



Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 29, 2025

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

Service of the Word and Holy Communion
(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Jay Beech Setting)
Congregational responses are in bold print

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

We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.
We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.
Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

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

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

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

Gathering



Gloria Patri

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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the **☩** Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of **☩** Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.



Gathering Song: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” ”

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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.

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - nation,
2 Here the poor are wel - comed,
3 Words that must be spo - ken,
gath - ered here for wor - ship
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed,
Mer - cy and for - give - ness
in this ho - ly place;
deep - est fears are named;
from God'sho - ly Word,

God is here a - mong us,
Here the wise are child - ren,
Here, will be re - peat - ed;
lift your hearts and sing,
and the weak are strong,
Peace! to all pro - claimed,

make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings:



God Speaks to Elijah

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."
3As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.
4Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
 their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
5The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
6The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
7I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
8I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
10For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
11You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians:

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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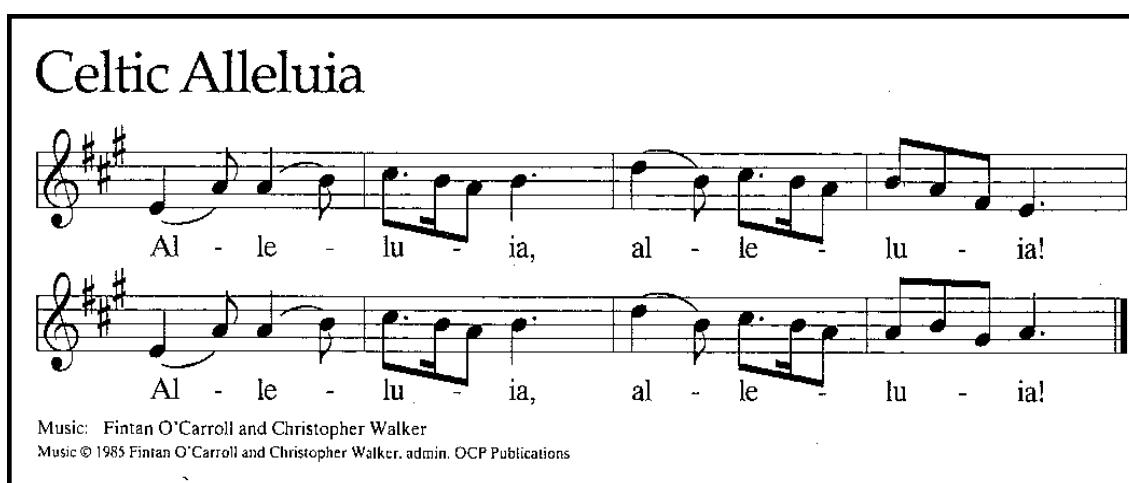
²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu - ia!

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Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

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⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children Sermon

Deaconess Phyllis Cox

Sermon

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Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: “*Faith of Our Fathers*”

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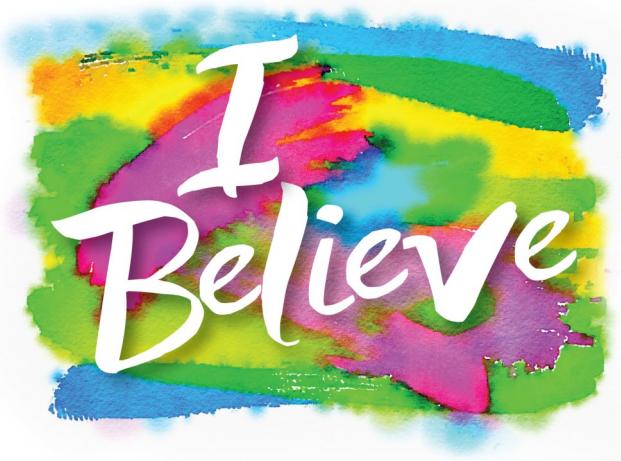
Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, 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 into the embrace of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

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

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through 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," or similar words.

We sit.

Offering

Offertory

We stand.



Offertory Response: "God's Love Endures For Ever"

A musical score for a solo voice. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 144. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The vocal line consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are: "Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er" (measures 1-4), "Oh give thanks! Oh - give thanks! God's love en - dures for ev - er!" (measures 5-8), "1. With our dreams and our fears, with our joys
2. With our strength and our weak-ness with our gifts" (measures 9-10), "and our pain we come, we come. Oh give thanks! Oh and our needs we come, we come. Oh give thanks! Oh" (measures 11-14), "we come. Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's love en - dures for ev - er! Oh give thanks! Oh" (measures 15-18), and "we come. Oh give thanks! God's love en-dures for - ev - er" (measures 19-22). The score concludes with a "Fine" at measure 24.

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Voice

1

Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's love en-dures for ev - er

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Oh give thanks! Oh - give thanks! God's love en - dures for ev - er!

9

1. With our dreams and our fears, with our joys
2. With our strength and our weak-ness with our gifts

14

and our pain we come, we come. Oh give thanks! Oh
and our needs we come, we come. Oh give thanks! Oh

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we come. Oh give thanks! Oh give thanks! God's love en - dures for ev - er! Oh give thanks! Oh

24

we come. Oh give thanks! God's love en-dures for - ev - er

Fine

Thanksgiving for the Word

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.



Sending

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
☩ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Song: *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!



*Worship
Assistants*

<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Gigi Werner Winslow</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Kathy Bump</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Robin Crowder</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Karen Walck</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Linda Meyer</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
	<i>Ron Myers</i>



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Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Sunday, July 6, 2025
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion
and via YouTube

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye lands.*
Psalm 66:1, KJV



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet on the podium located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of the Grace congregation, the community and the world around us, names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks and names on the on-going prayer list will remain for three (3) months. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office.

