

... he will
**SPEAK
PEACE**
to his people,
to his faithful,
to those who
turn to him
in their
HEARTS.



Psalm 85:8, NRSV

*EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
July 14, 2024*

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

Service of the Word and HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Jay Beach Setting)

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



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Father, the ✙ Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

freely
forgiven

Gathering Song: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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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.

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first three staves contain the main melody and lyrics. The fourth staff begins a three-part setting of the chorus. The fifth and sixth staves continue the three-part setting. The seventh staff concludes the piece with a final cadence.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel-comed, here the lost are claimed,
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
3
gath-ered here for wor-ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro-ken lives are mend-ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for-give-ness from God's ho - ly Word,

God is here a-mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child-ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re-peat-ed; Peace! to all pro-claimed,

make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos:

⁷ This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹²The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.

Celtic Alleluia



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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below each staff. The music is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

The holy gospel according to St. Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John,

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knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "Faith of Our Fathers"

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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.**

Imani ya Mitume

**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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Peace

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

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

We sit.

Meal

Offering

Offertory

We stand.

DEUTERONOMY 26:10. NRSV



So now I bring
the first of the
fruit of the ground
that you, O Lord,
have given me.

Offertory Response: "God's Love Endures For Ever"

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Voice



Oh give thanks! Oh ___ give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er

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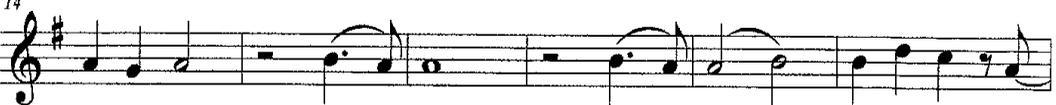
Oh give thanks! Oh - give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er!

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1. With our dreams and our fears, ___ with our joys
2. With our strength and our weak-ness with our gifts

14



and our pain we ___ come, we ___ come. ___ Oh give thanks! Oh
and our needs we ___ come, we ___ come. ___

20



___ give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er! Oh give thanks! Oh

24



___ give thanks! God's love en-dures for - ev - er

Fine

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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

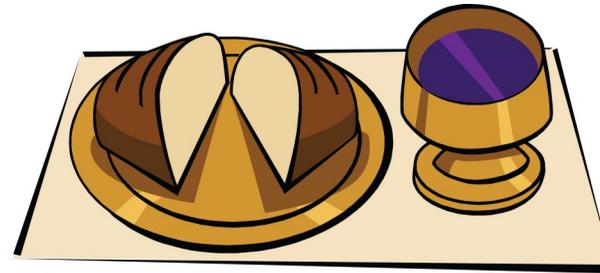
Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross opened his arms to all.

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, therefore,
his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord:
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory,
now and forever.
Amen.



Come to the Table

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, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come, taste and see!

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Communion

We sit.

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.

For the Healing of the World

Verses 1 & 2 are sung in preparation for Holy Communion

For the Healing of the World

1 Des - per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
2 Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
3 Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to

Je - sus; Wound - ed and bro - ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and

come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.

Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to

eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he

free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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Communion Hymn: “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

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We stand.

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

The Post-Communion Canticle—*For the Healing of the World - Verse 3*

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

Sending



ELCA National Youth Gathering Godspeed Sending

Pastor: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a community of disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted.

Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge.

Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you:

Will you be sent willingly for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond with “we will and we ask God to help us.”

We will and we ask God to help us.

Will you use your authenticity to enrich the gathering and the community of New Orleans?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Will you freely participate in the gathering and with the people of New Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Continued

Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: And now, I ask the congregation - Will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God's guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories/experiences with love and openness?

