



*EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST*

*October 12, 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

Jacob Dolan

### Temple Talk

Jacob Dolan

## 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.

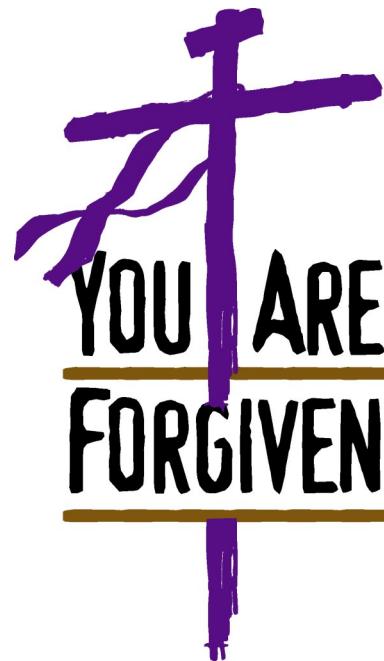
**Amen.**

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 again 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: "Praise the Lord, the Almighty"

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Greeting

Reva Franklin

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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The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. Each staff contains a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes. Below each staff, the lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The first two staves are identical, while the third staff has slightly different lyrics. A small copyright notice "One License A-714288" is located at the bottom of the third staff.

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

Zoey Mahoney

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## Word

### First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Reva Franklin

A reading from 2 Kings:

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

**Maella Hilker**

A reading from 2 Timothy:

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,  
<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word  
of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they  
may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:  
we have died with him, we will also live with him;

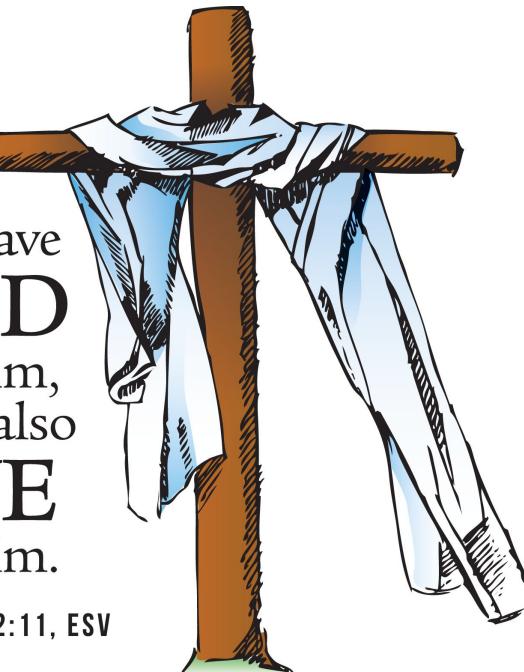
<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over  
words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present  
yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly  
explaining the word of truth.

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

If we have  
**DIED**  
with him,  
we will also  
**LIVE**  
with him.

**2 TIMOTHY 2:11, ESV**



## **Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*



A musical score for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' on a single staff. The staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a fermata over the eighth note of the first measure and a grace note before the first note of the second measure. The notes are primarily on the A, B, and C lines of the staff.

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

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

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

**Libby Caister**

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

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.  
<sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,  
<sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to  
them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean.  
<sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud  
voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.  
<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of  
them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go  
on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Jake Dolan**

**Sermon**

**Libby Caister**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** “We Come to You for Healing Lord”

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### Apostles' Creed

Esme Hilker

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.

The  
Apostles'  
+Creed+

### Prayers of Intercession

Libby Caister, Reva Franklin, Esme Hilker,  
Maella Hilker, Zoey Mahoney, Raegan VanBremen

Gracious God, unite our church by your faith. Guide people to understand and share the meaning of your teachings. Help us grow with you to guide and lead our community by your word. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, help people around the world and in our hearts by providing them with clean water and resources they need. Help those in need and help those who are helping people in need. Guide them with your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous one, open the leaders of the world's ears to hear your message and the cries of the people in need. Guide our leaders to have gratitude for the position you have blessed them with, and help them protect the people and resources we care about. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you set us free by your gospel. Help us live in your word of freedom truthfully and faithfully while we spread your teachings to others. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Comforting God, we ask that you be with all of those who need a measure of love and care, we pray especially for..... We ask that you watch over all of those on our prayer list and that those who care for them may feel your love. God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

Joyous God, we give thanks for those who celebrate milestones in their life this week, birthdays, anniversaries, new starts, we celebrate today..... Let gratitude and joy walk with them this week. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We give our prayers to you God, trusting your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**



## Peace

Raegan VanBremen

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—Randy Scruggs and John Thomposon

GELC Youth

*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.)*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

It is you, Lord, who came to save  
The heart and soul of every man  
It is you Lord, who knows my weakness  
Who gives me strength, With thine own hand.

