



DAY OF PENTECOST

May 24, 2026

*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

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Six

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**

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, 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 uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

A - men.

Canticle of Praise

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

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:
Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be-
gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts:

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?



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⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.



*All of them
were filled with
the Holy Spirit...*

Acts 2:4, NRSV

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ **These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵ **Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

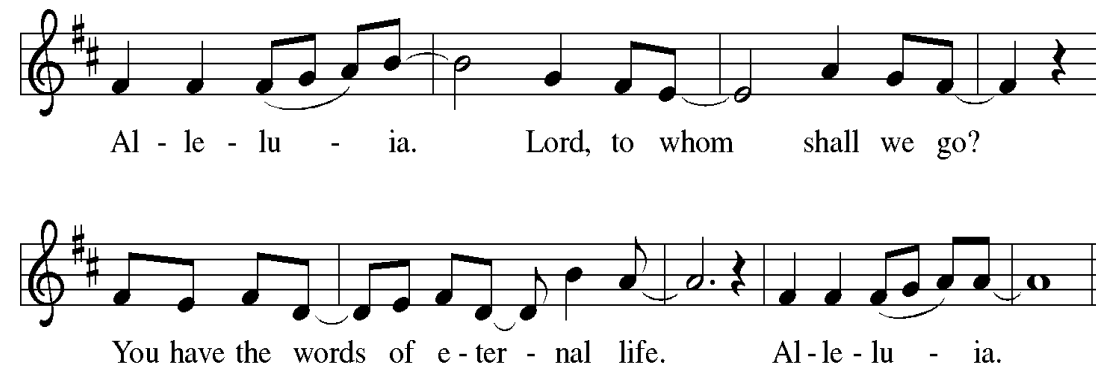
⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge

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according to the same Spirit,⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Rev. Robin Ferree

Sermon

Rev. Robin Ferree

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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Apostle's 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.**



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.

Lord in your mercy.
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 sit.

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.)

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 also with you.

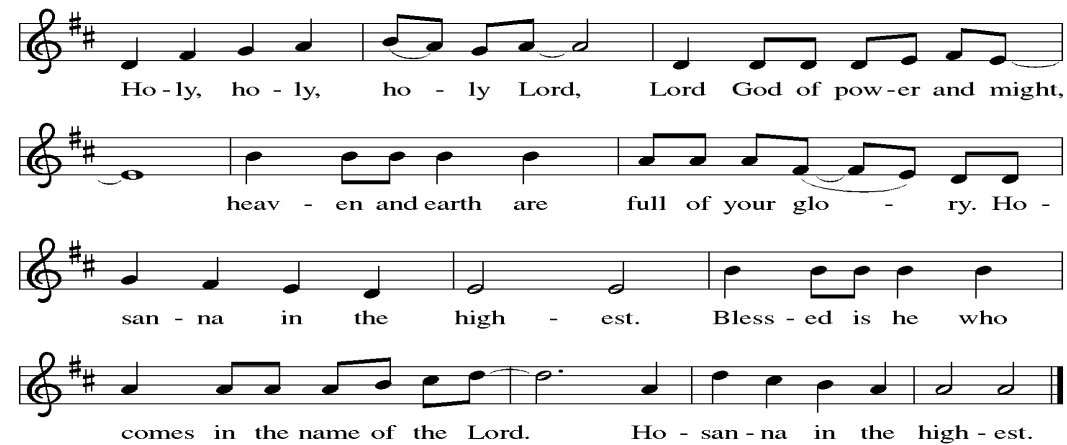
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is
to come.”

Revelation 4:8

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 for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

Thanks be to God!



The Holy Communion

We sit.

