

*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

September 7, 2025

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

*A community of servants sharing in the
word and work of Jesus.*

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

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, the Son ✙, and the Holy Spirit,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.



Gathering Song: "O God, My Faithful God"

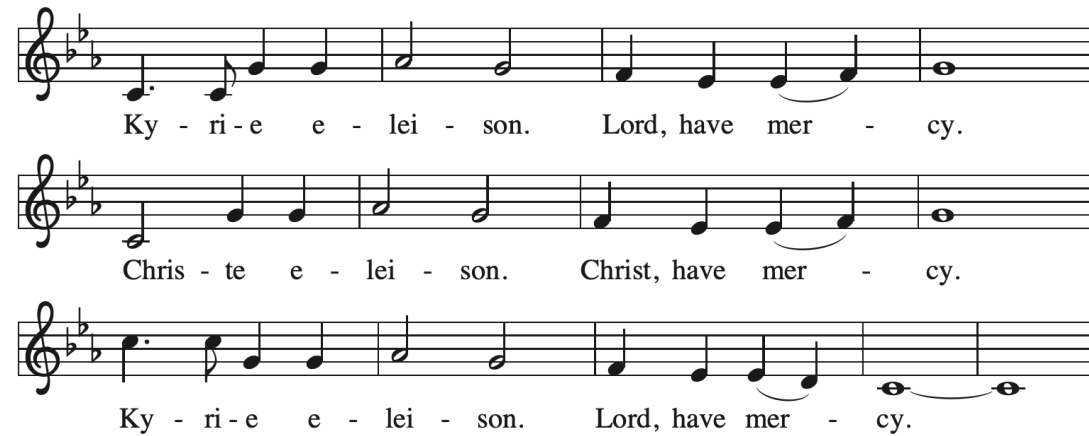
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Greeting

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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.



Word

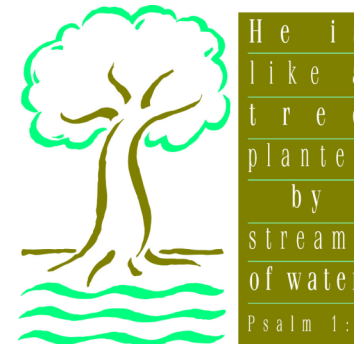
First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy:

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm: 1

- ¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,
² **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ **The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
⁶ **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

A reading from **Philemon**:

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to our beloved coworker Philemon,
² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace
to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for
all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith
may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have
indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the
saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the
right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an
old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless
to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own
heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your
place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your
consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps
this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for
the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to
me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has
wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this
with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.
²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹
Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than
I ask.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.



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



Repeat alleluia

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

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Carry the cross[†] and follow me.
Luke 14:27, NRSV

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

God's Work Our Hands 2025

Celebration of Vocation and Blessing of Hands for Ministry

We are called to proclaim the good news:

God is at work!

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

God is at work in the world still today!

In us and through us,
God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand,
God is praised.

When we share of our abundance,
God is known in the world.



God is at work in us! In our service this Saturday at Rise Against Hunger, and in our daily lives,
We live out what God has called us to in baptism.

*(All) **God is at work through our hands!***

We'll follow the children's lead with the following...

Make the sign of the cross on back of your neighbor's hand, as we say together:
God bless your hands and your work,

Then, sign the cross on the palms of your neighbor's hand, saying:
that through you God's love may be known. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: *"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said "*

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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.**

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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
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. If you give electronically, you can use the QR code on page 21 to make your gift on your cell phone through Tithely.

(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.

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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.

Sosanna
IN THE
Highest

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 ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to our will, even in 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 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.

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.

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CHRIST'S
EXPENSE

Lord's Prayer

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

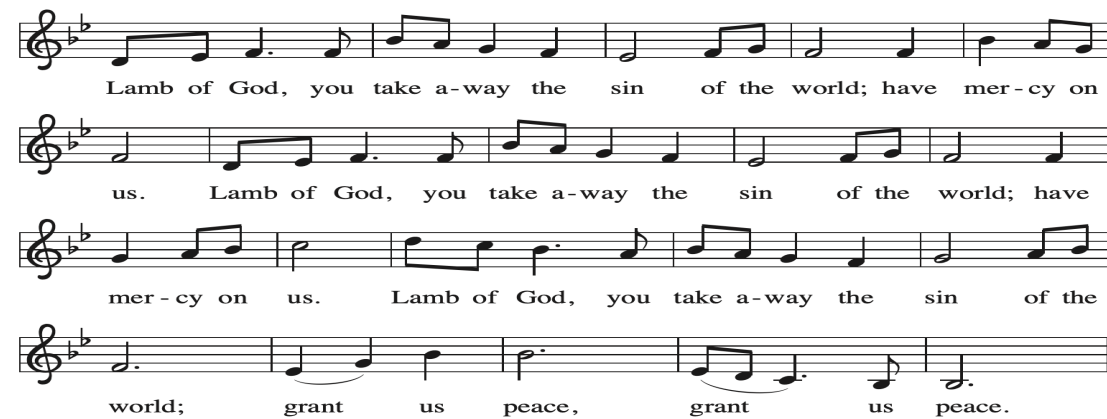
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,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



Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.
Thanks be to God!

