



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 20, 2023*

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

Service of Holy Communion

(Based on Bread of Life, Setting V—With One Voice)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the 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.

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 the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.

As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering



Gloria Patri

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

Welcome and Announcements

We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us.

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

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

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

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

Amen.

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

By grace you have been saved.

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

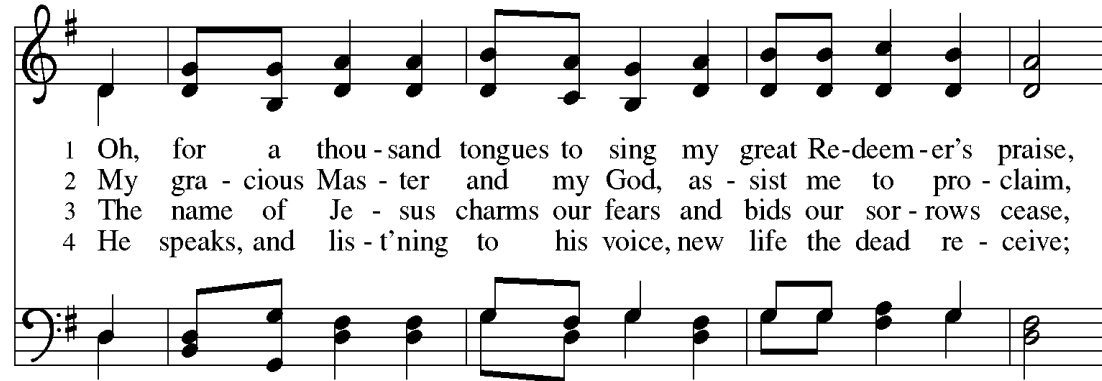
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

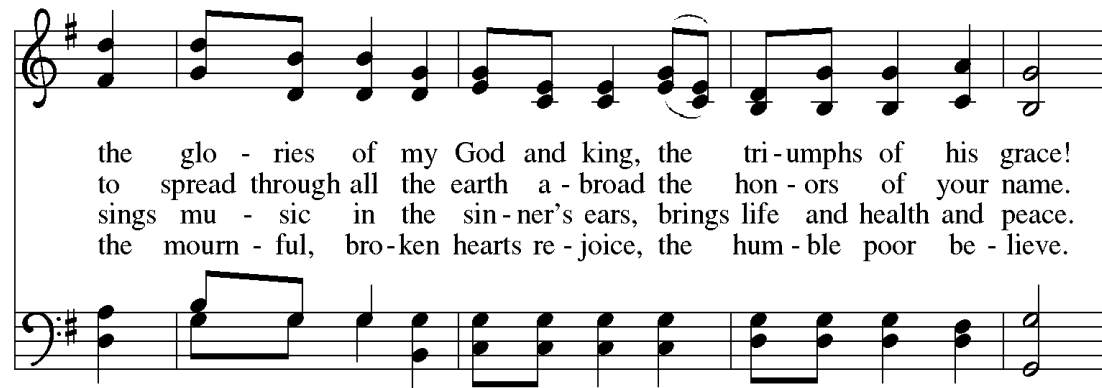
Gathering Hymn: *“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Prelude

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



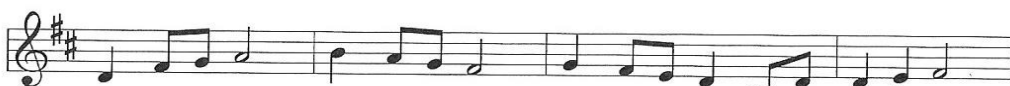
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



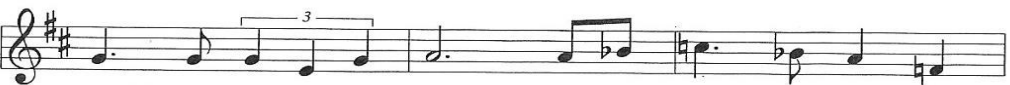
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 67

We read responsively.

- ¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans:

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.
³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Marsha Howard

Sermon

Pastor Radecke

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Apostles' 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.**

Apostle's Creed in Swahili

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

**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.**

**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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

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

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

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

We sit.



