



November 3, 2024

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

HOLY COMMUNION
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three)
Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.

We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.

Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.

As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering



Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit, one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

“Whoever believes and is
baptized will be saved.”

Mark 16:16, NIV



Gathering Hymn: “For All the Saints”

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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

Kyrie

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems of five staves each. The first system contains the first four staves, and the second system contains the last six staves. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." (Staff 1), "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Lord, have mer - cy." (Staff 3), "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God," (Staff 4), "and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." (Staff 5), "Lord, have mer - cy." (Staff 6), "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise," (Staff 7), "let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy." (Staff 8), "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men." (Staff 9).

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah:

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

²**for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,**

who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is the King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.



Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation:

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord.

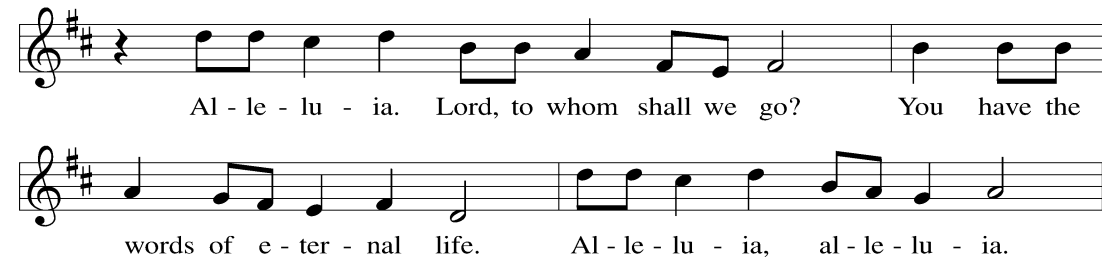
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

We stand.

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Gospel: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

Continued

⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children’s Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: “Give Thanks for Saints”

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All Saints Remembrance

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially members of this Body, family and friends who are dear to us.

Let us pray:

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; we give you thanks for all your saints who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place, giving thanks for those from our family of faith at Grace who have died in the last year:

(we remember our Grace members [see bulletin insert])

And these family and friends

(see bulletin insert; there will also be a silence for others to name in our hearts)

As we remember these and all your saints, strengthen us, with them, to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more.

Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever

Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism

I present Jim and Mary Huerth, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Jim and Mary,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

We stand.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

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

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jim and Mary the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with Jim and Mary in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Peace

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



Please greet those around you and offer a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.

Meal

Offertory

We stand.

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.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final note of the song is a whole note G on the fifth line of the staff.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

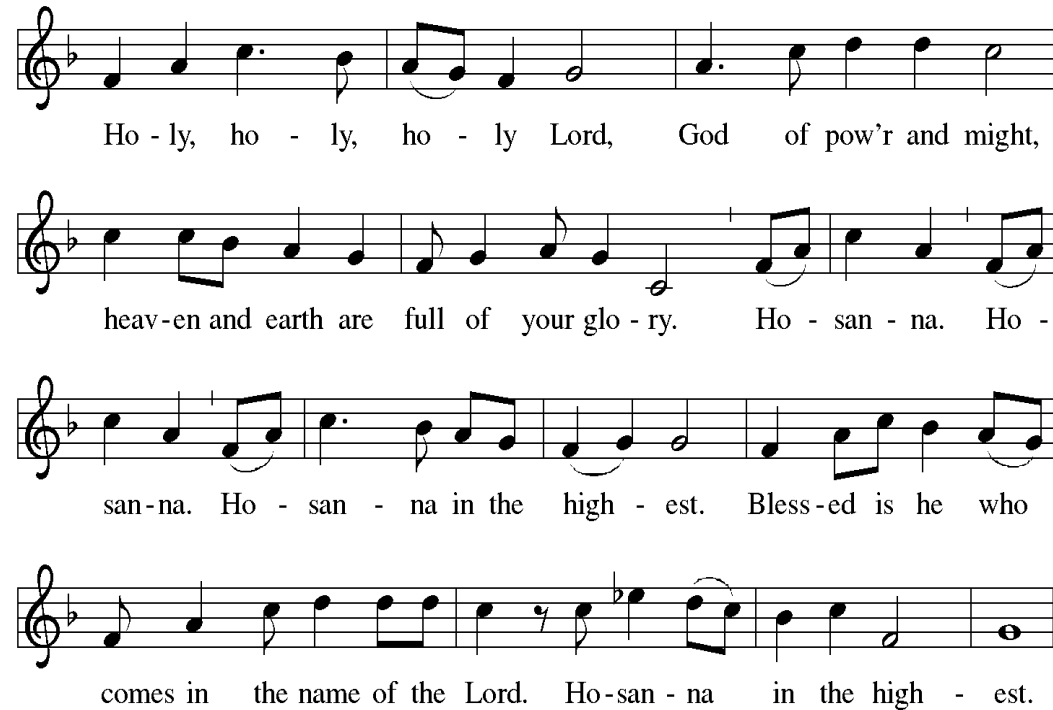
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And, so with all the saints, with the choirs of angels 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 might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy 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:
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
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.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

