



**"GIVE...  
TO GOD** **THE THINGS  
THAT ARE  
GOD'S."**

**MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV**

*Twenty-First Sunday  
After Pentecost*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
October 22, 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**

(All Creation Sings—Setting 12)

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 looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**  
In your compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart  
and give us a steadfast spirit.  
Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.  
**Amen.**

As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever!**



Have mercy  
on me, *God,*  
according to your  
steadfast *love.*

Psalm 51:1, NRSV

O God of Every Nation

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease,  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

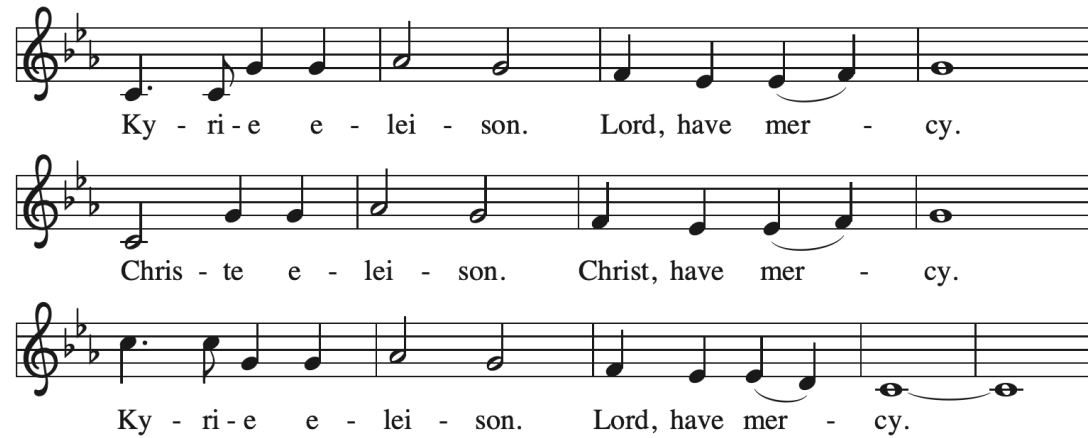
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## Greeting

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.**

## Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

# Kyrie

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**Word**



### **First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah:

- <sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:
- <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
- <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
- <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
- <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 96:1-13**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!**

**The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.**

**He will judge the peoples with equity."**

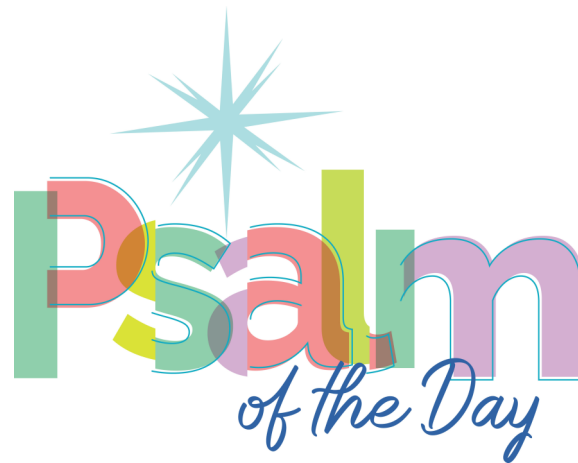
<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup>**let the field exult, and everything in it.**

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

<sup>13</sup>before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**





**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

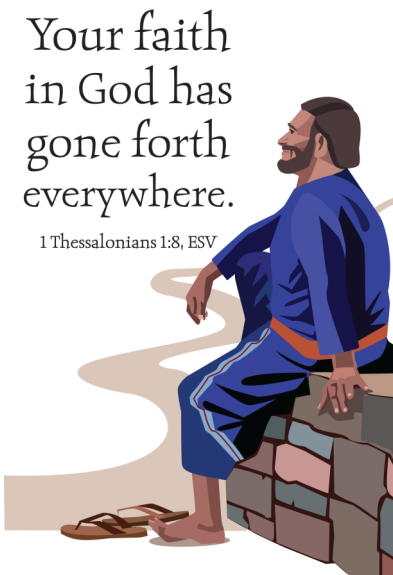
A reading from Thessalonians:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and  
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved  
by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in  
word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know  
what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators  
of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by  
the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in  
Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and  
Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to  
speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we  
had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and  
to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from  
the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



