



*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 4, 2022*

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

Holy Communion

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Six
(Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)

Congregational responses are in bold print

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

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

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

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

Gathering

Gloria Patri

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

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand.

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

Blessed be the Father, the ✙ Son,
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

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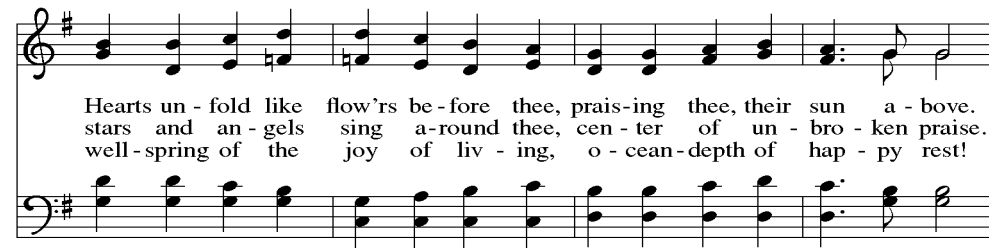
Greeting

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.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

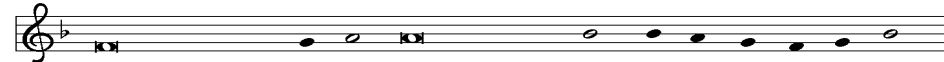
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



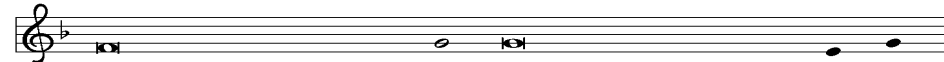
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



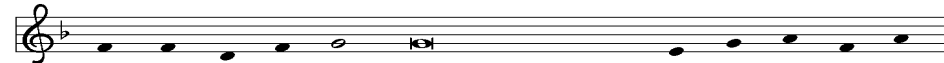
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.



Word

A reading from Ruth

Ruth 4:1-22

¹No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. ²Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. ³He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. ⁴So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." ⁶At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

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⁷Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. ⁹Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." ¹¹Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; ¹²and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

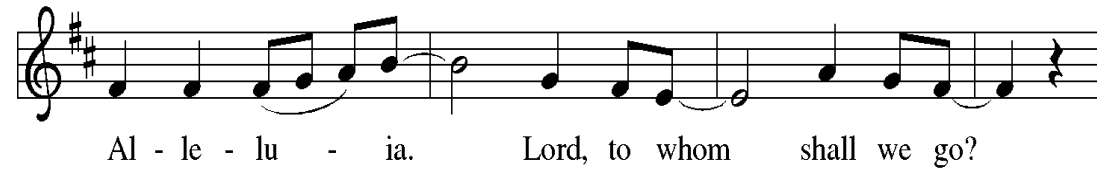
¹⁸Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, ²¹Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, ²²Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you O Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

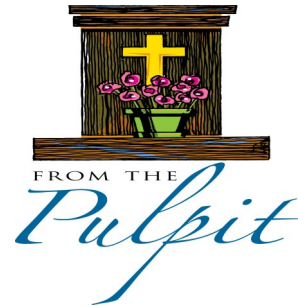
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.



Children's Message

Pastor Bayer-Derrick

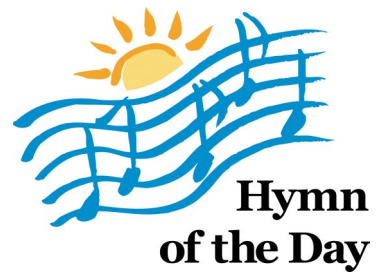


Sermon

Pastor Bayer-Derrick

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.



Hymn of the Day: *"Canticle of the Turning"*

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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;

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.

Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.

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.

Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na
uzima wa milele. Amina

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +

Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 to one another.

We sit.

Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

We stand.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

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

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako
litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike, utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe
waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni. Amina.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

Thanks be to God!

