



*And Mary said: “My  
soul glorifies the Lord and  
my spirit rejoices in God  
my Savior ...”*

LUKE 1:46-47, NIV

## *MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 South Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980*

*August 18, 2024*

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

# *Service of the Word and 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



## 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,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal God, our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
Look upon us, your children,  
the work of your hands.  
Forgive us all our offenses,  
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.  
By your grace draw us near to you,  
our refuge and our strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God ✙ forgives you all your sins.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Song: "Baptized in Water"

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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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in B-flat major (two flats). The first staff has the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff has the lyrics 'Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.' The third staff has the lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.' The music consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

# 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.*

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **Word**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 61:7-11**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>7</sup>Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. <sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 34:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**  
<sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.  
**<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.**  
<sup>5</sup>Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
**<sup>6</sup>This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.**  
<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
**<sup>8</sup>O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**  
<sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
**for those who fear him have no want.**

**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

A reading from Galatians:

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

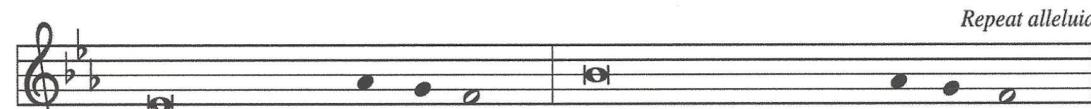
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*



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



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

**Gospel: Luke 1:46-55**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** "Borning Cry"

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*In preparation for Holy Baptism at the font, the congregation is invited to come to the back of the Church where the font is located to be "the great cloud of witnesses" as we observe and celebrate God at work through Water and the Word, forgiving, rescuing from death and evil, and offering eternal salvation to Carson Comer. If you do not come to the back, please turn in your pew (as you are able) to face the font, and join in the service from your seat.*

## Holy Baptism

### Presentation

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism, we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

#### *The Sponsors present the candidate:*

We present Carson Wayne Comer to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

#### *The presiding minister addresses the parents:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*We do.*

Ty and Hannah, as you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*We do.*

*The presiding minister addresses the sponsors.*

Alycia and Seth, do you promise to nurture Carson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*We do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Carson and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### **Profession of Faith**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents, sponsors, and the congregation.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

*Continued*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Thanksgiving at the Font**

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

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

We give you thanks, O God, for the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## **Baptism**

Carson Wayne Comer, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters  
and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Carson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the  
spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in  
your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The signed of the cross is marked on the forehead of the baptized.*

Carson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of  
Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized (sponsors).*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your  
Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming  
word to all the world.**

*We return to our seats. The parents and child join the pastor at the front of the church.*

### Prayers of Intercession

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.  
**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

*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.)*

### Offertory

*We stand.*



Offertory Response:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song*

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

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions  
of our great high priest until  
he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.  
**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, 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!

**Thanks be to God!**

*We sit.*



## The Holy Communion

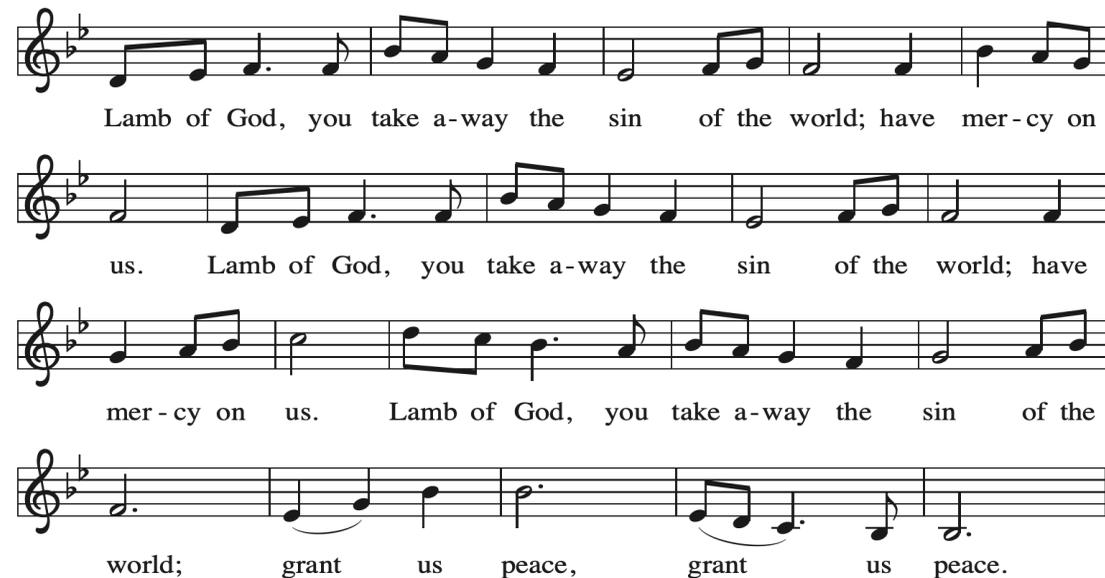
### **We sit.**

*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.**



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.