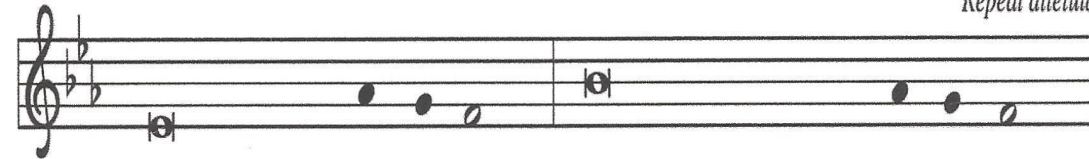
*We stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



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

*Repeat alleluia*



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

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

Hymn of the Day: "You Are the Way"

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## You Are the Way

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

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

### 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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

God of grace  
**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.  
We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

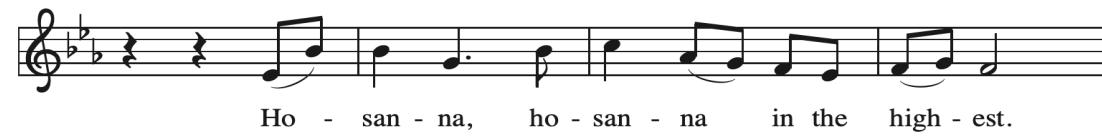
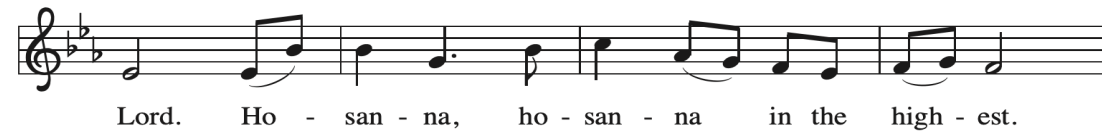
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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



# Sanctus





## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray  
as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.  
**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**

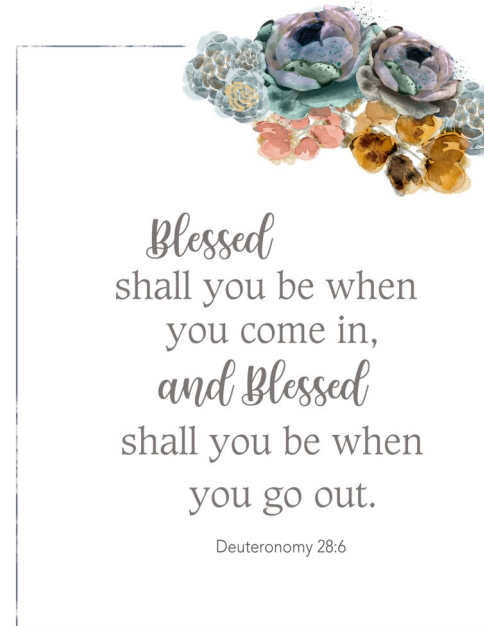
Let us pray.

**Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

### **Blessing**

The God of glory,  
✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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## God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

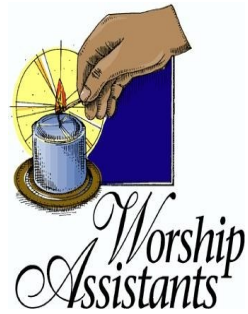
pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**



<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Open
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jean Morgan
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Tripp Franklin
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Quinn Franklin
	Thea Franklin
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Robin Crowder
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady
	David Proctor
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Almarode
	Lee Lynch

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**



**October 29, 2023**  
**Reformation Sunday**  
Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel**  
Presiding and Preaching

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**  
**Psalm 46**  
**Romans 3:19-28**  
**John 8:31-36**



Altar Flowers

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



**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.

⌘⌘⌘⌘ Please be Praying for... ⌘⌘⌘⌘  
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Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

**Grace Members with Covid**

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

**Sherry Aldinger**, Friend of Radeckes

**Bill Aldridge**—Friend of the Kites

**Mike Arbaugh**—Friend of Linda Tomey

**Mia Eckstrom**, Granddaughter of Jack & Antoinette Eckstrom (knee surgery)

**Michael Sathe**, Friend of Donna Gum

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

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

**Emily Almarode**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Genevieve Arneson**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Tom and Carol Varner**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Glenn Myers**

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**Peace in the World**

**The Israeli and Palestine conflict - that ancient hatreds might be overcome by God's Grace, even and especially among those who invoke God's name in the conflict.**

Those in peril from severe weather, hurricanes, earthquake and floods

**Peace in the World—Those whose lives are shattered by war; those Victimized by human trafficking**

The prayer of Jesus—That we may find unity in Jesus, and in our nation's laws and living, that all people—regardless of color, ethnicity, and gender—might find a way forward together in the love of God, and beyond the fears and anxieties of our time.

