



IF YOU GAIN  
*the whole world*  
BUT LOSE YOUR  
*own soul?*

MARK 8:36, NLT

*SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 South Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980  
September 15, 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

Susan Myers

Temple Talk

David Schwiesow

## 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: "O God, My Faithful God"

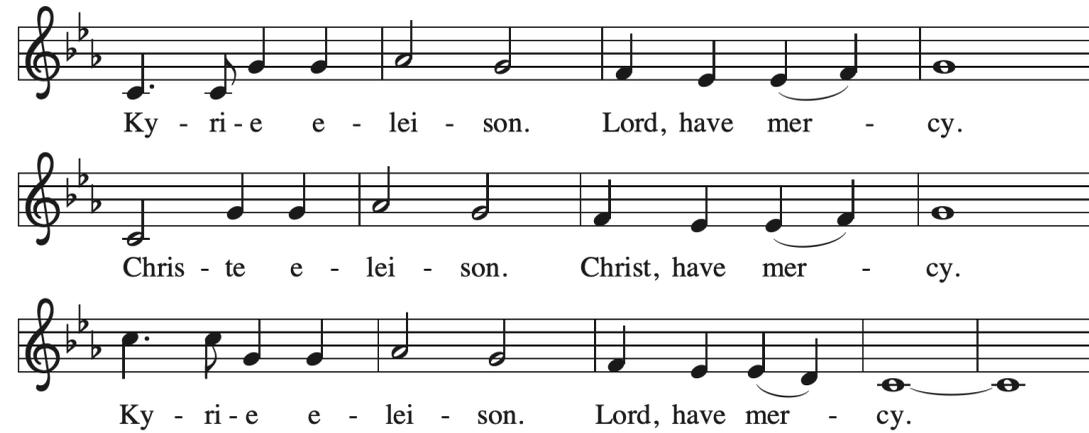
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## Greeting

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## Word

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD: O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

<sup>9</sup>I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

**Second Reading: James 3:1-12**

A reading from James:

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

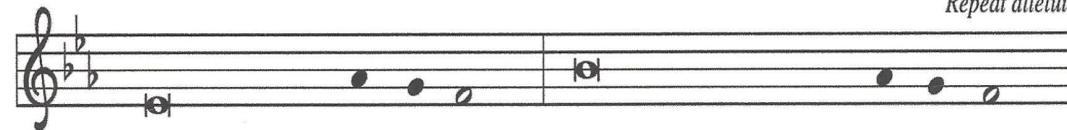
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**



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

*Repeat alleluia*



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

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark:

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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:** "Lift High the Cross"

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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.*

DEUTERONOMY 26:10, NRSV



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

Offertory Response:

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 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 God in 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.**

**Service of Removal of Urns from Grace Columbarium**

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**Sending Song:** *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

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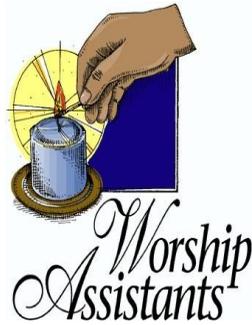
**Dismissal**

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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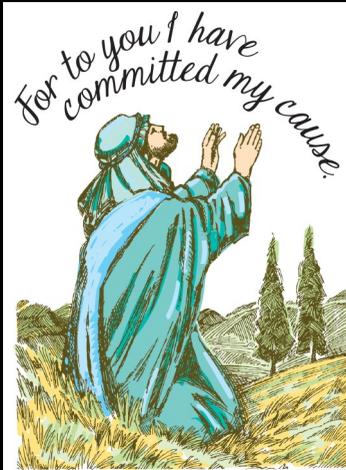


*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!*

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Al McKechnie Family
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathy Meicke
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Lew Yobs
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Allison Fink Donna Gum
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Peggy Caister
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
<b>Ushers:</b>	Pat Brady Jerry Kite



*The Chancel flowers are given  
this morning  
to the Glory of God and  
in memory of  
Al McKechnie*



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*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
September 22, 2024  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37*