Lead me on Lord, from temptation  
Purify me, from within  
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit  
Take away all my sin.

Lord prepare me to be sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You .

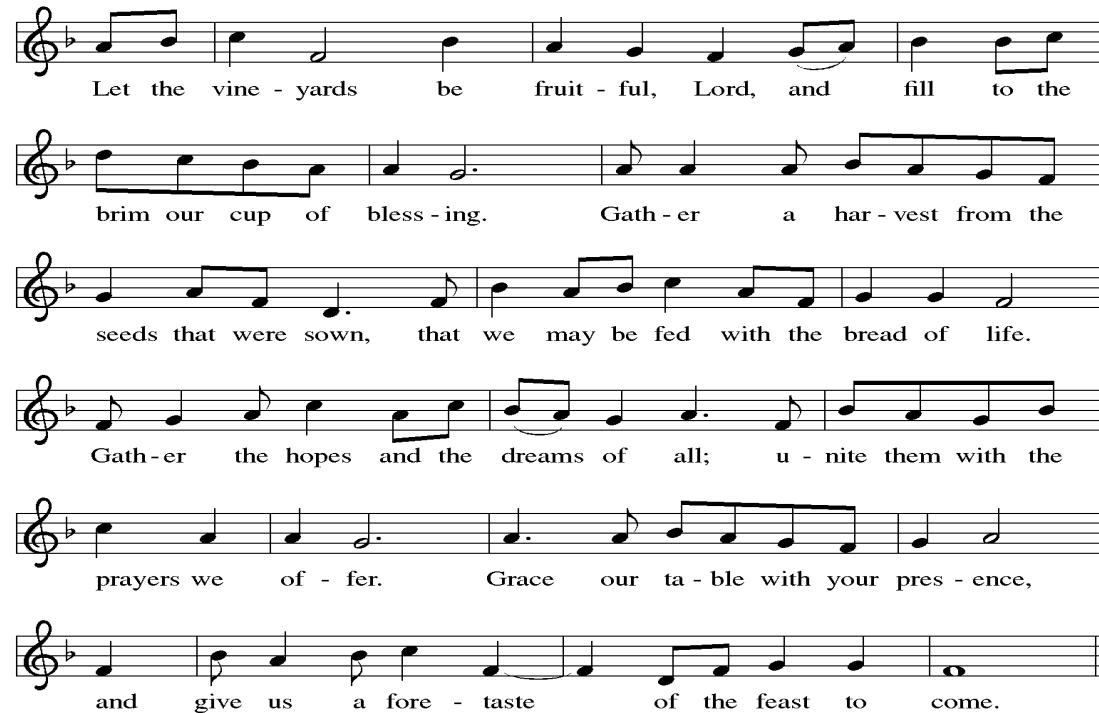


## Offertory

*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.

Giver of every good thing,  
**you bless us so we can bless others.**  
**May these gifts become stories of your love —**  
**feeding, healing, helping, lifting.**  
**Keep our hearts generous and our eyes open**  
**to where you're at work in the world.**  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Zoey Mahoney

DEUTERONOMY 26:10, NRSV  
So now I bring  
the first of the  
fruit of the ground  
that you, O Lord,  
have given me.



### 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.

*Hosanna  
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 your 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.

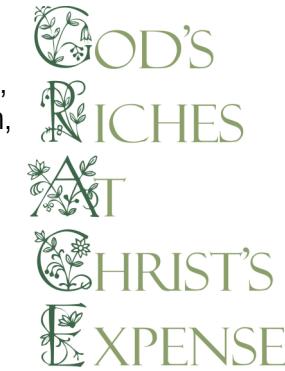
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.**



### 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.*

A musical score for a hymn. The music is in G major, common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal line consists of a single melodic line on a single staff. The lyrics are as follows:  
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. 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**—One Name – Author – Unknown

**GELC Youth**

One name under heaven  
Where by we must be saved (repeat)

Forgiven of our sins, baptized in the water,  
Freed by the Holy Ghost,  
And washed by the blood of the lamb (repeat)

Free, Truly Free, my friends,  
Freed by the blood of the lamb. (repeat)

God's gonna move this place, God's gonna move this place  
God's gonna turn this whole world upside down. (repeat)  
One name under heaven  
Where by we must be saved (repeat)

## The Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

Maella Hilker

Let us pray.

