



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

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

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

*Because I live,
you also
will live.*

John 14:19



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.



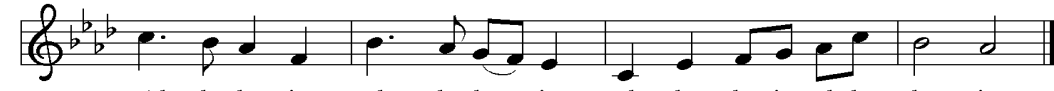
Musical score for the hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" (Hymn #408). The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. 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 mercy. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious 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.

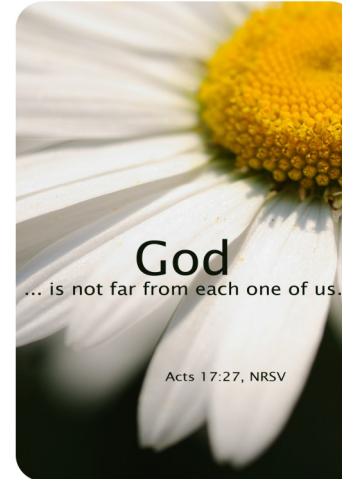
Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

We sit.

Word



First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts:

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

Continued

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ **who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;**
¹² you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
¹³ **I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,**
¹⁴ those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵ **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;**
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
¹⁷ **I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**
¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹ **But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.**
²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

*Praise our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his
praise be heard...*
Psalm 66:8



Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from 1 Peter:

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

NOW WHO IS THERE
TO HARM YOU IF YOU
ARE ZEALOUS FOR
WHAT IS GOOD?



1 Peter 3:13, ESV

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: John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message:

Rev. Pat Nabers

Sermon:

Rev. Pat Nabers

Hymn of the Day: *“Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

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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 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

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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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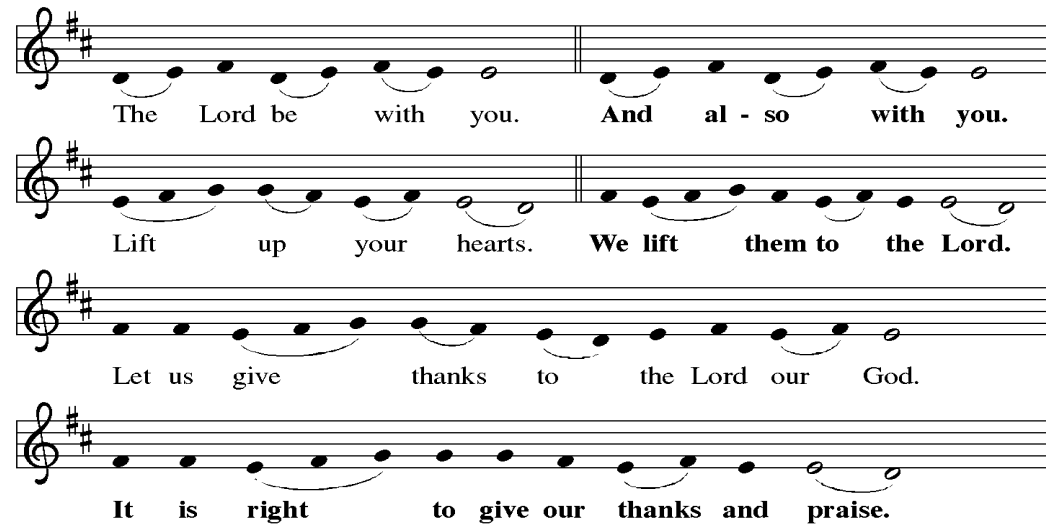
Offering Prayer

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



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:

**“Holy,
holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is
to come.”**

Revelation 4:8

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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.



Invitation to Communion

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

Thanks be to God!

"Lamb of God" may be sung.



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: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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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 Hymn: *“O Zion, Haste”*

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Dismissal

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



Postlude

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



*Worship
Assistants*

Altar Flowers:

Gail Johnson

Altar Guild:

Jim & Gloria Nelson

Assisting Minister:

River Smith

Communion Assistant:

Carolyn Hite

Council Person of Week:

Karen Walck

Offering Stewards:

Pat Brady

Vivian Proctor

Ushers:

Jack Eckstrom

Jim Nelson



*To the glory of our Lord and Savior
and in memory and appreciation of all mothers.*

My Prayer for Mothers' Day

Lord, some have lost their mothers, making the day so hard.

Comfort those who are missing their mothers today.

Some women have empty arms that long to hold a child.

Others have broken hearts because of losing a child.

Hold these mothers in your loving arms, Lord.

Father, some people have been hurt by their mothers,

heal those hurts, Lord, as only You can.

For You are Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals.

Whether the hurts are fresh, or seasoned with time.

Isaiah 66:13 says: "As one whom a mother comforts,

so will I comfort you." We need your

comfort, Lord. You truly understand our pain.