We sit.



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. We commune at the railing, filling up the rail from the center out. Grape juice is available on the center table as you come forward, or you will receive the wine from the Communion Assistant. You may kneel or stand at the railing. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister at the railing, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive the wine/grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Communion Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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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.

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



Sending

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.



Sending Song: “God’s Work, Our Hands”

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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God's Work, Our Hands



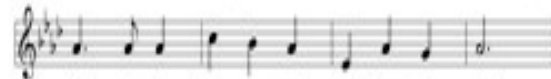
1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



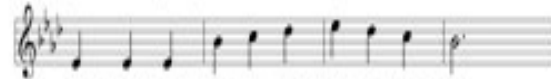
build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



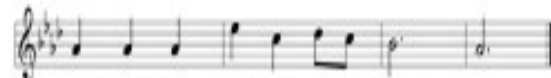
rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold,
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal,
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least,
gift - ed by grace, we re - spend in God's love,



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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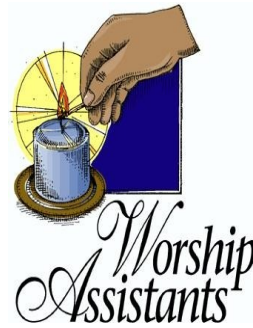
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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today!



Altar Flowers:

Karl & Jane Stein

Altar Guild:

Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister:

Donna Gum

Communion Assistant:

Karen Walck

Kathy Bump

Council Person of the Week:

Linda Meyer

Offering Stewards:

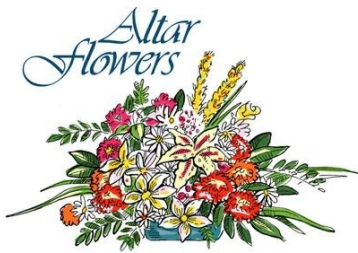
Pat Brady

Robin Crowder

Ushers:

Gail Johnson

Jean Morgan



*The Chancel flowers are given
to the glory of God.*

Have mercy
on me, *O* God,
according to your
steadfast *love.*

Psalm 51:1, NRSV

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Sunday, September 14
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service of Holy Communion
and via You Tube*

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10



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)

Chuck Goodrich

David Proctor

Alexandra Spellman

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

Kim Elliott, Daughter of Pat Giesen

Maxine McKinney, Friend of Grace

Katie Sauer, Granddaughter of Pat Giesen

Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda Meyer

Alden Wilson and Family, Niece of Charlie Wilson

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

David and Nancy Schwiesow are thankful for David's remarkable medical results and healing that is a gift from God. Thank you to all for your prayers and support as the journey continues.

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

Liz Ann Binns

Beth Brady

Phyllis Kite

Ron Knicely

Lee Lynch

Vivian Proctor

Bob Shumate

Continued

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

Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace

Tim Jarrell, Friend of BK Wilson

Rebecca Ray, Friend of the Schwiesows

Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

The Rosen Family, Friends of the Schwiesows

The Sipe Family, Friends of Many

Michaela Spellman, Daughter of Alexandra Spellman

Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

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

Family of Gary Barrette, Brother of Bob Barrette

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Katie Morrison (9/8)

Sydney Rankin (9/10)

Antoinette Eckstrom (9/10)

Karlton Stein (9/11)

William Proctor (9/12)

Prayers for the World

To Cure "our warring madness" in the destruction and merciless killing in Gaza, the Ukraine, the Sudan, the Congo, Myanmar.

Continued Severe Weather and flooding and those grieving loss of loved ones, livelihood or property.

For Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, and all those who work in our Hospitals, Doctor's Offices and Clinics, as they negotiate long hours, reduced staff, and uncertainty in health regulations

Victims of shooting at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis, and their friends and families in the Annunciation Congregation.

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).

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

For the newly elected Bishop of the ELCA, the Rev. Yeheil Curry (formerly Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod) and The Rev. Lucille "CeCee" Mills newly elected ELCA Secretary.

For the Church throughout the World, to be faithful to Jesus and his Gospel in uncertain times.



New Worship Setting Begins Today - We will be using one of the newer ELCA settings from the "All Creation Sings" hymnal - Setting 12. At Grace, We first used the setting in 2023. We sing to the Lord a new song, and give praise to God for the life we have through God's Grace!



