



*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026*

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

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



*God  
raised him  
on the  
third day  
and allowed  
him to  
appear....*

Acts 10:40, NRSV

# **Service of the Word and Holy Communion**

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

**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 on the plate beside the grape juice.*

*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.*

**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**

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**



**Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**



Musical score for the hymn, consisting of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are:

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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men, 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, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

*We sit.*

Word

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

A reading from Acts:

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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



**Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**  
<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**  
<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?  
<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.  
<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**  
<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,  
<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**



A reading from 1 Peter:

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

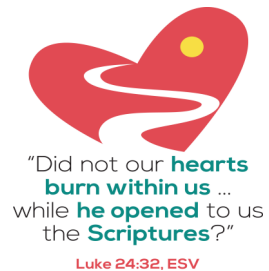
*We stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

**Glory to you O Lord.**



<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

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<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**Children’s Message:**

**Rev. Alex Zuber**

**Sermon:**

**Rev. Alex Zuber**

**Hymn of the Day:** *“With High Delight Let Us Unite”*

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## Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

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

God of Grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

**Meal**

### Peace

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

*Please greet those around you, remaining distanced, and offering a sign of peace to one another.*

*We stand.*

### 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 below to make your gift on your cell phone through Tithely. (Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)*

PEACE  
BE WITH  
you



*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.

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
Amen.



## Great Thanksgiving

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 in 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 in 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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and ✠ Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

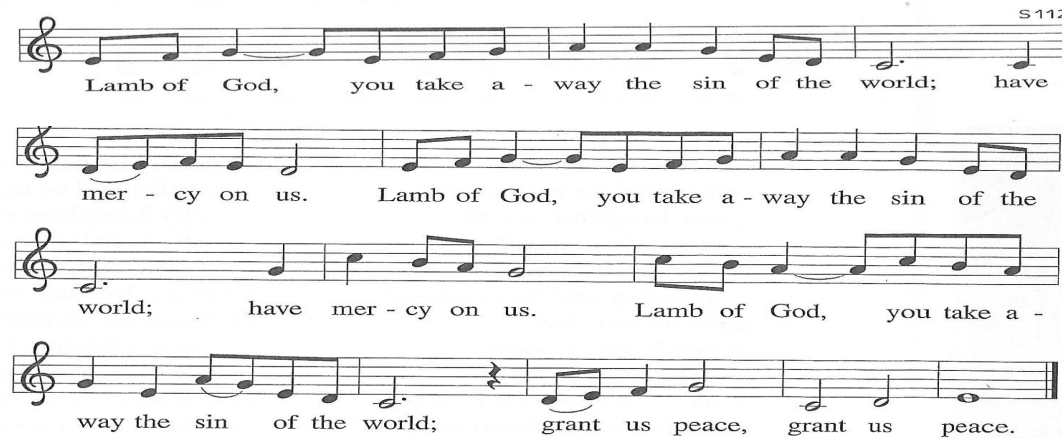
Our  
Father

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

## Thanks be to God!

*"Lamb of God" may be sung.*



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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 and gluten free wafers are available on the center table as you come forward, or you may receive the bread and wine from the Pastor and/or Communion Assistants. You may kneel or stand at the railing. The Pastor or assisting minister will announce "the body of Christ" as you receive/eat the bread/wafer, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive/drink 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:** "Come, Let Us Eat"

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### **We stand.**

### **The Communion Blessing**

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



### Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Holy One,  
**through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your  
healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
Amen.**

**Sending**

### Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✝ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”*

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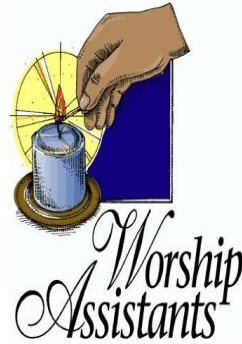
### Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



### Postlude

*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Pat Giesen</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Linda Meyer</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Donna Gum</i>
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	<i>Carolyn Hite</i>
<i>Council Person of Week:</i>	<i>Jim Nelson</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady</i>
	<i>David Proctor</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Karen Walck</i>
	<i>Rew Walck</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are given  
to the glory of God.*

*Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers; the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 26, 2026*

*Service of Holy Communion  
Rev. Bob Meckley  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10*



**Please print** your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

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

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

- Lisa Belch**, Friend of the Schwiesows
- Gerald Bradfield**, Friend of the Almarodes
- Anne Mahoney**, Grandmother of Zoey & Kiera Mahoney
- Dana McDonald**, Friend of the Finks
- Linda Newsome**, Cousin of Charlie Wilson

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

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

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Berenice Archambeault</b> | <b>Liz Ann Binns</b>  |
| <b>Phyllis Kite</b>          | <b>Ron Knicely</b>    |
| <b>Lee Lynch</b>             | <b>Vivian Proctor</b> |

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

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| <b>Lisa Barmore</b> , Friend of Grace            | <b>Bishop C.D. Brown</b> , Friend of Grace      |
| <b>Niel Harris</b> , Friend of the Trauschts     | <b>Taunya McDonald</b> , Friend of Grace        |
| <b>Carolyn Moser</b> , Sister of David Schwiesow | <b>Dr. Gary Murray</b> , Friend of Gail Johnson |
| <b>Roy Reid</b> , Father of Mary Huerth          | <b>Trina Shipley</b> , Friend of Donna Gum      |
| <b>Judy Timm</b> , Friend of Donna Gum           |   |

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

**Family of Donald Lee Cary**, Friends of the Hites  
**Family of Ron Denney**, Friends of Brian Lundstrom  
**Family of Robert Donley**, Friends of the Hites  
**Family of Louise Harris**, Friends of the Hites  
**Family of Frannie Knicely**, Member of Grace  
**Family of Patricia Lee Mueller**, Friends of the Meickes  
**Family of Joann Shirley**, Friends of the Crowders and Lynches  
**Family of Bob Shumate**, Member of Grace

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

**Trotter Franklin (4/20)**

**Roxane Myers (4/24)**



**Prayers for the World**

**For world leaders to lead toward justice and mercy in all countries.**

For those in danger from wars and violence, particularly in Gaza, Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan, and here in the United States.

