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*EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST*

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

*September 22, 2024*

*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

Temple Talk

Allison Fink

## 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: *"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"*

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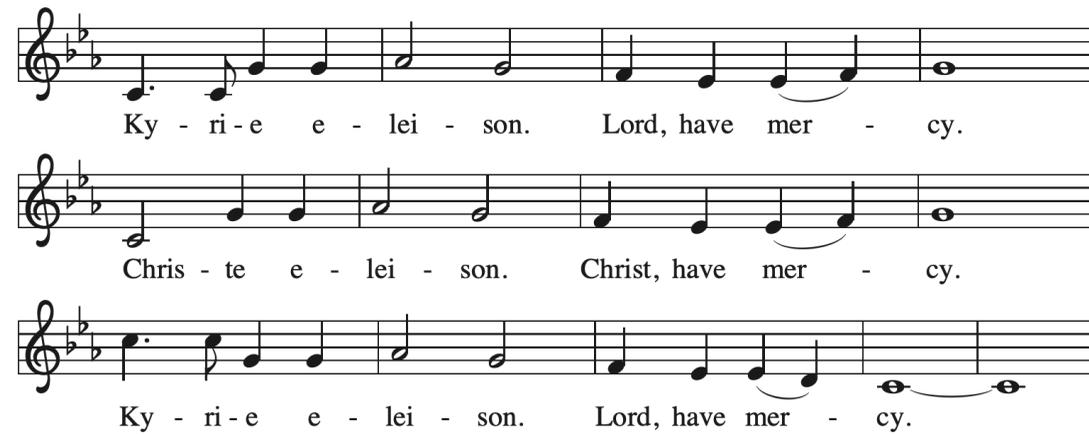


## Greeting

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.

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# 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.*

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## Word

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life;  
they do not set God before them.

<sup>4</sup>**But surely, God is my helper; the LORD is the upholder of my life.**

<sup>5</sup>He will repay my enemies for their evil.

In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

<sup>6</sup>**With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;**

**I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

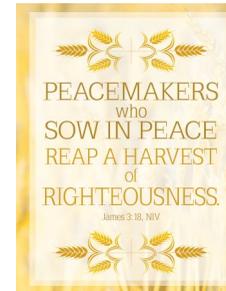
A reading from James:

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

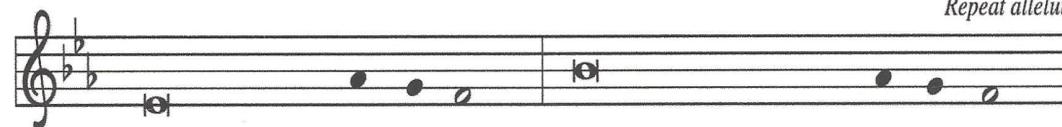


**Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*



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



*Repeat alleluia*

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

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark:

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*”

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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.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church,  
God's good creation, and all who are in need.

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

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

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**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.**

**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".*

*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.

Blessed are you, O God,  
**source of every gift of your creation.**  
**By these gifts and with our lives,**  
**help us to serve one another and all in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

**PRAY MORE**  
*worry less*

## 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.**



**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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Thanks be to God!

*We sit.*

Musical notation for a hymn in G major (one flat). The melody is written on four staves. The lyrics are: '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.'

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

### ***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.**

**Communion Hymn:** “Jesus Loves Me!”

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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.

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



**Sending**

**Blessing**

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** “*Lord of All Hopefulness*”

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**Dismissal**

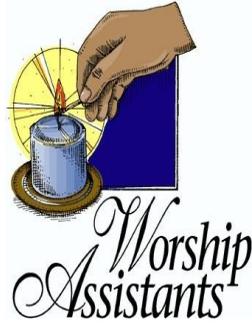
Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

← **BE STRONG** ≡  
*and*  
≡ **COURAGEOUS.** →  
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
*for the Lord your God*  
*will be with you wherever*  
*you go*  
*Joshua 1:9*

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<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>The Martin Family</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Susan Myers</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Kathy Bump</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Carolyn Hite</i>
	<i>Susan Myers</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Jacob Dolan</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>David Proctor</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom</i>
	<i>Linda Meyer</i>