Adult Christian Education This Fall! Thanks to many who responded to our Adult Christian Education survey. We will meet **Sundays after worship** and our topic of study will be **Reading the Bible - What is in the Bible? How do we**

read it? What does it mean that the Bible is the "source and norm" of our faith and life? This six week study starts September 14th; Pastor Pingel and Pastor Mark Radecke will co-teach! We hope you can be a part of this opportunity to study and discuss God's Word together!



The Grace Women's Book Group will begin a new year of meetings on September 24 at 11:30 at Stella, Bella, and Lucy's. This will be a planning meeting, discussing which of our chosen books will be read for which month. We usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 to enjoy lunch and conversation. Our normal place to meet is Stella's. Anyone who likes to read is invited to join us for a year of good books, good food, and great fellowship. If interested, call Kathy Bump at 317-440-8900.



God's Work Our Hands Sunday - Each year, Grace participates with thousands of other ELCA congregations for God's Work our Hands "week." Congregations serve in many different ways in the community and beyond. Our "God's Work Our Hands" service event is Rise Against Hunger! Today, we will pray specifically for our participation, and hold up this ELCA time of serving.



Rise Against Hunger Event September 13— Our Rise Against Hunger Community Food Packing Event will be held on Saturday, September 13, at Kate Collins Middle School in Waynesboro. Currently, we have 16 area churches who have signed up to join us in this year's event and we expect that we will have a few more

churches to join us. We are hoping to be able to pack between 32,000 to 40,000 meals. There are a variety of work stations for the event with both sitting or standing. There is an opportunity for all ages to help. There will be several sign up sheets in the Nave. There will be three opportunities for you to help and they are as follows:

1. Setup for the Event from 8:30 to 10:30
2. Food packing from 10:30 to 12:30
3. Clean up and take down at the end of the event from 12:30 to 1:30
- 4.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Jerry Kite.



CROP Walk 2025 – This year the Waynesboro/East Augusta CROP Walk is celebrating it's 50th year! The event will be held September 21 and will start at **North Park** in Waynesboro beginning with registration at 1:30 p.m. and walk start at 2:00 pm. The route will follow the Greenway and will be out and back, so you can do all of

the 2 mile route (4 miles total) or just a portion. We have just confirmed that Kona Ice will be at the park beginning at 2:30 to purchase a cool treat when you finish the walk. Our Grace Lutheran team page is active at www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova to sign up as a walker or donate to our team. Currently we have 4 walkers on our team but we'd love to have more join us. As of August 31, we have raised \$250 of our \$1550 fundraising goal. The local goal is \$20,000 for all teams. Twenty five percent of the money collected locally will stay in our community benefitting VPAS Meals on Wheels, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and Disciples' Kitchen. More people in our community will be using these resources with the impending cuts in benefits. The remaining money collected benefits the work of Church World Service, an international multi-denominational organization working to provide disaster relief aid, refugee resettlement services and food security wherever it is needed. Karen Walck will be available in the narthex on September 7 and September 21 to accept donations or answer questions.



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 **Needs** diapers, especially sizes 3-6. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,263** pounds of food (we have made ***fifty-three deliveries***, twenty-three to Main Street United Methodist, and thirty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



One 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

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SEPTEMBER

Life of Grace Church
September 7-14, 2025

Day	Date	Time	Meetings, etc.
Sunday	09/07	10:00 a.m.	Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost God's Work, Our Hands Service of Holy Communion
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Children's Sunday School
		3:30 p.m.	Pastor—Vespers at Summit Square
Monday	09/08	7:00 p.m.	All God's Children (Conference Room)
Tuesday	09/09	9:30 a.m.	Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
		4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (Conference Room)
Wednesday	09/10		<i>Pastor—Vacation</i>
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
		6:00 p.m.	Community Meal
		6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	09/11		<i>Pastor—Vacation</i>
		12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	09/12		Church Office Closed
Saturday	09/13	10:30 a.m.	Rise Against Hunger—Kate Collins
		11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	09/14	10:00 a.m.	Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Cross Sunday Service of Holy Communion
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School

**Monday**

2 Samuel 13:23-39
Acts 20:17-38
Mark 9:42-50
Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97

Tuesday

2 Samuel 14:1-20
Acts 21:1-14
Mark 10:1-16
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

Wednesday

2 Samuel 14:21-33
Acts 21:15-26
Mark 10:17-31
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

Thursday

2 Samuel 15:1-18
Acts 21:27-36
Mark 10:32-45
Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80

Friday

2 Samuel 15:19-37
Acts 21:37—22:16
Mark 10:46-52
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

Saturday

2 Samuel 16:1-23
Acts 22:17-29
Mark 11:1-11
Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118



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