

*NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

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

September 29, 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

New Communion Procedures

Temple Talk

Jake Dolan

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: *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

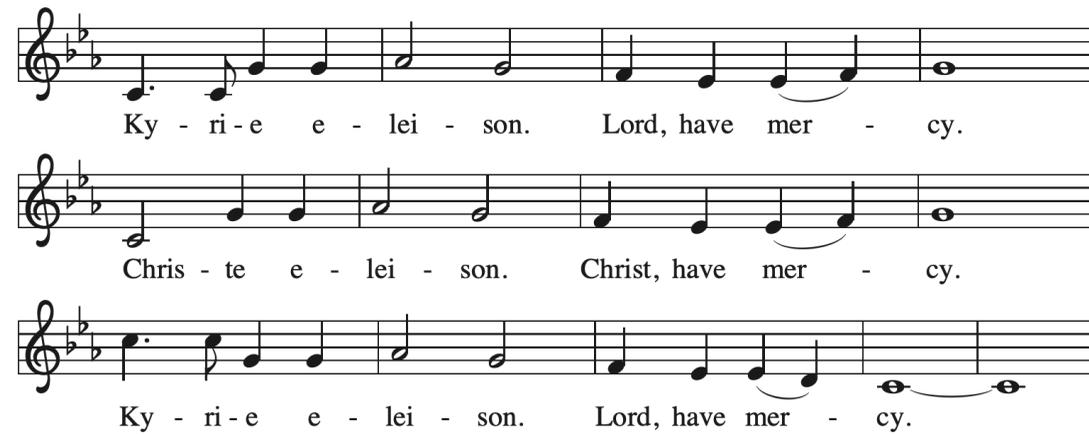
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Greeting

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.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A reading from Numbers::

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once — if I have found favor in your sight — and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

**⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is
clear, enlightening the eyes;**

⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than
honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

³Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

A reading from James:

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of
praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them
pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the
sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be
forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may
be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like
us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain
on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.
¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by
another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the
sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

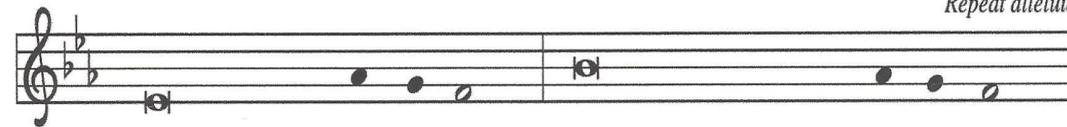
Thanks be to God.

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: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to St. Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

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Dedication of the New Communion Tables

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.**

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.

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.

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 musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of text, the second and third staves cover the second line, and the fourth staff covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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: "O Bread of Life From Heaven"

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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: *“Blessed Assurance”*

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Dismissal

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

Postlude



	<i>Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!</i>	
	<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>The Martin Family</i>
	<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
	<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Andrew Sell</i>
	<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Allison Fink</i> <i>Linda Meyer</i>
	<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>Jean Morgan</i>	
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i> <i>Maella Hilker</i>	

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*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
October 6, 2024
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion
and via You Tube*

*Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16*



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

Linda Meyer

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

The Rev. Wes Smith, Friend of Many at Grace

Liz Stone, Aunt of Betty Karol Wilson

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

Zachary Rankin (9/30)

Dottie Sheaffer (10/02)

Thomas Blosser (10/01)

Bob Barrette (10/02)

Marge Cloutier (10/04)

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, Helene.**
- 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 TODAY, 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!



Dedication of New Worship Tables— Many thanks to Jack Eckstrom and Glen Gray, who crafted new Holy Communion tables from the redwood of the fallen Tower Cross. We'll dedicate them to God's glory at worship today, and use these tables as part of our new Holy Communion process at the railing.



Pastor Paul at Virginia Synod Ministerium - the yearly meeting of the rostered leaders of the Virginia Synod (pastors, deacons, associates in ministry) begins tomorrow September 30th. Pastor will be back Wednesday afternoon. The theme of the meeting this year is: Called to Lead in an Age of Anxiety: The Vocation of Baptized Children of God.



The 2024 CWS CROP Walk is this afternoon at 2:00 pm at Ridgeview Park. Our team has gained members since last week, we are now up to 9 walkers, but there is still plenty of room for anyone who would like to join us. No need to pre-register, just show up at Ridgeview. Our fundraising goal is \$1,000 and we have now raised \$578 as of September 24. Please consider donating to the Grace Waynesboro team at 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. Karen Walck will be available after the service this morning to accept donations. Thank you for all your support in helping CWS alleviate hunger around the world.



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



The Color of Compromise Class - from Pastor Paul: *"please see my invitation in the October Newsletter to join in the study of this thoughtful and informative book about the Church in America, from the origins of our nation until today."* The class will meet on Monday evenings at 7pm, with a Zoom option available. There is a book AND study guide, both available for only \$13.50. Sign-up in the narthex! We'll order books the week of October 7th.



Tower Crosses - *As a part of our 131st Anniversary Celebration*, you can purchase a cross made from the redwood of our fallen Tower Cross, designed by Jack Eckstrom and made by Jack or one of our other woodworkers here at Grace! The crosses are available in a variety of sizes, from wall size, to Christmas ornament size, with the proceeds from the purchase/donation of the cross being given to either the T&M Fund or the ELCA World Hunger. At the time of purchase/donation, you will be given the choice to designate which fund you would like. Check out the display table in the back.



CCE&J Prayer Vigil this Saturday - Our monthly prayer vigil with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ is at Grace this Saturday, October 5th. We meet for prayer for the world, for racial justice, for our community. You are invited to come before God in prayer! We meet outside beginning at 11:00am, for 15-30 minutes.



Commitment Sunday is Sunday, October 20th - Please note that this year, Grace's Commitment Sunday - the time we receive commitments/pledges in response to God's Grace, and in conclusion of Grace's Stewardship emphasis - is Sunday the 20th. In addition to Temple Talks, look for commitment cards in the mail prior to the day.



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 8:30 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. 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.



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. We've had two good rides so far either on Fridays or Saturdays.

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 which was held on 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.



OCTOBER

Life of Grace Church
 Sept 29—Oct 6, 2024

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	09/29	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class Crop Walk (Ridgeview Park) VMA Faculty Concert (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	09/30		Pastor attending VA Synod Ministerium
Tuesday	10/01	9:30 a.m.	Pastor attending VA Synod Ministerium Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	10/02	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastor returns this afternoon Prayer Group (Chapel) Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room) Hand Bell Choir Practice
Thursday	10/03	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Grace Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Meeting (Grace) Bible Study (Conference Room/Zoom)
Friday	10/04		Office Closed
Saturday	10/05	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Racial Equity & Justice Prayer Vigil (Grace) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	10/06	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding First Sunday Fellowship Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class

<p>Monday Esther 4:4-17 Acts 18:1-11 Luke (1:1-4) 3:1-14 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112</p>		<p>Thursday Esther 7:1-10 19:11-20 Luke 4:1-13 Morning Psalm 147:13-21 Evening 27</p>
<p>Tuesday Esther 5:1-14 Acts 18:12-28 Luke 3:15-22 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 86</p>		<p>Friday Esther 8:1-8, 15-17 Acts 19:21-41 Luke 4:31-37 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 139</p>
<p>Wednesday Esther 6:1-14 Acts 19:1-10 Luke 4:1-13 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4</p>		<p>Saturday Esther 9:1-32 Acts 20:1-16 Luke 4:38-44 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 111</p>

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