The people of Nicaragua as they continue to endure the hardships And challenges of living in their homeland, including our friends Hellen (last name?), her family, and the former employees of the CICRIN school.

**Prayers for Our Community**

**For safety and well-being for those who are poor, incarcerated, unhoused, and for the foreigner among us.**

For those who are suffering from severe weather across our nation.

**Prayers for the Church**

**For the Christian church at large that it might lead the world toward peace and justice.**

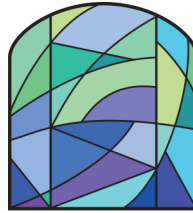
For Christians in this world who suffer for their faith.

**For our Call Committee:**

- Mike Trauscht, Chair**
- Libby Caister**
- Bethanie Glover**
- Jerry Kite**
- Jean Morgan**
- Andrew Sell**
- Kate Van Bremen**

For our congregation at Grace that we may be led to call a pastor who will preach, teach, and lead as led by the Holy Spirit and in faithfulness to the Gospel.





Visiting Pastor

Welcome and many thanks to **Rev. Alex Zuber** for serving as our Supply Pastor this morning. Rev. Zuber serves as the Associate Pastor of Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg. The final graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pastor Zuber lives in Fishersville with his wife Renna, daughter Nadia, dogs Arya and Finn, and cat Toothless. He is a self-described "huge nerd".



**Help celebrate Earth Day** by collecting plastic bottle caps and lids to be recycled as a bench for the River City Bread Basket Food Pantry. It takes 200 pounds of plastic lids to make a bench. Lids to collect are #2 HDPE caps such as water bottles, soda, tea and sport drinks; #4 LDPE caps such as laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner and #5 PP lids such as cottage cheese, coffee, butter, peanut butter. Please place in the collection bin at the back of the nave. All items must be **CLEAN** of all food residue. This project is only for collecting **LIDS**, not the entire container. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.



If you have a **Graduate** in your family, please let the church office know the following by **Monday, May 5**: Name, parents' names, grandparents' names, school, degree, graduation date and plans for the future.



**Annual Church  
ELECTION**

**Called Congregation Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**: There will be a called Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, after worship for the purpose of electing Grace Council members for term of service from June 2026 through May of 2028. Nomination for two-year term are: Peggy Caister, Gail Johnson, Jerry Kite, River Smith and Betty Karol Wilson. Biographies of those nominated will be sent out by email and U.S. Mail the first of next week.



**NOMINATIONS**

**Nominations for Grace Church Council** - Per Grace's Constitution - *"additional nominations may be made in writing to [Grace Administrative Secretary Nancy Dowdy] at least one week prior (**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**) to the Congregation Meeting ...All nominees must have consented to serve, in order for the name to be put on the ballot."*



Every year, ten educators are selected to receive a Dawbarn Education Award from our Community Foundation. The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge announced its 10 recipients of the 2026 Dawbarn Education Awards with special surprise visits this week. Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, the Community Foundation honors community members for their significant impact on youth in the three local public school systems: Staunton, Augusta County and Waynesboro. The award comes with a \$10,000 prize and a special banquet to celebrate the recipients in the fall. This year, our very own **Sarah Kite**, special education aide at Stuarts Draft Elementary School, was a winner for her dedicated service.



**Women's Club of Waynesboro Scholarship Concert** Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church, Waynesboro. Free Will Offering for admission



**Waynesboro Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at Westwood Hills Elementary School, 548 Rosser Avenue in Waynesboro. Breakfast goes from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7 per person



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. Your donations are much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,636** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-eight deliveries**, twenty-eight 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. 38 pounds of diapers were delivered to them on April 14. In addition, 20 pounds of condiments have been delivered to the Bread Basket.

**Monday**

Exodus 18:13-27  
1 Peter 5:1-14  
Matthew 3:1-6  
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 124

**Tuesday**

Exodus 19:1-16  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Matthew 3:7-12  
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 66

**Wednesday**

Exodus 19:16-25  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Morning Psalm 99, Evening 9

**Thursday**

Exodus 20:1-21  
Colossians 1:24—2:7  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Morning Psalm 47, Evening 68

**Friday**

Exodus 24:1-18  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Matthew 4:12-17  
Morning Psalm 96, Evening 49

**Saturday**

Exodus 25:1-22  
Colossians 3:1-17  
Matthew 4:18-25  
Morning Psalm 92, Evening 23



*Life of Grace Church*  
*April 19-26 2026*

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
Sunday	04/19	10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Rev. Alex Zuber, Presiding and Preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Sunday School
Monday	04/20	7:00 p.m.	Carolyn Hite in Church Office Critical Race Theory (Conference Room)
Tuesday	04/21	9:00 a.m.	Backpacks
		9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	04/22	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
		6:00 p.m.	Community Meal
		6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	04/23	12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30 p.m.	CCE&J @ Panera Bread
Friday	04/24		Church Office Closed
Saturday	04/25	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	04/26	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Rev. Bob Meckley, Presiding and Preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Sunday School

### *Grace Church Council*

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*Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. —:30 p.m.,*  
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*Monday-Thursday Closed Friday*

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