**Communion Hymn:** “*God Extends An Invitation*”

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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.**

**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**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✝ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“Voices Raised to You”*

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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!*



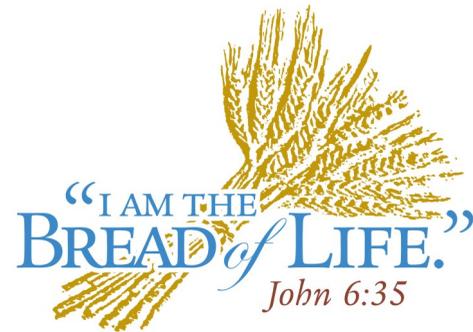
*Worship Assistants*

<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Pete and Amy Warren</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jim and Gloria Nelson</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Gloria Nelson</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Thea Franklin</i>
	<i>Susan Myers</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Jerry Kite</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Fred Biggers</i>
	<i>Andrew Sell</i>



*The Chancel flowers are given this morning to the Glory of God by Peter and Amy Warren*

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*  
*Sunday, August 25, 2024*  
*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



*Service of Holy Communion*  
*and via You Tube*

*Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18*  
*Psalm 34:15-22*  
*Ephesians 6:10-20*  
*John 6:56-69*



**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)**

**Brad Keefer  
Pete Warren**

**Peggy Marks  
Carol Wolf**

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

**Sue Ambrosic**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Chris Cody**, Niece of Linda Tomey  
**Barbara Eagle**, Sister of Nancy Schwiesow  
**Angela Engleman**, Friend to Many at Grace  
**Finn Farrey**, Grandson of the Radeckes  
**Charles (Charlie) List**, Nephew of the Bradys  
**Leah Manuel**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Alberta Muir**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Carrie Peters**, Niece of the Schwiesows  
**Judy Simpson**, Sister of Sharon Lynch

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

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

**Marge Cloutier  
Dwight & Ernestine Moomaw**

**Phyllis Kite  
Carol Varner**

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

**Zach Klemm**, Friend of the Caisters  
**Roy Reid**, Father of Mary Huerth

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

**Family of Bev Holloway**, Friend of the Schwiesows  
**Family of Al McKechnie**, Member of Grace

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

**None This Week**

**Prayers for the World**

**Rise in tensions, violence in the Middle East.**

For our Presidential Candidates, Kamala Harris, Donald Trump, Robert F. Kennedy, Chase Oliver (and many others), for our nation, and each of us as citizens and followers of Jesus as we prepare to consider and vote; in our nation's 248th anniversary year.

**Flooding in the Midwest, Vermont and the east coast, Hurricane Ernesto.**

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).**

**The Church**

**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, and our Virginia Synod Delegation, traveling:

- Assistant to the Bishop, Kelly Bayer Derrick
- Pr. Derek Boggs, Salem, Mt. Sidney
- Pr. Wanda Childs, Floyd-Willis Parish
- Pr. Michael Church, Our Savior, Warrenton

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**We begin All Creation Sings Setting 12 today** - Introduced last year from the most recent All Creation Sings hymnal of the ELCA, we will use the setting at least through September.



**Confirmation Students & Families!** - We meet after worship today in the Seminar Room. We look forward to beginning in September with a class of six participants!

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**Holy Baptism Today** - Carson Wayne Comer (son of Ty and Hannah [Lundstrom] Comer, grandson of Brian and Diane Lundstrom and great-grandson of Frannie Knicely), will be washed by water and God's Word, and receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! Carson's sponsors are Alycia Knicely (great aunt) and Seth Comer (uncle). This is an important day in the life of Grace as we welcome this new brother in Christ! Greet Carson after worship as we share light refreshments in the narthex.



**The Elevator is Out of Order** - Parts have been ordered and we hope to have it in good operating condition as soon as possible.