**Our elected officials, especially those in Congress as they elect a Speaker; we pray for leadership to serve the common good**

**The Church**

Indigenous Peoples and the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement

**For our partners in Refugee ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**Our Neighbors**

**Our Neighbors near the Orchard Creek Area**





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

**Gary Barrette**, Brother of Bob Barrette  
**Rebekah Bircher**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Caitlin Binda Bomar**, Friend of Many in Our Community  
**Stephen Cohen**, Friend of the Schwiesows  
**Sandie Hammel**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Neil Harris**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Marcy Haywood**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Carrie Humphreys**, Former Grace Member  
**Dick Longworth**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Jennifer McDonald**, Friend of the Radeckes  
**Taunya McDonald**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle  
**Phoenix Oberg**, Friend of Sarah Kite  
**Ruth Phelke**, Mother of Lisa Edens and Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson  
**James Pingel**, Brother of Pastor Pingel  
**Charles and Ruth Ann Williams**, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson

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

**Family of Wayne Comer**—Grandfather of Ty & Hannah (Lundstrom) Comer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Becca Dolan (10/22)**





A **big thank you** to Maxine McKinney for being our guest musician today.



**A Word You Don't Want to Say, but We Must!** That word is **COVID**. We've had a number of members who have been sick in recent days and weeks. We are coming into a time when Health experts tell us to expect more cases. With this in mind please note the following:

1. If you have any symptoms, or have tested positive, please stay at home. YouTube worship services are available Live every Sunday for those who are sick.
2. If you have COVID, please wait until you test negative - usually 5-10 days - until you return to worship.
3. Please note that FREE tests kits are available from **covid.gov**. Or you can find test kits at local pharmacies or grocery stores for about \$8 - \$10.



**Reformation Sunday is also Confirmation Sunday, October 29!**

We celebrate that Kiera Mahoney will Affirm her Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, and be Confirmed October 29! A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join in the celebration!



**Youth Host an ELCA National Youth Gathering Yard Sale!** "We are having a church yard sale Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon—rain or shine! It is an indoor yard sale. All proceeds go to support our youth in attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in summer 2024. Please show your support for our youth by either donating items for the yard sale or shopping yard sale items on November 4!" Please drop your items at Grace in the office beside the library, Room #211, *on Sundays* or when the church office is open: *Monday-Thursday, 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m. .*



**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** Grace members, along with our quilters, cut 630 9" x 9" flannel squares! They will be distributed to countries throughout Africa including: Ghana, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Uganda, Namibia and Rwanda. Samples of the Sanitary Kits are assembled and taken to the schools. Young women are taught to assemble their own kits. As there is an ongoing need, I would like to continue to cut and collect squares. There is no limit to the number of squares to be sent and no deadline. Please be encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile outreach project!

Square requirements: **Prewashed, flannel** (no fleece, felt or plush). Cut into 9" x 9" squares. Place in plastic container at the back of the Nave. If you have questions, etc., please contact Gloria Nelson.



**College Care Packages**—Each November a small group of Grace members gather to pack boxes of goodies for our college students around the time of their Fall semester final exams. It's a short term task each year, and the students really appreciate being remembered by their congregation back home. We are looking to step down and seeking another leader or co-leaders to take on this fun task. We will "mentor" you through this Fall and help with organizing, as needed. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Linda Meyer ([lameyer@cfw.com](mailto:lameyer@cfw.com) or 540-256-2277) or Caroline Biggers ([caroline.r.biggers@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.r.biggers@gmail.com) or 540-337-1951).



**All Saints Sunday is November 5, 2023**—Each year on All Saints Sunday we remember the saints who have gone before us; those Grace members who have received the promises for all time, of God's Grace given to us freely through Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection. In addition to Grace members, if you would like to include a family member or friend who has died, please notify the Church Office by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, with their **name and date of death.**



**Community Potluck at Grace**—This meal is for community members to gather for fellowship and provide an opportunity for fellowship and building relationships on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.! These meals are meant to be a time of fellowship for Grace members and an opportunity to build relationships with other folks in our community. Come and eat—bring a dish, bring a friend!