O God,  
Through this shared meal you have given us strength and called for us to be your  
hands and feet in the world. Send us to do acts of kindness and to share from the  
abundance you have given us so that ALL our neighbors may know your love.  
We ask this in Jesus name.  
Amen.

**Sending**

### Blessing

Reva Franklin

The Lord bless you and keep you —  
in your laughter and your late nights,  
in your questions and your courage.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy —  
reminding you that you are deeply loved,  
just as you are, right now.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace —  
peace that holds you steady,  
peace that helps you breathe.  
Amen.

## Sending

Sending Song: “*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*”

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### Dismissal

Esme Hilker

Go now with hearts wide open,  
with laughter that heals and courage that shines.  
May the Spirit move through your words and your playlists,  
through your kindness and your courage.

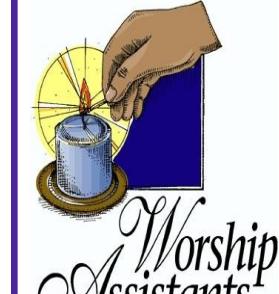
**We go in peace, to love and serve —  
and maybe change the world a little bit.  
Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude



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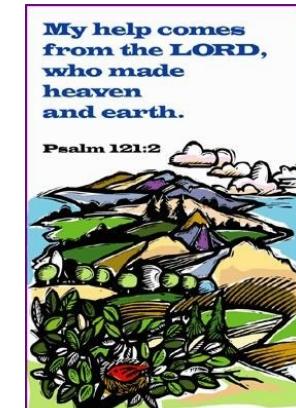


*Worship  
Assistants*

<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jim & Gloria Nelson
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Zoey Mahoney
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Raegan Van Bremen
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Youth/Parents
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Donna Yobs
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	Pat Brady
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jean Morgan Youth/Parents



*The Chancel flowers  
are given this morning  
to the Glory of God  
by Jim & Gloria Nelson.*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*  
*Sunday, October 19*  
*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Service of Holy Communion*  
*and via You Tube*

*Genesis 32:22-31*  
*Psalm 121*  
*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*  
*Luke 18:1-8*



*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)**

Donna Dodge

Alyson Wood

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

Kathy Hale, Friend of the Wilsons

Kristy Hayes, Friend of the Wilsons

Rosemary Howard, Sister-in-Law of Marsha Howard

Janie Robinson & Doug Jarrells, Friend of Eric Hilker

Ernest "Frog" Rea, Friend of Grace

Shen Tucker, Friend of Lynch's

Doug and Janie, Friends of Grace

**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

Phyllis Kite

Ron Knicely

Lee Lynch

Vivian Proctor

Bob Shumate

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

Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace

Rebecca Ray, Friend of the Schwiesows

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 Charlie Kirk

Family of Frank Morris, Friend of Donna Gum

*Continued*

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

Bill Meicke (10/14)

Eric Hilker (10/14)

**Prayers for the World**

For our President, Vice-President and Cabinet; for Congress and Senate; for our Judicial branch of government - that they would work for the common good of our country.

**For the peace concord in Gaza and Israel, that the land and its peoples maybe at rest after the destruction, famine, hardship and grief of the last two years.**

For unjustly detained, legal immigrants kept in detention, far from their homes, and for their release.

**The Murder of Charlie Kirk; the THREE mass shootings of 9/28 week: The Mormon church in Michigan; the Restaurant shooting in North Carolina; the Casino shooting in Texas, resulting in 9 deaths, 22 injured; and the communities, families, and friends impacted by these shootings.**

We also pray for the perpetrators of these shootings, and their families, friends and communities: Tyler Robinson, Thomas Sanford, Nigel Edge, Keryan Jones.

**For our military, police and first responders, and for their respective callings to defend the Constitution,**

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

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





**All God's Children** will begin discussing Good Reasonable People: The Psychology Behind America's Dangerous Divide by Keith Payne. The book challenges each of us to drop the weapon of demonization and replace it with something more powerful: a framework for understanding—and for being understood by—people who see the world differently from us. We will discuss the Introduction and the first three chapters at our next meeting, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Conference Room. All are welcome!



**Building Bridges for Greater Good Community Forum on Homelessness**, Monday, October 13, 6:30—9:00 p.m. at Kate Collins Middle school. This forum will be an opportunity for community members, service providers and local leaders to come together, learn and discuss ways to address homelessness in Waynesboro and the surrounding region. Your participation and perspective would be especially valuable.