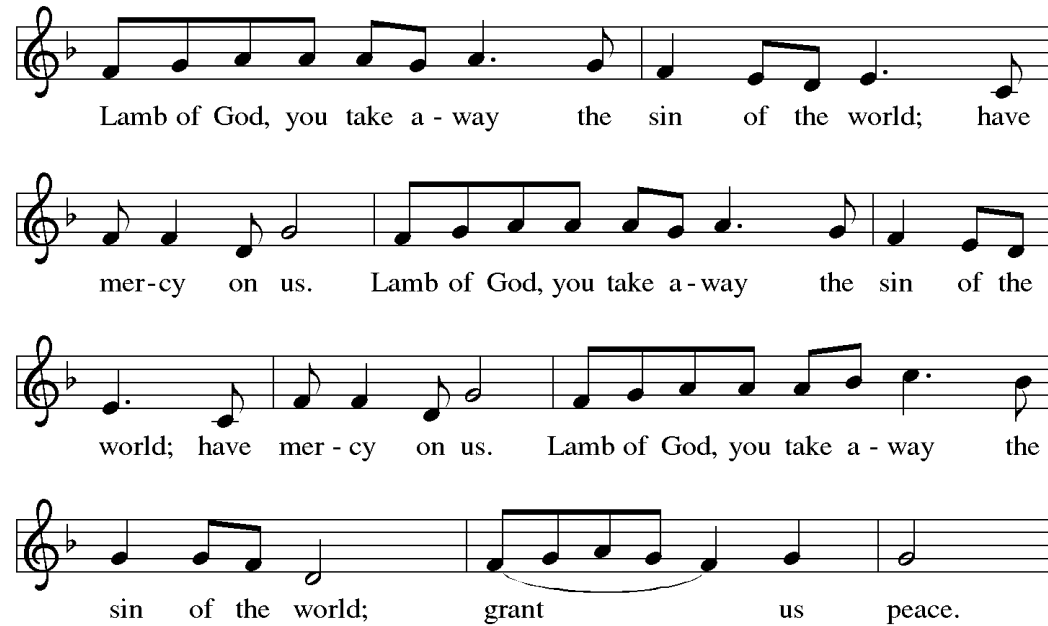
Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.
Thanks be to God.

We sit.

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako
litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.

Our
Father



The Holy Communion

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.



The Communion Blessing

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

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.**
**Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.



Sending

Dedication of Eucharistic Minister Communion Sets

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

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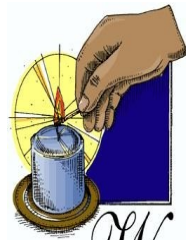
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num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*Worship
Assistants*

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Acolyte:

Zoey Mahoney

Altar Flowers:

Linda Meyer

Altar Guild:

Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister:

Kathy Bump

Communion Assistants:

Thea Franklin

Tripp Franklin

Council Person of the Week:

Linda Meyer

Offering Stewards:

Pat Brady

David Proctor

Ushers:

Rick Bump

Linda Meyer



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers are given this
morning to the glory of God
in memory of my parents
Agnes and Robert Meyer*



*"She out of
her poverty has
put in everything
she had."*

MARK 12:44

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Sunday, November 10, 2024
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching*

I Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44



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,

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Emily Almarode
Lee Lynch

Pat Giesen
Peggy Marks

Lew Yobs

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

Charlotte Arnold, Granddaughter of the Nelsons

Jennifer Burkhead, Cousin of Linda Tomey

Christine Cody, Niece of Linda Tomey

Nina Crow, Mother of Cathy Crowder

Charlie Fairchilds, Brother of Betty Karol Wilson

Jannie & Doug Jarrels, Friends of the Hilkers

Bill Kelly, Relative of Almarodes and Blossers

Scott Noble, Friend of David Proctor

David Rash, Friend of the Wilsons

Sipe Family, Friends of Many at Grace

Ruby Zahn, Friend of the Wilsons

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

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

Genevieve Arneson
Phyllis Kite
Glenn Myers

Marge Cloutier
Dwight Moomaw
Carol Varner

Carol Wolf

Continued

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

Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace
Natalie Dodge, Friend of the Almarodes
Bev Gerard, Friend of the Myers
Barb Ostrander, Friend of Many at Grace
Roy Reid, Father of Mary Huerth
Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer

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

Family of Lee Branch, Friend of the Almarodes
Family of Ernestine Moomaw, Grace Member
Family of Eleanor Sampson, Grace Member
Family of Jennie Schultz, Aunt of Linda Meyer
Family of Geraldine Smart, Mother of Va. Synod Bishop's Assistant Rebecca Walls
Family of Larry Thompson, Friend to Many at Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

David Glover (11/6)
Jill Pingel (11/7)

Sam Moyer (11/9)

Clay Rankin (11/07)
Willie Keefer (11/8)



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 this week, for our privilege of voting, and for the gift of faith to guide our decisions.

Those recovering from Hurricane Francine, Helene and Milton, especially in Florida and North Carolina.

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.

Prayers for the children in war-torn areas of the world that their futures contain hope rather than despair.

The Church

For WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) as cold weather shelter preparations give way to the opening of this ministry.

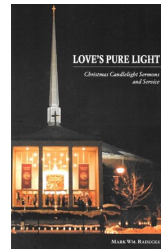
The ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea) - our Companion Church of the Virginia Synod.



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 Tithely, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.



Bishop Milton comes to Grace and Christ Tabernacle! Sunday, November 24th, Bishop Phyllis Milton of the Virginia Synod, ELCA will be joining Grace to worship at Christ Tabernacle Church of God on Christ at **10:15 a.m.** November 24th. She will preach, and then, at the luncheon afterward, will speak about her experience as the first black and female Bishop of the Virginia Synod. This is an historically important event in the life of the Church!



November's First Sunday Gathering, November 3, after worship will feature a presentation and book-signing by Pastor Mark Radecke. His book, *LOVE'S PURE LIGHT*, is a collection of ten Christmas sermons he preached at Susquehanna University's annual Christmas Candlelight Service. Copies of the book will be available for \$10, all proceeds will be donated to ELCA's World Hunger Appeal. For more information, see our November Grace Notes.



Youth Service Event on November 10th - Grace joins First Baptist, St. John Episcopal, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic and Westminster Presbyterian for an ecumenical service event at Embrace Community Center from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Embrace serves in many ways, from a Community Garden, to offering clothes to youth and families, hosting other community organizations, as well as an Augusta Health clinic.



Grace is celebrating our **131st Anniversary** this fall. Celebration Sunday will be **November 17**. We are planning a potluck lunch for after the service that Sunday. Please sign up to attend the lunch and give us an idea of how many will be attending. There are also sign up sheets for you to bring a dish for the luncheon. **Please note: We have a member who has an allergy to potatoes so we are asking that you not bring any dishes with potatoes as an ingredient.** We will be needing several vegetarian dishes. All sign up sheets are now located on the tables against the back wall of the narthex. If you have any questions about the lunch, please contact Karen Walck.



College Care Packages—Each November, a small group of Grace members gather to pack boxes of goodies for our college students around the time of their Fall semester final exams. It's a short term task each year, and the students really appreciate being remembered by their congregation back home. This year, Allison Fink and Linda Meyer are coordinating this effort. We're encouraging members to donate homemade goodies or some other goodies to be included in the care packages. We will be packing the boxes at 9:00 a.m. on November 23 in the conference room - please join us if you like. Please leave your goodie donations in the History room by Friday morning, November 22. Thank you!



Grace Quilters, along with other area churches, sent quilts to western North Carolina as a relief gesture in October.



A Notice about our Website - Our website has not been updated in a few Sundays. Bulletins and events in particular are a few weeks behind in posting. Our "webmaster's" spouse has had some serious health issues, which has put a pause in his ability to update the site. Thankfully, Randy Fink, Allison's spouse, has agreed to facilitate the website. We're thankful for his sharing of gifts! Please be patient over the next few weeks as the Website is updated.

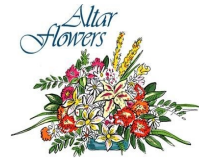


Thank you to everyone who has responded to this year's **Stewardship** emphasis with their commitment cards. There is still time if you haven't. For Grace's planning purposes, please submit your commitment card **this week**. Blank cards are in the Nave if needed.





