was Solomon who built a house for him. <sup>48</sup>Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands as the prophet says,

<sup>49</sup>Heaven is my throne,  
and the earth is my footstool.  
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,  
or what is the place of my rest?

<sup>50</sup>Did not my hand make all these things?'

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. <sup>53</sup>You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

<sup>54</sup>When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. <sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.*

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: Luke 23:33-34a, 46

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

**The Stollings/Cooper Family**

## Sermon

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Musical Selection



### 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

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

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

Hear us O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Meal

### Peace

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

*Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace (such as arms open) to one another.*

*The congregation remains standing.*

### Offertory Song

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

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

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### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of love,

**you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.**

**Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.**

**Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this in remembrance of me.

**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.**

*"Lamb of God" may be sung.*

S 112

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**

*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:** *We will commune where we are seated, using the Holy Communion chalices provided. The Pastor will indicate the time to open the bread compartment in the chalice, receive the body of Christ, then turn the chalice over to the wine compartment, and receive the blood of Christ, using the words as noted, below.*

## **Music During Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

*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.

**Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”*

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**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Mfurahini, haleluya*

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst.  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*

Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

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*Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

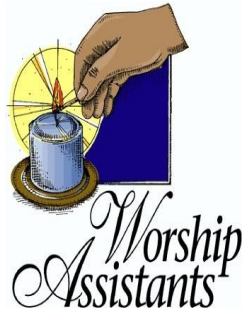
*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*



**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Open
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jean Morgan
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Robin Crowder
<b>Children's Church:</b>	The Stollings/Cooper Family
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Robin Crowder
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady
<b>Temperature Takers:</b>	Carolyn Hite, Barb Susen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Fred Biggers, Jean Morgan



*The Chancel Flowers today  
are given to the glory of our Lord*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and  
Lessons**

**April 25**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Service of the Word In-Person  
And via You Tube**

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel,  
Presiding and Preaching

**Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized**

Acts 8:26-39

Luke 24:44-47



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

*Ephesians 4:1-3—*<sup>1</sup> therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**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 4 weeks\*)**

**Beth Ann Doerring  
Frannie Knicely**

**Ty Elliott  
Joe Moyer**

**Flossie Myers**

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

**Patrick Haynes**, Nephew of Tomeys  
**Carolyn Moser**, Sister of David Schwiesow  
**Jennifer Robertson**, Friend of Brad and Kim Hull

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

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

**Liz Ann Binns  
Nancy Fitzgerald  
Bob Knemoller**

**Fred Brower  
Pete Giesen  
Glenn and Flossie Myers**

**Marie Brown  
Sandra R. Hoy  
Janet Parmer**

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

**Nancy Beiker**, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson  
**Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife  
**Ernie Graham**, Friend of the Schwiesows  
**Larry Hinebaugh**, Friend of Donna Gum  
**George Toop**, Friend of the Schwiesows

**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace  
**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative  
**Regan Grant**, Friend of the Bumps  
**Mike Huff**, Brother of Donna Gum

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**Family of James "Dennis" Critzer**, Brother-in-law of Nancy Dowdy  
**Family of Hunter Fitzgerald**, Grace Member  
**Family of David Frazier**, Son of Eleanor Sampson  
**Family of Yumi Frazier**, Daughter-In-Law of Eleanor Sampson  
**Family of Mary Grim**, Sister of Ernestine Moomaw  
**Family of Freda Hite**, Mother of Bobby Hite  
**Family of Elliot Joyner**  
**Family of Maxine Pierce**, Mother of Cindy Trauscht  
**Family of Jacob Robertson**

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

**Glenn Myers  
Barbara Susen**

**Trotter Franklin  
Ashley Stollings**

### The Needs of the World

Patience and Abiding with each other as vaccines and pressures to return to normal rise

**The murder of eight in Atlanta, six Asian-Americans, and the rise in violence against Asian-descent people**

The Boulder, Colorado and Virginia Beach shooting, and grieving families and friends, and the reality of gun violence in our nation

**Students and teachers in area school districts**

Our nation and the many conversations about race and a way forward together

### The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace

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

Bishop Bob Humphrey, Assistants to the Bishop: Kelly Bayer Derrick, John Wertz, Dave Delaney and Synod Staff

### Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Pelham area

## Announcements



**Return to In-Person Worship at Grace** - Following best-practice advice from our medical experts, we are limiting attendance to 30 people per worship service. **You will need to sign-up each week by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday** in order to attend the next Sunday. **We will add an additional 8:30 worship if we exceed 30 wishing to attend.**



**"Coffee Fellowship" Still Available After Worship!** - In this "in-between" time upcoming where many of us are still worshipping via You Tube while we also have In-Person worship, our Zoom Coffee Fellowship continues after worship at approximately 10:50 a.m. It continues to be a great time to catch up, see each other's faces, and celebrate joys and concerns! Each week via email or U.S. Mail, you receive the Zoom link. Let the Church Office know if you are not receiving that invitation!