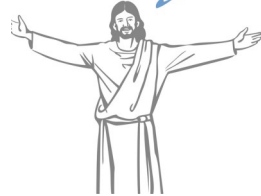
I pray this all in Your Son's precious name.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Anne Peterson, Author

All mine
are yours,
and yours
are mine,
and I am

Glorified
in them.



JOHN 17:10, ESV

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2026

Service of Holy Communion
Rev. Joe Klotz
Presiding and Preaching

Acts 1:6-14
Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11



Monday

Leviticus 25:35-55
Colossians 1:9-14
Matthew 13:1-16
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 115

Tuesday

Leviticus 26:1-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Matthew 13:18-23
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 116

Wednesday

Leviticus 26:27-42
Ephesians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:41-46
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 118

Thursday

Daniel 7:9-14
Hebrews 2:5-18
Matthew 28:16-20
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 113

Friday

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 7:22-27
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 138

Saturday

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
Matthew 7:28—8:4



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
Cabell Caister

Ron Almarode
E. G. Rankin

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

Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows

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

Evelyn Roller Wilson, Charlie Wilson's mom, celebrated her 99th birthday on April 25.

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
Trina Shipley, Friend of Donna Gum

Niel Harris, Friend of the Trauschts
Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow
Roy Reid, Father of Mary Huerth

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

Family of Donald Jennings, Friends of the Nelsons
Family of Dana McDonald, Friends of the Finks
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

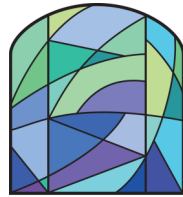
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Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays
Carolyn Barrette (5/10)

Lisa Gray (5/12)

<u>Prayers for the World</u> 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. <u>Prayers for Our Community</u> 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.	<u>Prayers for the Church</u> 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.
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Visiting Pastor

Rev. Patricia Smith Nabers graduated from Union College in NY and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in SC. After 22 years in management working for several industries, she felt a call to church service and was enrolled in seminary. She was ordained here at Grace in 2003, and served for 15 years in a two-point parish that included Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, in Orange, and Mt. Nebo Lutheran Church in Rochelle. Since retiring, she has been a supply pastor in several churches in Virginia and in upstate New York, as well as working full time providing care and comfort for her dogs, cats, horses and two (2) extraordinary llamas. Pat considers Grace her home church (she is a daughter of Grace), and is grateful for the love and prayers from Grace throughout her seminary and ministry journey. She cherishes her butterfly stole, an ordination gift from the Grace congregation stitched by the Woman of Grace.



Special thanks to Russell Blackburn who is serving Grace as Organist May 10th and 17th in Mike Myers' stead. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents Russell!



The collection to make a bench for the River City Bread Basket Food Pantry out of plastic caps/lids will continue through the end of May.

So far, 100 pounds of caps/lids have been collected in our community. This is half of the amount needed. A complete list of items accepted is posted at the back of the nave next to the collection basket. Please make sure all caps are clean. Any hard plastic cap or plastic lid is accepted. You may contact Karen Walck at 765-480-9920 if you have any questions.



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.



Join us in celebrating the
40th Anniversary of
Power in the Spirit!

This year's gathering will take place on the campus of Roanoke College **July 16–18, 2026**. We are excited to have the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Yehiel Curry attending and speaking at our event.

Our Theme

But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8



Power in the Spirit is an inspirational event for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship.

Our Speakers



**Presiding Bishop
Yehiel Curry**

Guest
Speaker



**Rev. Susan
Briehl**

Bible Study
Leader



**Rev. Drew
Tucker**

Keynote
Speaker



**Michael
Benshish**

Musician

Come join us and discover how Power in the Spirit will encourage, nurture, and challenge as we embrace the Spirit who empowers, equips, and enlightens!

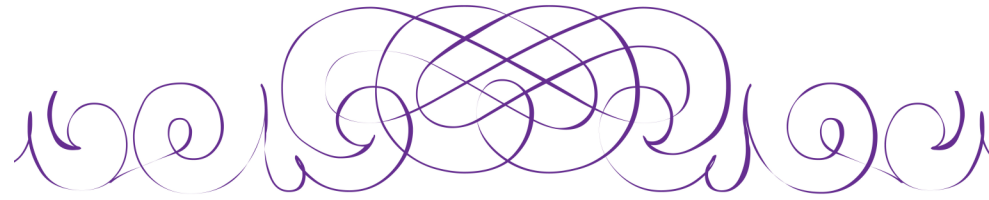
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Life of Grace Church
May 10-17, 2026

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
	05/10	10:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Rev. Pat Nabers, Presiding and Preaching
		11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class Sunday School
Monday	05/11		
Tuesday	05/12	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	05/13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Backpacks Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Community Meal Bell Choir Choir
Thursday	05/14	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Council Meeting (Conference Room)
Friday	05/15		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday	05/16	11:00 a.m. 2:00—8:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room) VMA Recitals (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	05/17	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00—8:00 p.m.	Seventh Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion Rev. Joe Klotz, Presiding and Preaching Confirmation Class Sunday School VMA Recitals (Fellowship Hall)



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