Meal

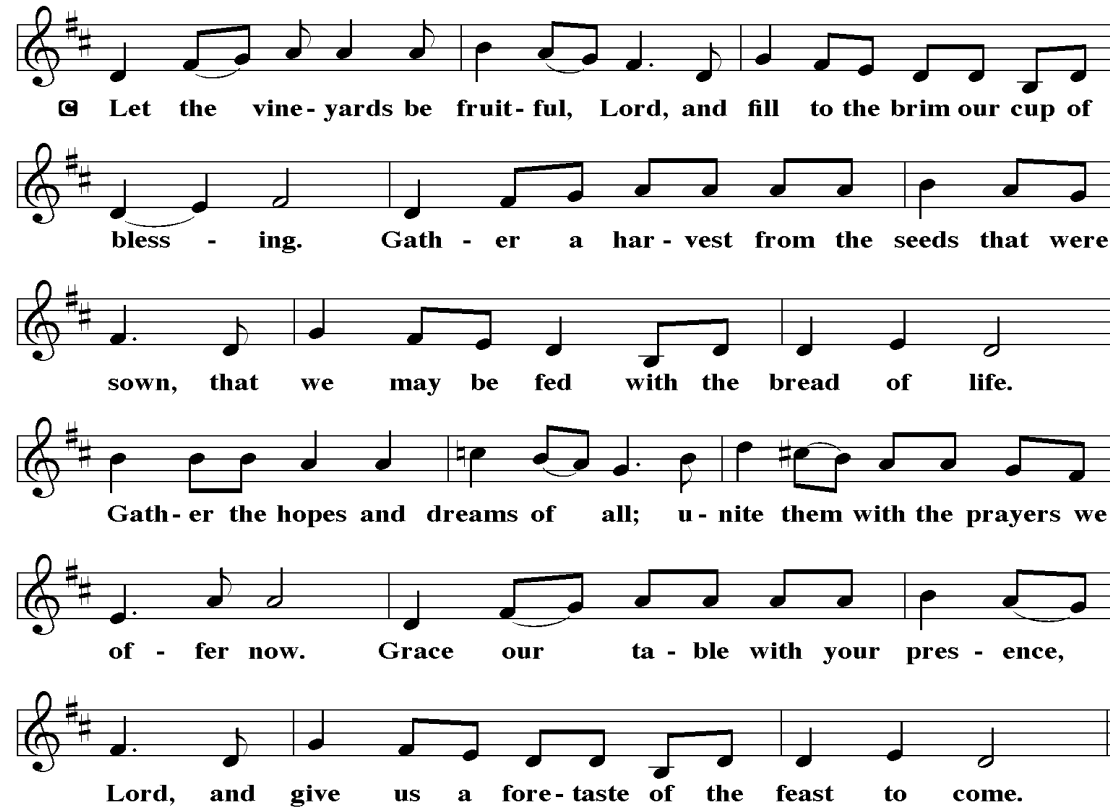
Offertory

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 Song



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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. 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.

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.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

We sit.

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.



☩ 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

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.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

We stand.

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.

**We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Sending

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: *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

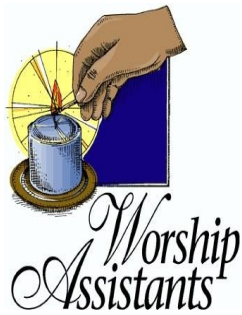
Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:	<i>Karl and Jane Stein</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
Assisting Minister:	<i>Andrew Sell</i>
Communion Assistant:	<i>Tami Radecke</i> <i>Karen Walck</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Jack Eckstrom</i>
Offering Steward:	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>Vivian Proctor</i>
Ushers:	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>Jean Morgan</i>

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

August 27, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel

Presiding and Preaching

Isaiah 51:1-6


Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20



*Chancel flowers this morning
are given to the glory of our Lord*



Prayer List

*Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.*

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Sylvia Almarode

Genevieve Arneson

Lisa Gray

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

Sherry Aldinger, Friend of the Radeckes

Lisa Harrison, Friend of Donna Gum

Jen Kerney, Friend of Many at Grace

Alberta Muir, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson

Rev. Ken Price, Virginia Synod Pastor

Colleen Privette, Sister of Lisa Gray

John Schmidt, Son-in-Law of Peggy Marks

Rebecca Walls, Friend of Donna Gum

Chuck Wood, Friend of Sylvia Almarode

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

Thanks for answered prayers that **Regan Grant**, Friend of the Bumps, has been cured of cancer
 Kirsten Schwiesow's, Daughter of David and Nancy, continued healing and positive
 medical results

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

Emily Almarode

Marge Cloutier

Sandy Johnson

Phyllis Kite

Glenn Myers

Tom and Carol Varner

Continued

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

Bill Aldridge, Friend of the Kites
Gary Barrette, Brother of Bob Barrette
Caitlin Binda Bomar, Friend of Many in Our Community
Cathy Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches
Mike Cunningham, Friend of the Lynches
Natalie Dodge and Family (2 year old cancer patient), Friend of the Almarodes and Warrens
Chris Jordan, Cousin of Mike Myers
Dick Longworth, Friend of the Trauschts
Taunya McDonald, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
James Pingel, Brother of Pastor Pingel
Arta Smith, Friend of the Bumps

Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks*)

Family of Mike Freed, Cousin of Marsha Howard, Friend of Almarodes
Family of Roslyn Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Bob Knemoller, Member of Grace
Family of Mike Moles, Friend of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Robin Crowder (8/25)

Jack Eckstrom (8/25)

The Needs of the World

Extreme weather conditions around the world; severe temperatures, crippling drought, and extreme rains elsewhere: Hawaii, Afghanistan, Angola, Brazil, Chile, Ukraine.