Martin Luther's Birthday Celebration at Basic Brewing! We celebrate next Sunday, November 10th starting at 6:15pm to grab food and a beverage, and begin celebrating brother Martin and singing at 6:45pm! We've invited all the area Lutheran churches, and are co-sponsored by our neighbors at St. John Episcopal. Come raise a glass, as brother Martin did, and give praise as we sing together!




Flowers - Each week we have flowers to remind us of the Resurrection, that God has raised us up, that God has created a very good world for us to live in. The **2025 Flower Chart** has been put up behind the 2024 chart in the Nave. Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on the flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



Lutheran Disaster Response - In the midst of great devastation, especially in and around the Asheville, NC area, there is great need. ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response is internationally known as one of the most efficient and reliable responders to such a crisis. Your donations are 100% given to help those in need. Make checks payable to Grace with "Disaster Response" in the memo line.



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 **4,579** pounds of food (we have made **forty-six** deliveries, twenty-one to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-five to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).

 **WARM Blessings Sweets and Treats**—Join **WARM** for a dinner and concert by The Faithful Men on Sunday, November 24, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Cost is \$60 per ticket. Call WARM at 540-324-8166 to reserve your spot. For more information, see our November Grace Notes. See Susan Myers or Jane Stein for tickets.

GRACE - WARM COLD WEATHER SHELTER PREPARATIONS!

The CWS is scheduled to run for 18 weeks this season, from November 25, 2024 - March 31, 2025. **We at Grace are hosting the CWS from Monday, December 9, opening between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and running through Monday, December 16, closing at 7:00 a.m.**

NOW Collecting Toiletries: travel/hotel-sized: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, lotion

NOW Collecting Breakfast and Snack Food Items: cereal, fruit cups, nutri-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual portion bags of chips, cookies

Boxes located in back of the Nave AND downstairs on back table of Choir Room

Volunteer Opportunities December 9 - 16

Sign-up Sheets are located in the back of the Nave before and after services

- **Set-up teams:** December 8 and/or 9 to organize and set-up Check-in and Fellowship Hall tables, cots, chairs, dividers.
- **Check-In teams:** 3-4 volunteers/night, December 9 - 15; assist Staff Host- welcome guests and let them know we care, participate in time of fellowship – let them know that God's love is present in their lives! Make coffee! Share dinner with us!
- **Shower Host:** 1 volunteer/night, December 9 - 15; ensure guests have needed toiletries, towel; monitor shower schedule and collect towels
- **Meal Teams:** Join a team to provide dinner for about 50 people; volunteer to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. Assist preparing sack lunches, if time/able. We are blessed to have 7 Team Leaders - more volunteers are welcome to fill out their teams.
- **Overnight Hosts:** 1 volunteer/night, December 9 - 15; assist the Staff Host overnight (in-person) and yes, you get to sleep!. In morning, make coffee and put out breakfast items and sack lunches, clean up after.
- **Clean-up Teams:** light cleaning duties. WARM will have guests complete basic chores (sweeping, mopping if needed, removing garbage). We will come in during the day (after the guests are gone,) to check the area, follow-up as needed - Lysol bathrooms, showers.
- **Laundry Volunteers:** 1 volunteer/day, December 10 - 16. Wash/dry/fold towels.

Questions? Suggestions? Contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com.



Life of Grace Church
November 3-10, 2024

Day of the	Date	Time	Event
Sunday 	11/03	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) All Saints Sunday Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding First Sunday Fellowship Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class
Monday	11/04	7:00 p.m.	Color of Compromise Book Study (Conference Room)
Tuesday	11/05	9:30 a.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	11/06	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room) Hand Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	11/07	12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Grace Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCE&J Meeting - Christ Tabernacle Bible Study (Conference Room/Zoom)
Friday	11/08		Church Office Closed
Saturday	11/09	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	11/10	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class Ecumenical Youth Service Event - Embrace

**Monday**

Ecclesiasticus 19:4-17
Revelation 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82

Tuesday

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12
Revelation 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36
Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Ecclesiasticus 28:14-26
Revelation 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52
Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1

Thursday

Ecclesiasticus 31:12-18, 25—32:2
Revelation 12:7-17
Luke 11:53—12:12
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16

Friday

Ecclesiasticus 34:1-8, 18-22
Revelation 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31
Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

Saturday

Ecclesiasticus 35:1-17
Revelation 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48
Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138

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