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

Jim Huerth

Alexandra Spellman

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

Willie Clark, Grace Custodian

Eddie Dowdy, Friend of Bill Meicke

David & Judy Drayer, Parents of Peggy Caister

Vicki Drummond, Friend of Mike Myers

Doug & Janey, Friends of Eric Hilker

K. J. Machen, Nephew of Linda Tomey

Maxine McKinney, Friend of Grace

Dillon Moran, Friend of Linda Tomey

Wyatt Moran, Friend of Linda Tomey

Joseph Moss, Friend of Mike Myers

Hannah Riegel, Friend of Cathy Crowder

Steve Rolland, Father of Kathy Meicke

Mary Lynn Smith, Friend of BK Wilson

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

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

Liz Ann Binns

Beth Brady

Ron Knicely

Lee Lynch

David Schwiesow

Bob Shumate

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

Lisa Barmore, Friend of Many at Grace **Bishop C. D. Brown**, Friend of Many at Grace
Paul Brown, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Harold Dickerson, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Charlie Fairchilds, Brother of BK Wilson **Tim Jarrell**, Friend of BK Wilson
Kathy Joleaud, Sister of Mike Trauscht **Rebecca Ray**, Friend of the Schwiesows
The Rosen Family, Friend of the Schwiesows
Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer **The Sipe Family**, Friends of Many
Michaela Spellman, Daughter of Alexandra Spellman

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

Family of Darlene Hicks, Friend of Linda Tomey
Family of Laura Lynch, Sister of Lee Lynch
Family of Jim Mahoney, Grandfather of Kiera and Zoey Mahoney
Family of Tom Rutenberg, Friend of the Bumps
Family of Pete Zeis, Friend of the Nelsons

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Happy Denis (6/29) **Ginny Dolan** (7/2)
Phiston Shabani Riziki (7/4)

Monday Deuteronomy 11:13-19 2 Corinthians 5:11—6:2 Luke 17:1-10 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 9	 <i>Meditations</i>	Thursday Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:14-20 2 Corinthians 8:1-16 Luke 18:1-8 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 130
Tuesday Deuteronomy 12:1-12 2 Corinthians 6:3-13 Luke 17:11-19 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 7		Friday Deuteronomy 26:1-11 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 Luke 18:9-14 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 40
Wednesday Deuteronomy 13:1-11 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 Luke 17:20-37 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 134		Saturday Deuteronomy 29:2-15 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 Luke 18:15-30 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 90

Prayers for the World

For all the children suffering from wars they cannot control—in Gaza, the Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar (Burma), Ethiopia.

Continued Severe Weather and Flooding

For Former President Joe Biden and many in our nation struggling with cancer.

For our LGBTQiA siblings in Christ on their walk with us in Faith.

For solutions for the common good of all, in the midst of our nation's debates over immigration.

For the families of murdered Minnesota Representative Melissa Hortman (Mark) and wounded Senator John Hoffmen (Yvette); and the accused shooter Vance Boeltor.

The Church

For our sisters and brothers at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, in their Mission, and in our partnership through the Christian Coalition for Equity and Justice (CCE&J)

For the Madawa/Mimeswe family as they celebrate their 3rd year living in the United States (sponsored by Westminster and Grace Lutheran).

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and recently attacked by Israeli forces.

The Virginia Synod, ELCA, Bishop Phyllis Milton and staff.



Independence Day, celebrated on July 4th, commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress in 1776, marking the formal declaration of the 13 American colonies' separation from Great Britain. As July 4 is on Friday this year and the office is closed on Fridays, Grace will be honoring July 4 on Thursday, July 3.



Many thanks to Deaconess Phyllis Cox - for preaching the Word here at Grace this Sunday. Sister Phyllis has been ordained to Word and Service Ministry. "Deacons respond to concrete situations of suffering, oppression and injustice...they are helping the ELCA see how the church can be in service for the sake of the world." (Living Lutheran magazine) Sister Phyllis' passion and calling is in Environmental Justice; you may remember, she gave the gift of a Serviceberry Tree to replace one of our "parking lot trees" that had died, which we dedicated last year. Sister Phyllis also co-chairs the Virginia Synod Tapestry Committee, which focuses on multiple areas of Justice ministry, including Environmental, Racial, Women's, LGBTQia, and Disability Justice. Deacons and Deaconess' do not preside at Holy Communion, so this Sunday's worship is a Service of the Word.



Mission Endowment Fund Proposals! - Each year, Grace has an opportunity to be a blessing in our community, nation, and world through Grace's Mission Endowment Fund grants. The time to receive Proposals is **Now!** A Temple Talk last Sunday explained the process; you can also find the **Grant Process Instructions** and **Grant Proposal Forms** in the narthex on the round table. This is the 10th year we have used this Grant Proposal Process! And we look forward to the Holy Spirit working through us to be a blessing in our community and world! **Time Frame for Submitting Grants:** NOW through Wednesday, **July 9.**



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 **5,114** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-one deliveries**, twenty-two to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-nine to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



Opportunity 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.



Life of Grace Church
June 29- July 6, 2025

Day of the	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
Sunday	06/29	10:00 a.m.	Pastor—Vacation Third Sunday After Pentecost Service of The Word Deaconess Phyllis Cox, Preaching
Monday	06/30		Pastor—Vacation
Tuesday	07/01		Pastor—Vacation
Wednesday	07/02	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Community Meal
Thursday	07/03	12:30 p.m.	GELC Holiday—Church Office Closed Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	07/04		Pastor—Vacation
Saturday	07/05	11:00 a.m.	Pastor—Vacation Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	07/06	10:00 a.m.	Pastor—Vacation Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Pastor Chip Bouzard, Preaching and Presiding

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