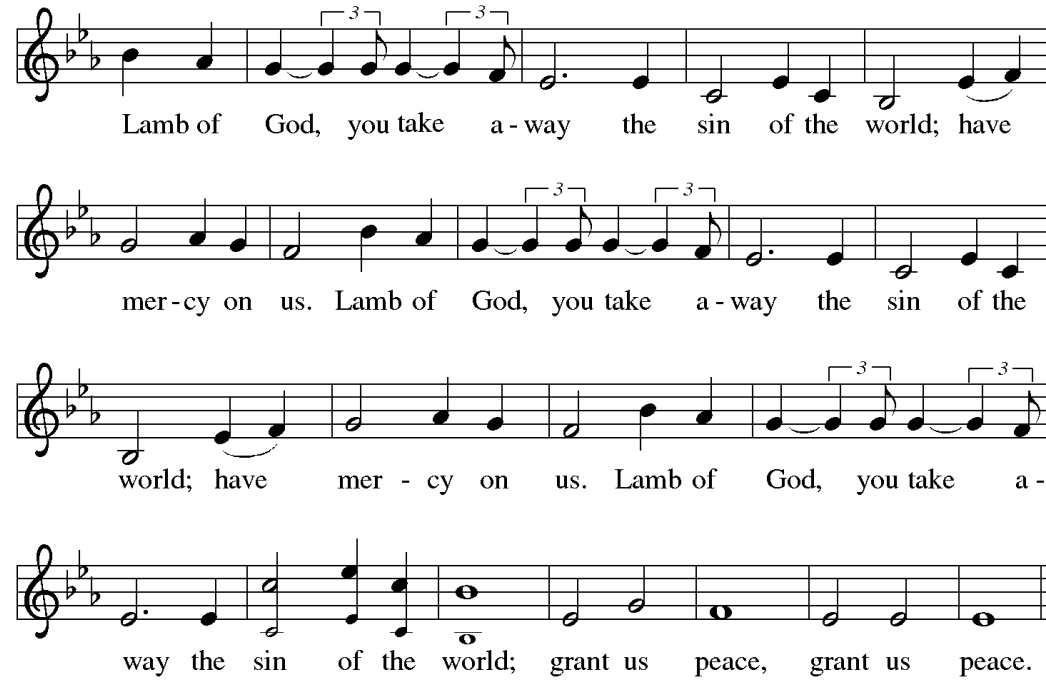
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening 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.

We stand.





Communion Hymn: “*Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*”

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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.



Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

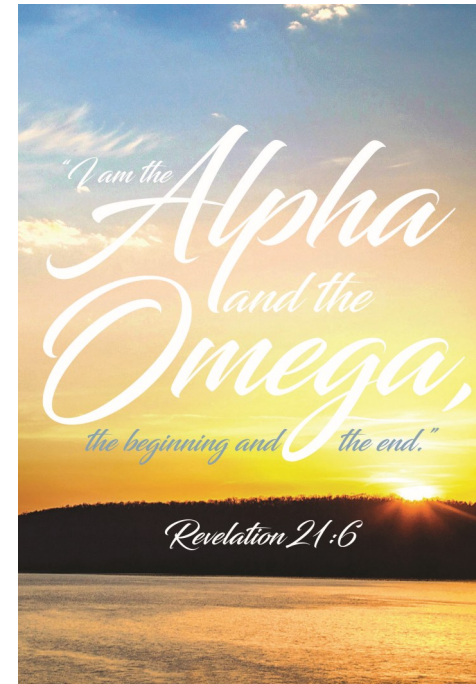
Let us pray.

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 Song: “O Day Full of Grace”

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Dismissal

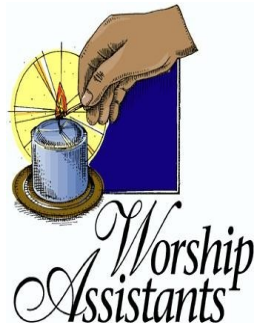
Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild:

Assisting Minister:

Communion Assistant:

Council Person of Week:

Offering Stewards:

Ushers:

Vernette Nichols

Jean Morgan

Kathy Bump

Carolyn Hite

Donna Gum

Jacob Dolan

Pat Brady

Jean Morgan

Rick Bump

Linda Meyer



*The Chancel Flowers today are given
to the glory of God
and in memory of my late husband,
Dr. William Emil Nichols*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and
Lessons*

May 31

The Holy Trinity

*Service of the Word
and Holy Communion*

10:00 a.m.