**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)

- Bill Aldridge**, Neighbor of the Kites
- Sue Ambrosic**, Friend of the Trauschts
- Susan Duvall**, Sister of Pastor Paul Pingel
- Carrie Humphreys**, Former Grace Member
- Marilyn Hunter**, Family of John Reid
- Tray Lever**, Friend of Pingels
- Alberta Muir**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson
- Melissa Oskvig**, Friend of Wilsons
- Frank Short**, Cousin of Tami Radecke
- Sipe Family**, Friends of Many at Grace
- Liz Stone**, Aunt of Betty Karol Wilson
- Tawana Sunderland**, c

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**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Dwight & Ernestine Moomaw**

**Glenn Myers**

**Eleanor Sampson**

**Carol Varner**

**Carol Wolf**

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
- Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

**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

**Family of Ted Straw** - Delivered flowers to Grace from Waynesboro Florist

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

**Jane Stein** (09/16)

**Gary Morrison** (09/18)

**Fred Biggers** (09/21)

**Cathy Crowder** (09/17)

**Tami Radecke** (09/20)

**Emma Hilker** (09/21)

**Prayers for the World**

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

**Victims of Georgia school shooting and all young people contemplating gun violence as a choice in their lives.**

Our National Elections slightly more than two months away: 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 railing. 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 for Jack Eckstrom and Glen Gray for their expertise and gifts of wood working!



**131st Anniversary Committee**—Meeting will be after worship today in the Seminar Room.



**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 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!



**New way to respond to God's Grace with our Offerings!** Many people are turning to technology to offer their offerings to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done! You can use the QR code in this announcement to make your gift through your cell phone, through Tithe.ly, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.



**Health Fair at Union Baptist**—Saturday, September 21st, you are invited to a comprehensive Health Fair with many screenings and health information available for free! Food trucks and YMCA/Boys and Girls Club activities for children and youth also available. 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Union Baptist (next door to Happ coffee)! See flyer in the narthex for more details.



**Evening Adult Bible Study September 19th** - 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)!



**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 Church World Service 2024 **CROP Hunger Walk** is Sunday, September 29, at 2:00 p.m. beginning in Ridgeview Park. Our fundraising goal this year is \$1,000. Online donations can be made to our team, Grace Lutheran Waynesboro at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova>. One quarter of all monies raised locally stays in our area and supports the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Disciples Kitchen and VPAS Meals on Wheels. Please join our team to walk on September 29. If you have any questions, please call Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.



**Quilting**—The Grace Quilters began our 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**

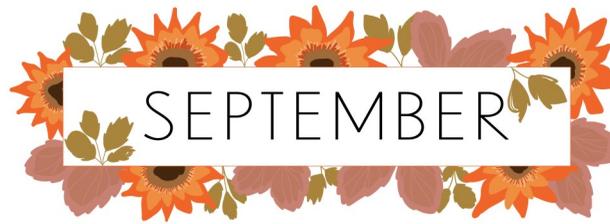
#### **Action Grants Approved To-Date:**

- 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*  
*Sept 15—Sept 22, 2024*

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	09/15	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>Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Children's Sunday School</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>Grace 131 Committee Meeting</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	09/17	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Finance Committee</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	09/18	10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Encircle Regional Managers Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Grace Women's Book Group</b> (Stella, Bella & Lucy's) <b>Community Meal</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Bell Choir</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	09/19	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Newcomers Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Grace Walkers</b> (Grace Parking Lot) <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>CCE&amp;J Meeting</b> (Christ Tabernacle Church) <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room/Zoom)
Saturday	09/21	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Health Fair</b> —Union Baptist Church <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
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,</b> <b>Communion Assistants and Ushers Meeting</b> (Seminar Room)

**Monday**

Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28  
 Acts 13:44-52  
 John 10:19-30  
 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 29

**Thursday**

Job 29:1; 31:1-23  
 Acts 15:1-11  
 John 11:17-29  
 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62

**Tuesday**

Job 29:1-20  
 Acts 14:1-18  
 John 10:31-42  
 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 133

**Friday**

Job 29:1; 31:24-40  
 Acts 15:12-21  
 John 11:30-44  
 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 65

**Wednesday**

Job 29:1; 30:1-2, 16-31  
 Acts 14:19-28  
 John 11:1-16  
 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 33

**Saturday**

Job 38:1-17  
 Acts 15:22-35  
 John 11:45-54  
 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 98

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