All: **We will and we ask God to help us. Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.**

Amen. Thanks be to God

Sending Song: *"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arises"*

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Dismissal

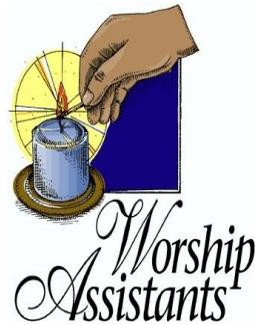
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

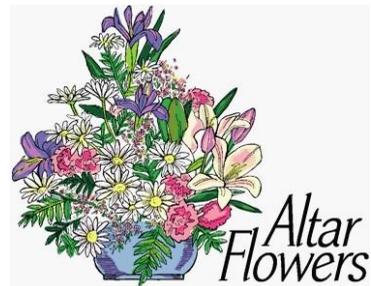


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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!



<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	Allison Fink
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Kathy Meicke
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Cathy Crowder
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	Robin Crowder Karen Walck
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	Jacob Dolan
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	Pat Brady David Proctor
<i>Ushers:</i>	Maella Hilker Gail Johnson Jerry Kite



The Chancel flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my great-grandmother, Laura, my Grandmothers, Gazella, and Flora, and my aunts, Jinny, Mary, and Joan. I am blessed to have had their love and care in my life. Allison Fink



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Sunday, July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion
and via You Tube*

*Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*



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)

Frannie Knicely

Mark Radecke

Cynthia Long

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

Lisa Barmore, Friend of Grace

Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace

Jenni Jamison, Friend of the Wilsons

Joe Keesee, Friend of the Wilsons

Linda Lively & Family, Friend of Gail & Sandy Johnson

Mike White, son of Teresa White, CCE&J member

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

Thanks to God for the successful liver transplant of **Carrie Peters**, niece of Nancy and David Schwiesow, and for her continued healing as she embarks on a long process going forward.

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

Marge Cloutier

Ernestine Moomaw

Phyllis Kite

Carol Varner

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

Roy and Flora Henderson, Parents of Allison Fink

Zach Klemm, Friend of the Caisters

Phoenix Oberg, Friend of Sarah Beth Kite

Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows

Roy Reid, Father of Mary Huerth

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

Family of Larry Dennis, Cousin of Linda Tomey
Family of Dixie McClenahan, Friend to many at Grace
Family of Marcy Roddefer, Friend of Sharon Lynch
Family of Paul Wash, Friend of the Lynches

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Maribeth Faivre (7/9)
Cindy Glenn (7/11)

Zoey Mahoney (7/9)
Malachi Dolan (7/11)

Carolyn Shields (7/14)



Prayers for the World

Palestine/Israel - for the hostages, a hope for ceasefire, for healing from hate and conflict.

Tornado damage throughout the middle part of our nation: for those grieving, those who have lost homes and livelihood.

On the 248th anniversary of our nation's founding, prayers for our leaders, and for each of us as citizens as we vote and live as responsible members of these United States of America.

Those recovering from Hurricane Beryl (Windward Islands, Jamaica, Texas) and those helping in the aftermath.

Those suffering intense heat and wildfires in our nation.

The Immigration crisis at our borders and around the world, and the work of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Church World Service).

Our LGBTQIA siblings in Christ in the ELCA, and the whole Church.

The Church

For our Grace Youth and Salem Lutheran Youth traveling together to the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

For WARM (Waynesboro Area Ministry); its new Executive Director, Alec Gunn, and its ministry going forward.

The ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea) - our Companion Church of the Virginia Synod.





ELCA National Youth Gathering! Three of our youth—Cabell Caister, Libby Caister, and Kiera Mahoney—with adult leader Jessi Blosser—will be heading to New Orleans on Monday, July 15th, for the ELCA National Youth Gathering—“Created to Be” (you can find out more about the theme at www.elca.church/gathering/about/created-to-be-theme). We will give them a Godspeed sending as a part of worship today. They will be traveling with youth, leaders, and Pastor Derek Boggs from Salem Lutheran Church, Mt. Sidney.