*Pastor Alex Zuber
Presiding and Preaching*

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 10:16-20



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)

Emily Almarode
Bill Lucas

Ron Almarode
E. G. Rankin

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

Gary Collins, Friend of the Lynches
Matt Covell, Friend of the Carpers
Susan Newsome, Charlie Wilson's Cousin
Deb Poulin, Friend of Cindy Trauscht
Abigale Wertman, Premature Baby of Matt & Kelly Wertman,
Granddaughter of Delores Wertman

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

Celebration, prayers and congratulations to River Smith and Jackson Chaffin
on their marriage on May 23rd!

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

Berenice Archambeault
Phyllis Kite
Lee Lynch

Liz Ann Binns
Ron Knicely
Vivian Proctor

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

Lisa Barmore, Friend of Grace
Taunya McDonald, Friend of Grace
Dr. Gary Murray, Friend of Gail Johnson
Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows
Trina Shipley, Friend of Donna Gum

Niel Harris, Friend of the Trauschts
Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow
Linda Newsome, Charlie Wilson's Cousin
Roy Reid, Father of Mary Huerth
Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

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

Jack Koback Family, Friends of the Bradys
Family of Dana McDonald, Friends of the Finks
Family of Harry See, Friends of the Nelsons
Family of Bob Shumate, Member of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Ron Almarode (5/24)	Carson Comer (5/24)
Jean Franklin (5/28)	Roger Bowers (5/28)
Rew Walck (5/28)	

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, 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.



Call Committee Update: *Exciting news: we have a primary candidate for pastor.* They will be here to preach, lead worship and meet the congregation on **Sunday, May 31**, with a "Meet and Greet" following the service. A **Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following** the Meet and Greet at approximately 12:00 p.m. to vote on issuing a Call and approve the compensation package.

Please pray: Lord of the Church, we give thanks for you, for your death and resurrection, and that you are the Good Shepherd. Hear our prayer of thanks for our call committee and its work of discernment, and your sending to us that rostered minister that will be a strong partner with us in the joy and service of your Gospel for those within our Church and those beyond our walls in this community. In Your Name we pray. Amen



Today, is **Prayer Partnership Sunday for Papua New Guinea** as the Virginia Synod shares a companion relationship with the New Guinea Islands District of Papua New Guinea. Together, we support one another in prayer, ministry, and discipleship as followers of Jesus. All congregations in the Virginia Synod are joining our siblings in PNG for Prayer Partnership Sunday. Our Southern Valley Conference is asked to pray for Rabaul Circuit which will be done as one of the intercessory prayers,



Congratulations to the 2026 Graduates:

Blake Arnold, son of Katie and Ryan Arnold, grandson of Jim and Gloria Nelson, is graduating summa cum laude from James Wood High School in Winchester on May 28. Blake intends to work a year for AmeriCorps before continuing his education at William and Mary University.

Hannah Pingel, daughter of Paul and Jill Pingel, is graduating magna cum laude from James Madison University with a degree in Architectural Design and a minor in Art History. She will be Project Engineer at E. E. Reed Construction in Herndon, Virginia.

Lindsey Skelton, daughter of Lee and Sharon Lynch, is graduating from Mary Baldwin College with a Masters in Education with an emphasis on Autism. Lindsey will continue teaching locally.

Josh Traynor, grandson of David and Vivian Proctor, is graduating from Piedmont Virginia Community College and has been accepted to Virginia Commonwealth University for the fall.



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). 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.



Grace Church has a reputation up and down the AT for being a welcoming and safe space, and that depends on Grace members and friends coming down to help out and getting to know the hikers who are attempting to hike the 2,000+ miles from Georgia to Maine each year. Our Hiker Ministry begins again this year on May 25, running through June 20. We depend on Grace members and community members to staff the hostel on weeknights and first thing in the mornings. You don't have to be a hiker to volunteer - or even like the outdoors! Just bring your welcoming selves to meet and help hikers get settled and find their ways around Waynesboro.