As we return to in-person worship, we need worship assistants. If you plan to return to in-person worship and could/would help with taking temperatures, offering stewards, ushering, etc., please call the Church Office if you can help!



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers, especially now that we are having in-person worship. Please call the church office if you would like to sign up for Altar Flowers. April 25, May 2, May 16, May 23 and May 30 are all currently open.



Pastor Paul is away this week with Jill and the girls on vacation through Thursday morning. Please call the Church Office or the Council Person of the Week in case of pastoral emergency.

**Bible Class begins April 26th** - Galatians - Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit - for the Church AND the World We Live In - The first of a what we hope will be a number of different Bible Classes offered in 2021, we remain in Zoom format for this five week class that begins Thursday April 26th. If there are students for morning and evening, we'll have class at 11am and 7pm. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP! God's Word will not come away empty, and we need each other to understand God's Word (that's biblical!!)



**Prayer Vigil**—A prayer vigil will be held every 3rd Saturday at 3:00 p.m. alternating between Constitution Park and North Park, this month's was held at Constitution Park on Saturday, April 17. We will meet with our friends in Christ from Christ Tabernacle for prayer for racial reconciliation for the community in which we are all a part. This is prayer critical for our tie. Come and be a part! Meet the "Love" sculpture.



**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 banks. We have made fourteen deliveries thus far, six to Main Street United Methodist, and eight to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Last week, **93 pounds of food** went to Calvary United Methodist breaking our previous records! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Raising Resources for Readers (3Rs)** invite you to join them at their 7th annual Fundraiser/Celebration at Basic City Beer Company on Sunday, April 18 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. We will be hosting an outdoor, socially-distant, COVID-aware gathering. Plan to drop by, say hello, enjoy some refreshment and bring a donation 3Rs raises monies to ensure all students at William Perry and Wenonah Elementary schools have access to books for summer reading. Members of Grace have been extremely generous and committed in their support for our students - in this era of virtual learning your support is needed more urgently than ever! Please share this invitation with your friends!



**Life of Grace Church**  
**April 18-25, 2021**

DAY OF	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	04/18	10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m.	Third Sunday of Easter <b>Service of the Word</b> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Communion</b> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	04/19	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	<b>Pastor On Vacation</b> Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	04/20	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	<b>Pastor On Vacation</b> Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	04/21	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	<b>Pastor On Vacation</b> Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	04/22	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall Personnel Committee
Friday	04/23	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Student Care in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	04/25	10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Easter <b>Service of the Word</b> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Communion</b> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching  Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



# COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Serving residents of the Central Shenandoah Health District: Bath, Highland, Augusta, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, as well as Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, Buena Vista, and Harrisonburg.



### Making an Appointment is Simple & Easy

1. Visit our website at [vaccinate.augustahealth.com](https://vaccinate.augustahealth.com)
2. Look for upcoming clinics on the Vaccine Appointment page
3. Click to begin registration

### GENERAL VACCINE INFORMATION

There is no charge to receive your COVID-19 Vaccine. Augusta Health may administer the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Please take note of the vaccination that is being administered when making your appointment.

### NO COMPUTER? NO PROBLEM. CALL US TO SCHEDULE

Call us at 540-332-5122. We're here Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to help answer your questions and get you scheduled for an upcoming clinic.

### THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE AGE 16 & OVER

Pfizer is authorized for those 16 and over, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are authorized for those 18 and over. Anyone under age 18, must have a parent or guardian present for their appointment. Eligibility will be verified, please bring your Photo ID with you.

### SCAN THE CODE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VACCINE



Call 540-332-5122  
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



[vaccinate.augustahealth.com](https://vaccinate.augustahealth.com)  
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**Monday**

Jeremiah 11:18-20; 12:1-16  
Philippians 3:1-14  
John 12:9-19

**Tuesday**

Jeremiah 15:10-21  
Philippians 3:15-21  
John 12:20-26

**Wednesday**

Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17  
Philippians 4:1-13  
John 12:27-36



**Thursday**

Jeremiah 20:7-11 (12-13), 14-18  
1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32  
John 17:1-11 (12-26)

**Friday**

Genesis 22:1-14  
1 Peter 1:10-20  
John 19:38-42

**Saturday**

Job 19:21-27a  
Hebrews 4:1-16  
Romans 8:1-11



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