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)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle. Those giving the bread and wine will say the following:

*The body of Christ, given for you
The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

You may respond with "Amen"

*After all have returned to their places, **we stand.***



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 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

God of the abundant table,
**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Sending Song: “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

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Dismissal

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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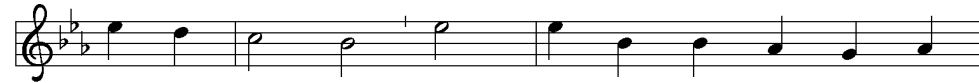
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



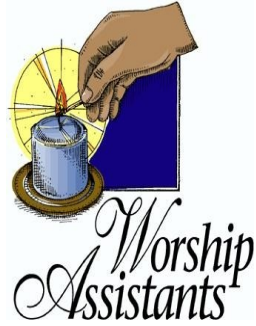
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



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

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Altar Flowers:	<i>Karl and Jane Stein</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
Assisting Minister:	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Gloria Nelson</i> <i>Lew Yobs</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Robin Crowder</i>
Covid Monitor:	<i>Gail Johnson</i>
Offering Stewards:	<i>Jean Morgan</i> <i>David Proctor</i>
Ushers:	<i>Rick Bump</i> <i>Linda Meyer</i>



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers are given
this morning
to the glory of God*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and
Lessons**

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12, 9:8-17

Matthew 8:24-27



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*)

**Fred Biggers
Donna Gum**

**Bob Garber
Jimmy Owens**

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

Nina Crow, Mother of Cathy Crowder
Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Sylvia Almarode
James Hepner, Father of Gloria Nelson
Carrie Humphries, Friend of Donna Gum

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

Lauren Ward's successful surgery and positive medical diagnosis,
Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

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

**Emily Almarode
Fred Brower
Phyllis Kite
Ingrid Sevigny**

**Liz Ann Binns
Marie Brown
Glenn and Flossie Myers
Lily Skelton**

**Beth Brady
Sandra Hoy
Janet Parmer**

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace **Kyle Getler**, Member Relative
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf **Regan Grant**, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow **Rosalind Holt**, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht **Lou Lanier**, Friend of Jim and Gloria Nelson
Helen McClung, Cousin of Nancy Schwiesow
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Keith Brown, Former VA Synod Treasurer
Family of Norman Sell, Uncle of Andrew Sell

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Kiera Mahoney **Alex Skelton**
Stephen Van Stee **Katie Morrison**
Sydney Rankin

The Needs of the World

**Westminster and Grace's Congolese
refugee family, the Mmeswa/
Madawa family, are now in their 4th
month in Waynesboro**

The great increase in mental health cases
in our nation

**Extreme drought, water shortage, heat
and fires in the American West
and Europe**

Continued epidemic of mass shooting
incidents in our nation

Flood victims in Kentucky, Texas

Teachers in our schools, and our children's

The Church

Pray for God's Plan for Grace

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran
congregations: St. James,
Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Basic City Area.





Welcome to Worship!

- Pastor Paul will give the CDC "color" status of Waynesboro each week in his telephone message. **We will base the use of masking on the status of Waynesboro.**
- We will follow CDC "color" guidelines to determine masking at worship.
- If our area is in an Orange (high risk) status, we will mask for worship.
- If we are in a Yellow (medium risk) or Green (low risk) status, those who are not vaccinated or are immune-compromised are encouraged to mask, while those who are vaccinated and boosted are "mask optional, but welcome."
- This applies to Worship, Meetings, Classes, VMA, other users of the facility, etc.



We Welcome Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod! She is preaching and presiding today. Pastor Bayer Derrick has many responsibilities overseeing those who are discerning a call to ministry, as well as those beginning their calling as pastors and other leadership positions in the Virginia Synod. She also coordinates the Synod's justice ministries; as well as supporting healthy practices for both clergy and laypeople in leadership within the Church.



Pastor Paul and Jill are away this weekend to a family celebration, returning on Monday.



God's Work/ Our Hands Day Work Project—Saturday September 10, Grace and Zion will be joining together to work with Renewing Homes for the ELCA God's Work/Our Hands Day. Project looks to be redoing an entrance deck and steps to a home. If you can help or have questions please email Jerry Kite at jerrykite@ntelos.net or call him at 540-910-3372.



Quilting for Lutheran World Relief—Grace will hold a quilting day on Saturday, September 10th, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is the annual **ELCA God's Work/Our Hand's** weekend. Bring a bag lunch and plan on quilting and fellowship. We will have sewing machines and the essentials to make it a fun and productive day. These quilts are for those in need due to disaster, here in the United States and around the world!



Our regular day of quilting will be Tuesdays, starting September 13, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gwen Kite, 540-910-0508 or Amy Warren, 540-471-2362.