What we need:

- People - a calendar for sign-ups in the back of the nave and it includes the duties of each type of volunteer. There is a description of the volunteer duties alongside of the calendar. Most of these involve just a couple hours, but we also do need some overnight volunteer stays to help back up the community members who usually stay the night.
- Overnight volunteers.
- Check-in and check-out volunteers.
- Small groups of members to coordinate with our community dinner team to provide dinner on Wednesday evenings during the time we are open.

Donations: cereal, juices, bread, jam, peanut butter, and snacks, self-care items - shampoo, body wash, skin moisturizer, razors, ear plugs, Band-Aids, ibuprofen, etc. A bin for these is in the back of the church. Once the program begins, we will also need fresh fruit, baked goods, milk, juice, and ice cream.

For questions about the work, the experiences, or anything else about this ministry, please contact Jean Morgan (540) 649-4422 or Linda Meyer (540) 256-2277.



Waynesboro Community Read May-July 2026—The Waynesboro community is invited to slow down, reconnect, and rediscover the power of story through "Stories that Restore", a community read hosted by Waynesboro Public Library in partnership with Stone Soup Books. From May-July 2026, residents will explore the work of Robin Wall Kimmerer through her books *The Serviceberry*, *Braiding Sweetgrass* for Young Adults and the children's book "Bud Finds her Gift". Through discussions, nature-inspired programs, and family activities, the community will reflect on themes of reciprocity, gratitude, and our relationship with the natural world. Books will be available beginning May 4 at Waynesboro Public Library and Stone Soup. A brochure with all programs is available at the Library.

COMMUNITY IN CONVERSATION

What Is Christian Nationalism?

a talk by Dr. Jacob Cook, Professor of Christian Ethics,
Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Friday, June 5 at 6 pm · Free admission

Light refreshments provided and continued
conversation follows

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DAILY BIBLE READING



Monday

Ezekiel 33:1-11
1 John 1:1-10
Matthew 9:27-34
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47

Tuesday

Ezekiel 33:21-33
1 John 2:1-11
Matthew 9:35—10.4
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 99

Wednesday

Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 John 2:12-17
Matthew 10:5-15
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 91

Thursday

Ezekiel 37:21b-28
1 John 2:18-29
Matthew 10:16-23
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 116

Friday

Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 3:1-10
Matthew 10:24-33
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 20

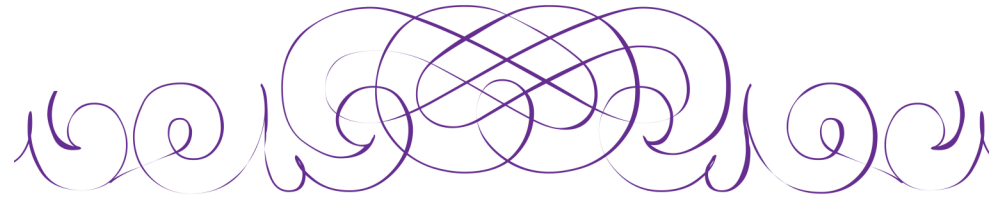
Saturday

Ezekiel 47:1-12
1 John 3:11-18
Matthew 10:34-42
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63



Life of Grace Church
May 24-31, 2026

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
Sunday	05/24	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Day of Pentecost Service of the Word and Holy Communion Rev. Robin Ferree, Presiding and Preaching Confirmation Class Sunday School
Monday	05/25	 MEMORIAL DAY	Church Office Closed <i>Hiker Ministry</i>
Tuesday	05/26		<i>Hiker Ministry</i>
Wednesday	05/27	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<i>Hiker Ministry</i> Prayer Group (Chapel) Encircle Manager's Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Yoga (Seminar Room) Community Meal Bell Choir Choir
Thursday	05/28	12:30 p.m.	<i>Hiker Ministry</i> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	05/29		<i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Hiker Ministry</i>
Saturday	05/30	11:00 a.m.	<i>Hiker Ministry</i> Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	05/31	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	The Holy Trinity Service of the Word and Holy Communion Rev. Alex Zuber, Presiding and Preaching Installation of Leaders in the Congregation Meet and Great Congregational Meeting



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