Waynesboro Salvation Army is again requesting donations to supply **"Homework Toolboxes"** to assist preschool and Kindergarten students complete work at home with these supplies: pencil box/pouch, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, 8 count crayons, pencils, individual sharpeners, pencil shaped markers and colored pencils. Since the opening day of school this year is **August 7, we don't have much time!** Please drop items off in the box located outside of the church office by July 24. In lieu of items, you may make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army of Waynesboro and East Augusta County, P.O. Box 1065, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Just write Homework Toolboxes in the memo of your check. Over the past five years, the Salvation Army and YOU have provided 3,454 Homework Toolboxes. Thank you! Amy Warren



Community Volunteer Presentation & Fellowship—We are holding our next Quarterly Community Support Info Ministry Fellowships on **Sunday, July 21st**. We will hear from Serenity Garden <https://theserenitygarden.org> Come learn about this beautiful site and opportunities to volunteer.

Betty Karol and Charlie Wilson, members of Grace and board members of the Serenity Garden Foundation, Inc. will present the answers to "What, Where, and Why of the Serenity Garden" in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, July 21st**, following worship. Come join us and learn more about a gem of Waynesboro. Don't forget to register for a door prize!

If you have a community organization you'd like to present, please use the signup sheet at the back of the church or contact Donna Yobs or Karen Walck.



Columbarium Update—Lots of behind the scenes work is being done towards the repairs to the Columbarium and the Tower Cross replacement. Lantz Construction Company of Broadway, Virginia is working on a bid to repair both areas. We expect their bid to be submitted to our insurance carrier in July. The property committee is also working on a process to repair the Columbarium separately in case there are unavoidable delays in the insurance process. We are securing pricing from Virginia Cast Stone, Inc. for capstone replacement. Davis Construction is submitting a bid for all masonry repairs, including capstone installation. We should know which direction this project will take by the end of July. Fred Biggers, Property Committee



Summer Planning for Fall! Already we are nearing Mid-July! Plans are being made for *Confirmation, Children and Adult Education* this Fall; a *131st Anniversary Celebration* with a number of November 2024 activities planned; and *Youth Activities* including participation in the local Ecumenical Youth Group with five other congregations! Please keep this planning in your prayers.



Food Pantry Collections: A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. To date, we have collected over **4,401** pounds of food (we have made **forty-three** deliveries, twenty to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-three to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). That's two tons+!



Reminder—Please have announcements for Sunday's bulletin to the church office no later than the Wednesday morning before.

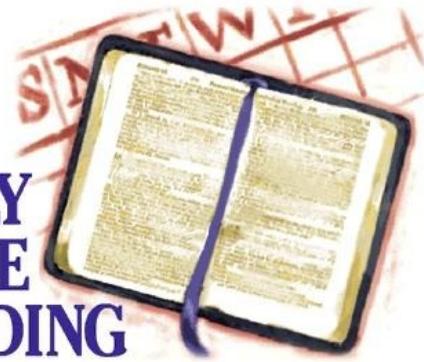
Also, please have articles for Grace Notes to the church office no later than +the 20th for the next month's newsletter.



Life of Grace Church
July 14-21, 2024

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	07/14	10:00 a.m.	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
Monday	07/15	6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee (Conference Room)
Tuesday	07/16	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	07/17	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group Encircle (Fellowship Hall) Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	07/18	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	07/19		Church Office Closed
Saturday	07/20	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	07/21	10:00 a.m.	Ninth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Quarterly Community Information Support Fellowship

DAILY BIBLE READING



Monday

Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27
Romans 8:26-30
Matthew 23:1-12
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82

Tuesday

Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34
Romans 8:31-39
Matthew 23:13-26
Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Romans 9:1-8
Matthew 23:27-39
Morning Psalm 89, Evening 1

Thursday

Deuteronomy 3:18-28
Romans 9:19-33
Matthew 24:1-14
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16

Friday

Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 24—32:4
Romans 10:1-13
Matthew 24:15-31
Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

Saturday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Romans 10:14-21
Matthew 28:32-51
Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138





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