Many areas of war and tension around the world

"The poor, the widow, the orphan, the alien:" paying attention to the biblical call for us to care for others

Those in medical professions - doctors, nurses, surgeons, specialists, CNA's, social workers, and support personnel - maintenance, cleaning staff, kitchen staff

Teachers, Professors, Administrators, Assistants, and Support Personnel preparing to welcome students at our local schools and colleges; and for our children, grandchildren and young adults starting school either this week or the next few weeks in August and September

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

The United Methodist Church and our neighbor UMC churches in Waynesboro

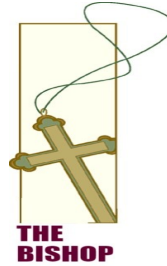
**Virginia Synod Bishop-Elect
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Milton**

Our Neighbors

Our Neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn Area



Roofing Work Begins at Grace! This week, roofing work will begin at Grace! If you are coming to visit Grace during the day over the next couple of weeks, please note there will be trucks coming in and going out, taking shingles down, bringing in supplies, etc. Parking on 13th Street or in the Parking Lot on the lane further from Church are probably the best places to park during this time. Important maintenance is happening, and we're grateful for the work of our Property Committee!



Bishop's Installation in October! Bishop-Elect Phyllis Milton's Installation and Reception will be in Waynesboro, VA on Saturday, October 21st, at 1:00 pm; and Grace - as we did with Bishop Humphrey six years ago - will host the reception. We're just starting to plan and detail this out, but there may be an opportunity to help with the reception and transportation. Stay tuned in August and September for more detailed information!



ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024! For the first time in six years, the ELCA is having a National Youth gathering, this time in New Orleans. Three of our Youth are tentatively committed thus far, with a September registration deadline. Please pray for and support our Youth as they prepare and fundraise, and then join approximately 20-25K other Youth from around the nation for this unique and powerful event in July, 2024.



Thanks to Molly Coffey, guest musician, for substituting for Mike Myers today. Molly is a Senior Music Education Major at James Madison University.



The Church World Service 2023 **CROP Hunger Walk** is Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 pm beginning in Ridgeview Park. Our fundraising goal this year is \$1,000. On line donations can be made to our team, Grace Lutheran Waynesboro at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova>. One quarter of all monies raised locally stays in our area and supports the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Disciples Kitchen and VPAS Meals on Wheels. Karen Walck will be in the back of the nave on August 27 and September 3 if you would like a collection envelope and to accept donations. Please join our team to walk on September 24. If you have any questions, please call Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.



Adult Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m. We will be exploring the gospel according to Mark, looking ahead to the season of Advent, when we enter a new church year and hear from this gospel in worship. Call Pastor Karen Van Stee at 325-0736 for more information. All are welcome!



News for the youth and young at heart - After a short break for the summer, Sunday School for our youth, 2nd thru 6th grade, will resume on Sunday September 10, in the Sunday School classroom. We will meet each Sunday after worship from 11:15 a.m. until Noon. The class follows the lectionary so we will have an opportunity each week to expand on the gospel reading through study, games, and crafts.

Steve and Pastor Karen Van Stee will conduct Acolyte and Crucifer training in the near future. There is an interest/sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for the next few Sundays. These important positions greatly enhance the worship experience and provide a relatively stress-free way to start getting involved with the worship service. This training will be held after Confirmation and Children's Sunday School Sunday, September 17. Lunch will be provided and is open to all who feel called to more involvement in the church. Call Steve at 540-325-0772 for questions or more information.



Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event- Grace is coordinating a **Rise Against Hunger** food packing event with some area churches. The event will be held on **Saturday, September 9**, at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. It will start at 10 am and be completed in about two hours. The last event Grace coordinated was pre-Covid and there were over 20,000 meals packed. The event is a fun morning with a variety of processing stations including mixing food, weighing food packages, sealing food packages, packing boxes of bagged food and runners who move items to each station. It is an event that everyone can help with. Grace Mission Outreach Team will be using a grant that we received from the Mission Endowment Team to help support this event. Watch for sign-up sheets coming in August or you can register online at www.events.riseagainsthunger.org/Waynesboro2023. Our goal for the event is to pack 20,000 to 25,000 meals based on support from area churches. Remember to bring a hat or baseball cap because we are packing food. They do provide hairnets. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



All God's Children will resume meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7:00 pm on **Monday, September 11th** and discuss Toni Morrison's only short story, *Recitatif* (including the 2022 Introduction by Zadie Smith). The story concerns two girls, Twyla and Roberta, one is Black and the other White. However, the author never reveals which one is Black and which one is White. The reader must decide, leading to the moral lesson that racial differences are arbitrary and may be constructed according to one's own personal prejudices and biases. We will discuss our assessments at the meeting.

Through the summer, members have previewed potential sources for future discussions and experiences. These include books, articles, events, movies, programs, web- or podcasts, field trips or anything that deepens our understanding of racial equity and justice in the world. We plan to map out an agenda for the next year at the September 11th meeting.

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



August 31 is the priority registration deadline for Grace members and friends interested in the February 2-10, 2024 mission trip to CICRIN, the **Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center and School**. Beginning on September 1, registration will also be opened to others outside the congregation. Those interested in learning more about the trip can speak with Grace members who were part of this year's team: Chuck and Judi Goodrich, Linda Meyer, Pastor Pingel, and trip leaders Mark and Tami Radecke. Want a FAQ sheet and a link to the online registration form emailed to you? Contact Mark Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



Confirmation starts September 10th! Grace Confirmation Class participants Libby Caister (3rd year), Esme Hilker (1st year), and Reva Sloane Franklin (1st year), will begin Confirmation Class with Pastor Paul in the next few weeks! They'll be studying the Old Testament - The story of God and this World, from Creation to the ways God blessed Noah, Abraham and Sarah, rescued Israel from slavery, blessed King David, and spoke through the prophets to promise God's steadfast love to God's people, and bless the world through them (and us!). Pray for our Confirmands this year and Pastor as they study and learn together this year! (And pray for Kiera Mahoney who will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday!)



Quilting—The Grace Quilters will be returning to the regular Tuesday quilting day on September 12. Last year, over 60 quilts were donated, with 54 sent to Lutheran World Relief. Quilting is a delightfully hands-on ministry and the more hands we have, the more quilts we can complete. We invite you to join us on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. There are other ways to participate as well. If you are more comfortable working at home, that is fine. The quilts for LWR are typically easy squares and LWR requests the size to be approximately 60x80. They are hand tied so that could be either done at home, or we have tables and quilt racks that can be used at church. Sewing is not a required skill to help. Cutting fabric and designing the squares is an easy way to help and if you can tie a knot, you are set to help tie the quilts. Another way to participate is by providing cotton fabric. We also use full size or larger all cotton or 50/50 cotton/polyester sheets for the backs. A solid color works best and with no stains. Often they can be found at thrift stores. If you know a quilter that would like to participate, please let them know they are welcome to participate and we would welcome any fabric that they may not be using. If you have any questions, you may contact Gwen Kite at 540 910-0508 or email at gwenma2002@yahoo.com.



The “First Sunday Fellowships” are in full swing! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up in the Nave for your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed!

Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.

Schedule for 2023 First Sunday Fellowships Hosts:

- **September 10*** **Hospitality and Grace**
- **October 1** **Quilters**


**Date change due to Labor Day*



A **secure entry system** has been installed for the Office Entrance Door. Ring the bell located beside the door during office hours; and if someone is available, they will buzz you in. Reminder: **Office Hours:** 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday **Closed Friday.**




Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made ***thirty-five*** deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and nineteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,745 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

<p>Monday 2 Samuel 2:1-11 Acts 15:36—16:5 Mark 6:14-29 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 29</p>	 Daily DISCIPLESHIP	<p>Thursday 2 Samuel 4:1-12 Acts 16:25-40 Mark 7:1-23 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62</p>
<p>Tuesday 2 Samuel 3:6-21 Acts 16:6-15 Mark 6:30-46 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 133</p>		<p>Friday 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Acts 17:1-15 Mark 7:24-37 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 65</p>
<p>Wednesday 2 Samuel 3:22-39 Acts 16:16-24 Mark 6:47-56 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 33</p>		<p>Saturday 2 Samuel 5:22—6:11 Acts 17:16-34 Mark 8:1-10 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 98</p>



Life of Grace Church
August 20-27, 2023

Day of the	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	08/20	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Mark Radecke , Preaching and Presiding
Tuesday	08/22	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	08/23	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		10:00—3:30	Encircle Safety Team (Fellowship Hall)
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	08/24	8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	08/25		
Saturday	08/26	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	08/27	10:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel , Preaching and Presiding



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