**Interested in a Bike Ride?** We have a wonderful area to ride bikes, enjoy God's Creation and fellowship in Christ with each other. Sign up in the back if you're interested in a group ride, and we'll decide together on how to move forward.



**Adult Bible Study This Fall:** Each Sunday we read up to four readings. Some of the readings are "continuous," for example, we may read through an epistle over a span of weeks, while others (the Old Testament reading and Psalm) usually are chosen to complement the Gospel. Last year we had a very positive response to preparing in advance for each Sunday, and invite YOU to be a part this year! Sign up in the back to take part (Zoom will be available)!



**Virginia Synod Delegation to Papua New Guinea (PNG)** - Please keep Assistant to the Bishop Kelly Bayer-Derrick, and Pastors Derek Boggs, Wanda Childs, and Michael Church in prayer as our representatives who will be visiting our Companion Synod, the ELC-PNG New Guinea Islands District. This is the Synod's first trip since last decade when a delegation, including Matt Wertman, a "son" of Grace, ventured to PNG. You can find out more at <https://vasynod.org/ministries/global-mission/>.



**Hymns and Brews at Basic With St. John!** - You are invited to join with St. John Episcopal to give thanks to God with singing, and enjoy a good beverage at Basic City Beer on Wednesday, August 28th! We gather at 6:30, in case you'd like to grab something to eat and/or drink beforehand, and we begin singing at 7pm. August 28th is the Commemoration Date of St. Augustine. Augustine was a favorite theologian of Martin Luther's, because Augustine's work on being justified (made right) by God's Grace and not works. He also happens to be the patron saint of brewers. We'll raise a glass to Augustine, and give thanks to our gracious God with song!



**Grace and the WARM Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) 2024—** It's time again to begin planning to open our doors to our homeless neighbors. WARM coordinates the CWS with churches in our area to provide food and shelter to our homeless neighbors during the coldest months. Last season (2023 - 2024), the CWS experienced a 33% increase in the number of guests served over the prior year; 203 people for 4,057 overnight stays and 12,000 meals! Grace ELC has been asked to host **December 9 - 16**. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important ministry -- there are a myriad of volunteer opportunities and financial support is always appreciated, too! (Anyone looking to provide a Thrivent Action Grant? Just give me a call, we have several opportunities!) More info coming! Peace - Susan Myers



**Thrivent Members, remember your Action Grants as Fall approaches! -** Thrivent members have two (2) \$250 Action Cards they can request toward Ministry projects! With WARM Cold Weather Shelter coming up, Quilting, Youth Ecumenical Events, Renewing Homes projects, etc., there's a great opportunity to make use of Action Grants to help! We'll continue to remind Thrivent members of these opportunities!



**Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event Signup:** We will be hosting our annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, September 14, at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. Area Churches have been invited and we hope to collect enough funds to pack over 30,000 meals this year. An event sign-up sheet will be in the Nave.

- One column is for setting up the processing area prior to the event from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- The second column is for participating in food packing from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please join in this fun event. If you have any questions please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite.



**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 **4,446** pounds of food (we have made **forty-four** deliveries, twenty to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). That's 2 1/2 tons!



*Life of Grace Church*  
*August 18-25, 2024*

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday 	08/18	10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost <b>Service of Holy Communion</b> Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Baptism</b>  <b>Confirmation Family Meeting</b>
Monday	08/19	7:00 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	08/20	9:00 a.m.  7:00 p.m.	<b>Encircle Meeting</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Congregation Council Meeting</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	08/21	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.  6:00 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	 <b>Prayer Group</b> <b>Encircle Regional Managers Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Community Meal</b> (Fellowship Hall)   <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Thursday	08/22	8:30 a.m.  12:30 p.m.	 <b>Grace Walkers</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	08/23		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
Saturday	08/24	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	08/25	10:00 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost <b>Service of Holy Communion</b> Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

<p><b>Monday</b> Judges 12:1-7 Acts 5:12-26 John 3:1-21 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Judges 14:1-19 Acts 6:15-7:16 John 4:27-42 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 116</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> Judges 13:1-15 Acts 5:27-42 John 3:22-36 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 99</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> Judges 14:20-15:20 Acts 7:17-29 John 4:43-54 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 20</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Judges 13:15-24 Acts 6:1-15 John 4:1-26 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> Judges 16:1-14 Acts 7:30-43 John 5:1-18 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63</p>



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