Pastor Paul accepts Invitation to Serve on the Synod Tapestry Committee - The Tapestry Committee helps our Synod to "love justice" as God does (see Amos 5:24), and work for social justice in areas of Racial Justice, Care of Creation, LGBTQiA Inclusion, and Women's Justice. Pastor Paul's focus will be on Racial Justice Team. There is a goal over the next few months for Tapestry to host Racial Justice workshops around the Synod, and Grace will host an event for our area in late October or November.



Confirmation begins September 11th! Pray for our Confirmands Kiera Mahoney and Libby Caister, as they continue their Confirmation studies on the 11th! The study focus this year is Luther's Small Catechism, with a focus on the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Sacraments. Pray for our Confirmands as they continue their learning on the "basics" of our Christian Faith.



Mental Health and Trauma Workshop for High School Youth on September 18th - The Waynesboro Downtown Churches (Ecumenical Group) are sponsoring this workshop *at the Wayne Theater* on 9/18 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a great presentation by ARROW (Augusta Resources for Resiliency, Opportunity and Wellness), an opportunity for Youth to submit questions about Mental Health for discussion by local experts, and time for small group discussion. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be served at the close of the event. Look for Wayne Theater advertisements, and information from school, clubs, churches and Facebook to sign up!



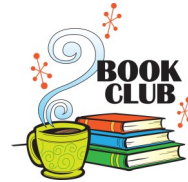
Join the Grace Lutheran Waynesboro team for the **2022 CWS Crop Walk**. The walk will take place in person on Sunday, September 25, starting at Ridgeview Park at 2:00 pm. Karen Walck will have collection envelopes with her on Sunday, August 28 and on September 11 and September 25. She will also be available in the narthex to accept donations for the team. If you would like to make an online donation to a walker or to the team (Grace Lutheran Waynesboro), visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova>. Online donations are preferred. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Currently, Karen Walck, Gwen Kite and Sarah Beth Kite have signed up to walk. The local Facebook page is "waynesboro east augusta crop walk." If you have any questions, please contact Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.



All God's Children Lending Library - Our lending library has found a new home in the LIBRARY near the History room. You can continue to borrow and return books there anytime. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the materials you've read and hope you will join us in taking the ELCA Anti-Racist Pledge. Get to know the treasures in the LIBRARY, including P. Buckley Moss. Contact the church office, Carolyn Barrette, Rick Bump, or Linda Meyer for more information.



Mission Endowment Fund proposals are due Wednesday, September 14th - See information forms on the table in the narthex, or go to www.gracewaynesboro.org and click on the Mission Endowment info there.



Grace Women's Book Group—The Grace Women's Book Group will have it's next meeting on Wednesday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread. The book we will be discussing is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. We are a casual group, so even if you haven't read the book, but are interested in the group and future books, come anyway-have lunch and fellowship. Call Kathy Bump-(317) 440-8900 with any questions.



Want to know what is happening at Grace???

- Check out our calendar located on the website: <http://gracewaynesboro.org/> It is under the "More" heading. **ALSO**, if you are planning a meeting, please let the Church Office know so it can be added to the calendar and space reserved.
- If you are not receiving our Friday phone blasts and would like to be kept up to date, please let the Church Office know and we will see that you get added to the "call list".



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made twenty-eight deliveries thus far, thirteen to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 2960 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Life of Grace Church
September 4-11, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	09/04	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship Zoom
Monday	09/05		
Wednesday	09/07	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	09/08	8:30 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Group Zoom
Saturday	09/10	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	ELCA God's Work/Our Hand's Quilting Day (Fellowship Hall) ELCA God's Work/Our Hand's Project Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	09/11	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship Zoom



Monday

Judges 6:25-40
Acts 2:37-47
John 1:1-18
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112

Tuesday

Judges 7:1-18
Acts 3:1-11
John 1:19-28
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 86

Wednesday

Judges 7:19—8:12
Acts 3:12-26
John 1:29-42
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4

Thursday

Judges 8:22-35

Acts 4:1-12
John 1:43-51
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 27

Friday

Judges 9:1-16, 19-21
Acts 4:13-31
John 2:1-12
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 139

Saturday

Judges 9:22-25, 50-57
Acts 4:32—5:11
John 2:13-25
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 111

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