*The Chancel flowers are given  
this morning to the Glory of God  
and in memory of  
Lois and Winston Martin.*

*Keith, Ann, Sara and Trey  
Jeff, Jean and Jacob*

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
September 29, 2024  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

*Psalms 19:7-14*

*James 5:13-20*

*Mark 9:38-50*





**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)**

**Karley Hull**

**Sandy Johnson**

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

**Chris Cody**, Niece of Linda Tomey

**Breanna Dofflemyer**, Granddaughter of Linda Tomey

**Susan Duvall**, Sister of Pastor Paul Pingel

**Olivia Girard**, Granddaughter of the Bumps

**Carrie Humphreys**, Former Grace Member

**Marilyn Hunter**, Family of Dawn Reid

**Tray Lever**, Friend of Pingels

**Melissa Oskvig**, Friend of Wilsons

**Frank Short**, Cousin of Tami Radecke

**Sipe Family**, Friends of Many at Grace

**Wes Smith**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Liz Stone**, Aunt of Betty Karol Wilson

**Tawana Sunderland**, Friend of Many at Grace

**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**

**Eleanor Sampson**

**Carol Wolf**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Glenn Myers**

**Carol Varner**

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

**Roy Reid**, Father of Mary Huerth

**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

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

**Family of Zach Klemm, Friend of the Caisters**

**Family of Sandy Knicely, Grace Member**

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

**Tom Sheaffer (9/22)**

**Lew Yobs (9/26)**

**Linda Tomey (9/24)**

**Prayers for the World**

Prayers for the Peace only God can give in the Middle East, Ukraine, the Sudan and Haiti.

**Prayers for young people, and ALL who contemplate gun violence as a choice, and our nation's conscience which has accepted gun violence as routine.**

Our National Elections are on the horizon: for the Candidates, for our privilege of voting, and for the gift of faith to guide our decisions.

**Those recovering from Hurricane Francine.**

In our technology driven society, our prayers for the dangers of Cyber-crime, and the gift of wisdom to discern Disinformation spread over the Internet leading to conflict around the world and in our nation.

**The Church**

**For WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge 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.





**Holy Communion at Grace**—Beginning Sunday, September 29th, Holy Communion will return to the altar rail. We will clearly demonstrate the changes, which allow more time for us to take part in the mystery of God’s forgiveness and grace, which gives us new life!



**New Communion Tables Made from the Tower Cross Redwood!** These tables will be dedicated Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Jack Eckstrom and Glen Gray for their expertise and gifts of wood working!



**Rise Against Hunger Event**—Thank you for your support for the Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, September 14. We packed over 35,000 meals to be sent around the world for people in need. There were 21 Churches and over 279 volunteers participated in this year’s event.



**Valley Music Academy Faculty Recital**—VMA teachers will present an evening of music with something for everyone! Admission is free. Sunday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.



**Adult Bible Study at Grace!** This weekly study of the readings for the following Sunday are a great preparation for worship. Sharing in God's living Word is at the heart of who we are, and it is a great blessing - and often a lot of fun! You can be blessed with insights, and can bless others with yours. Come join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to join by Zoom, look for last week's email, or call the Church Office.



**Grace Handbells Needs Ringers!** - If you can count, you can ring!! Handbells are a beautiful way to give God praise, and we need a few more ringers to fill out our group. Bell choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and it's just a 30 minute commitment for rehearsal! Ask Sam Moyer or Mike Myers if you need more information, or just come out on Wednesdays!



**Adult Sunday School** classes are at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings taught by Pastor Karen Van Stee with a focus on the **Gospel of Luke** in the Seminar Room.



**Grace Walkers**—The days are going to be getting cooler and it will be a perfect time to join the Grace Walkers. Each Thursday, we walk the Greenway. It is beautiful to walk by the river to just enjoy nature and fellowship with friends. The wildflowers are beautiful; and we have seen lots of birds, heron, occasionally a bald eagle, and deer. We meet at Grace’s parking lot at 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning. We don’t all walk at the same pace but we start together and you will always find someone to go at your pace. Any questions, contact Gwen Kite at 540 910-0508.