**“Reading the Bible” Adult Class: Where did the Bible Come From?** We resume today, October 12<sup>th</sup>, after worship, and extend our class schedule one Sunday, concluding on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

**WARM—Grace Cold Weather Shelter 2025-26—Got any spare QUARTERS?**

The month of OCTOBER, we'll have a container in the nave to collect any spare QUARTERS you may have. These will be used as prizes for games played during the Cold Weather Shelter week at Grace, December 8th-15th. WARM will organize games one night and prizes are given to guests—bags with quarters so they can do laundry during the week. Please help us collect QUARTERS!! Peace—Susan Myers, 434-760-1660 (text/call if you would like to volunteer to help or if you have questions!)



**WARM BLESSINGS**—As we prepare for the 2025-26 Cold Weather Shelter season, we come together and give thanks for our many blessings. Please join us with WARM as we host our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual WARM BLESSINGS event on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Social Hall of First Baptist Church. The evening includes dinner, a concert featuring Schola Cantorum of Waynesboro and a silent auction for homemade Holiday Sweets and Treats. This event sells out every year, so don't wait! Please see Jane Stein or Susan Myers for tickets—\$60/person.



**Thanks to Russell Blackburn** for providing this morning's music in Mike's absence. Russell is the Choral Director at Riverheads Middle/High Schools. He was also a participant in our Hymn Fest last weekend. Please introduce yourself and make him welcome.



We are thankful for Mike's 25 years of service to Grace, and for all who participated in singing, playing and giving glory to God at last Sunday's Festival of Hymns - choir, musicians, and all who shared in worship! Special thanks to Sylvia Almarode and her Fellowship Team assistants for their preparations for the Reception following.

**The Festival of Hymns can be found at:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvFG5jC9yJ4>



Grace Tabernacle COGIC invites Grace members to their **First Annual Women's Retreat 2025** on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 489 North Winchester Avenue. This will be a day to empower and reconnect with an enlightening session on "Basic Bible Principles. Registration Fee is \$10 and can be mailed to P. O. Box 1153, Waynesboro.



The 50th Anniversary of the Waynesboro-East Augusta **CROP HUNGER WALK** took place at North Park on Sunday afternoon, September 21. The weather was beautiful and walkers seemed to really like using the South River Greenway as the new walk route. Donna Yobs, Gwen Kite, Sarah Beth Kite, Charlie Wilson and Karen Walck represented the Grace Lutheran team. Donations of \$2,275 surpassed our goal of \$1,550. Thank you to everyone who walked and donated towards the important work that CWS does all over the world. Twenty five percent of all local money raised will stay here in the community to help alleviate hunger. Local money is being divided among VPAS Meals on Wheels, Disciples Kitchen and the Blue Ridge Area Food Pantry.



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,343** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-four** deliveries, twenty-four to Main Street United Methodist, and thirty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. All diapers will be, and have been, delivered to Calvary United Methodist. In addition, 20 pounds of condiments have been delivered to the Bread Basket.



**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.



# OCTOBER

*Life of Grace Church*  
October 12-19, 2025

Day	Date	Time	Meetings, etc.
Sunday	10/12	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Youth Sunday  Confirmation Class Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School
Monday	10/13	7:00 p.m.	All God's Children (Conference Room)
Tuesday	10/14	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters (Fellowship Hall)  Congregational Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	10/15	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Backpacks  Prayer Group (Chapel)  Encircle (Fellowship Hall)  Yoga (Seminar Room)  Community Meal  Hand Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	10/16	8:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Newcomers Club  Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	10/17		Church Office Closed
Saturday	10/18	All Day 11:00 a.m.	VMA—Fellowship Hall  Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	10/19	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Noon	Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion Commitment Sunday  Confirmation Class Children's Sunday School Adult Sunday School  VMA Adult Recital

**Monday**  
1 Kings 21:1-16  
1 Corinthians 1:1-19  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47

**Tuesday**  
1 Kings 21:17-29  
1 Corinthians 1:20-31  
Matthew 4:12-17  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 99

**Wednesday**  
1 Kings 22:1-28  
1 Corinthians 2:1-13  
Matthew 4:18-25  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 91

**Thursday**  
1 Kings 22:29-45  
1 Corinthians 2:14—3:15  
Matthew 5:1-10  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 116

**Friday**  
2 Kings 1:2-17  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:11-16  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 20

**Saturday**  
2 Kings 2:1-18  
1 Corinthians 4:1-7  
Matthew 5:17-20  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63



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