**Grace Walkers**—Location to park for the Greenway, for the time being, has been changed to Constitution Park, 215 Elroy Street, Waynesboro. Meeting time to walk is still at 8:30 a.m.

Special  
Needs



Did you know that we have **medical equipment and supplies** available for your use? Walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, crutches, etc. are all available in our storage room. If you have a need, come by the church office and see if we can help you out.

Also, if you have used, clean medical equipment and supplies that you no longer need, please consider donating them.



The River City Bread Basket is a free, client choice, food outlet in Waynesboro. They have meat, dairy, produce, and other staples to supplement the dinner tables for working families. Everyone is welcome, but to have access to all the resources available, please call The LIFEworks Project 540-251-2381 to register.

There are various opportunities to lend a hand. Please call 540-251-2381 for volunteer opportunities. They are located at 505 North Winchester Avenue.



**All God's Children** has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. 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](mailto:rcbump0621@gmail.com)).



**GRACE ELC - WARM COLD WEATHER SHELTER**—This is an exciting time as we prepare to welcome our neighbors in need of shelter to "our home" here at Grace. We will host up to 20 of our homeless neighbors from December 4 - 11, 2023 - showing Christ's love through Hospitality. We provide shelter, three (3) meals per day and ensure our guests know they are welcome, safe and secure. In preparation, WARM is hosting training - and all are invited to attend. From WARM:

- We have finally finalized our training dates, and we encourage not just our coordinators to come, but your volunteers as well! Our first training date will be a dry run to explain the flow of an evening at the shelter, and will be hosted at Fishersville United Methodist Church on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Our second training session is tentatively scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., at the WARM administrative offices located at 1025 Fairfax Avenue. This session will be hosted by WARM and Larry Friedman to discuss the basics of Crisis Intervention and how it relates to our guests at the Cold Weather Shelter.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Susan Myers before/after service or call/text 434-760-1660 ... so we can give WARM a heads-up on how many will attend. Co-Coordinators Donna Yobs and Susan Myers



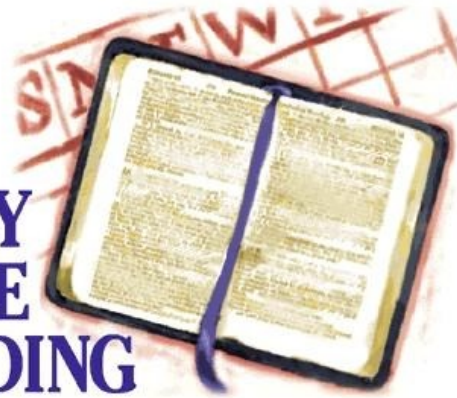
**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made thirty-seven deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-one to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,920 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

# OCTOBER 2023

October 22-29, 2023

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	10/22	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding  <b>Confirmation Class</b> (Seminar Room) <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)
Monday	10/23	7:00 p.m.	 <b>All God's Children Book Study</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	10/24	9:30 a.m.	 <b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	10/25	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00p.m. 7:30 p.m.	 <b>Backpacking</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Community Potluck</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Choir Practice</b> 
Thursday	10/26	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	 <b>Grace Walkers</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Grace Baptism Class</b> (Seminar Room) 
Saturday	10/28	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	10/29	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m..	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> , Preaching and Presiding <b>Reception for Kiera Mahoney's Confirmation</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Confirmation Class</b> (Seminar Room) <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)

# DAILY BIBLE READING



## **Monday**

2 Kings 17:24-41  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Matthew 6:25-34  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47

## **Tuesday**

2 Chronicles 29:1-3; 30:1 (2-9) 10-27  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
Matthew 7:1-12  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 99

## **Wednesday**

2 Kings 18:9-25  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Matthew 7:13-21  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 91

## **Thursday**

2 Kings 18:28-37  
1 Corinthians 9:1-15  
Matthew 7:22-29  
Morning 147:13-21, Evening 116


## **Friday**

2 Kings 19:1-20  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Matthew 8:1-17  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 20

## **Saturday**

2 Kings 19:21-36  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Matthew 8:18-27  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63

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