The 2024 CWS **CROP Walk** is coming up on September 29, at 2:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Park. We still need walkers to join our team (Jerry & Gwen Kite and Sarah Beth Kite). Our fundraising goal is \$1,000 and we have only raised \$228 as of September 17. Please consider donating to the Grace Waynesboro team at [www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova). Twenty-five percent of all local monies raised by the Waynesboro walk will stay local, benefitting the VPAS Meals on Wheels, Disciples Kitchen and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. Sarah Beth Kite will be available in the back of the narthex on September 22 and Gwen Kite will be available on September 29 to accept donations. Please contact the church office if you have questions.



**Quilting**—The Grace Quilters began their quilting season on Tuesday, September 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We typically quilt every Tuesday. Last year, we sent 44 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Even if you don’t sew, you can still participate. If you can tie a knot, iron a piece of fabric, or cut squares of fabric, there is somewhere that you can help. We can always use donations of cotton fabric and we use sheets for backs. Colored cotton double, queen or king size sheets work best. It has been requested from LWR that we not use micro fiber sheets. Sheets can be gently used but no stains or holes in them. Questions, contact Gwen Kite 540 910-0508.



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **4,509** pounds of food (we have made **forty-five deliveries**, twenty-one to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



**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.



### **Thrivent Action Grants**

#### **Action Grants Approved To-Date:**

- Tami Radecke obtained a grant to support our Grace Quilting group - providing materials/supplies they need to provide quilts around the world through Lutheran World Relief!
- Peggy Caister obtained a grant to help with expenses for our Grace Youth group on their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this past July!
- Tami Radecke obtained a grant to support Rise Against Hunger scheduled for September 14 at Kate Collins Middle School.
- Donna Gum obtained a grant to assist with purchasing breakfast/lunch items for the WARM Cold Weather Shelter scheduled for December 9 - 16 here at Grace. Volunteer opportunities coming soon!

If you've obtained an Action Grant for other activities/organizations, please let us know - we'd love to share all our successes and Thrivent generosity! If you would like to apply for a grant, contact Bill Meicke, soccerfan1014@yahoo.com or 540-256-8920; Bill can help you make it happen!

Members of Thrivent have access to two Action Grants each year which provide money to support projects of your choosing! If there is a fundraiser, educational event or service activity you support, Thrivent may approve a grant (up to \$250) to assist. There's an application on-line; just Google "Thrivent Action Grants" or go to Thrivent.com.

If you would like assistance in completing the application form, contact Bill (contact info above) or Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com.



*Life of Grace Church*  
*September 22-29, 2024*

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	09/22	8:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Children's Sunday School</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>Altar Guild Members, Assisting Ministers,            Communion Assistants and Ushers Meeting</b> (Seminar Room)
Monday	09/23	7:00 p.m.	 <b>Nancy Dowdy—Vacation All Week</b> <b>Carolyn Hite in Church Office</b> <b>All God's Children</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	09/24	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Executive Committee</b> (Conference Room) <b>Church Council</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	09/25	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Community Meal</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Hand Bell Choir Practice</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	09/26	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Grace Parking Lot) <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room/Zoom)
Friday	09/27	7:00- Midnight	<b>Synod Youth Planning</b> (Youth Room/Seminar Room)
Saturday	09/28	8:00—3:00 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Synod Youth Planning</b> (Youth Room/Seminar Room) <b>Synod Lay Ministry Leadership Course</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	09/29	8:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Children's Sunday School</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>Crop Walk</b> (Ridgeview Park) <b>VMA Concert</b> (Fellowship Hall)

<p><b>Monday</b>  Job 40:1-24  Acts 15:36—16:5  John 11:55—12:8  Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97</p>		<p><b>Thursday</b>  Job 28:1-28  Acts 16:25-40  John 12:27-36a  Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b>  Job 40:1; 41:1-11  Acts 16:6-15  John 12:9-19  Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30</p>		<p><b>Friday</b>  Ester 1:1-4, 10-19  Acts 17:1-15  John 12:36b-43  Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>  Job 42:1-17  Acts 16:16-24  John 12:20-26  Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b>  Ester 2:5-8, 15-23  Acts 17:16-34  John 12:44-50  Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118</p>

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