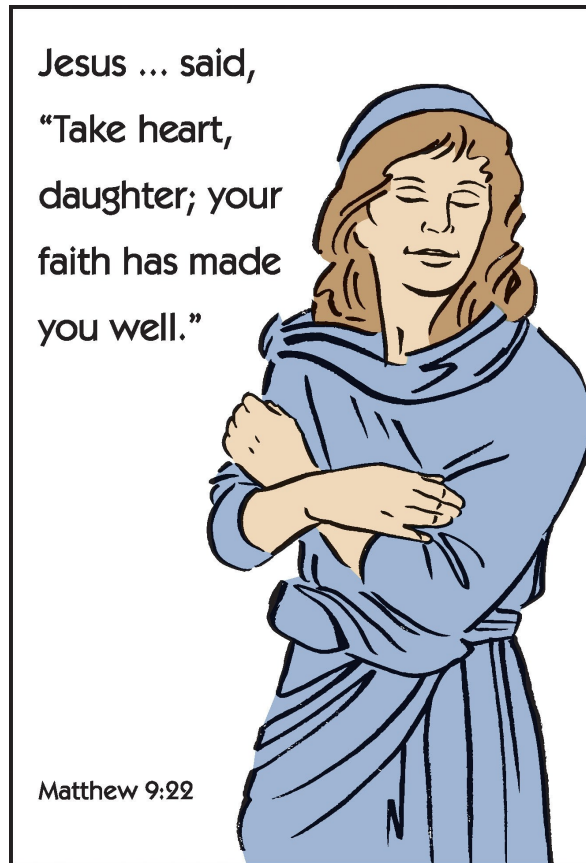




Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 7, 2026

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

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



Spend time with God this summer

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

Welcome and Announcements

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

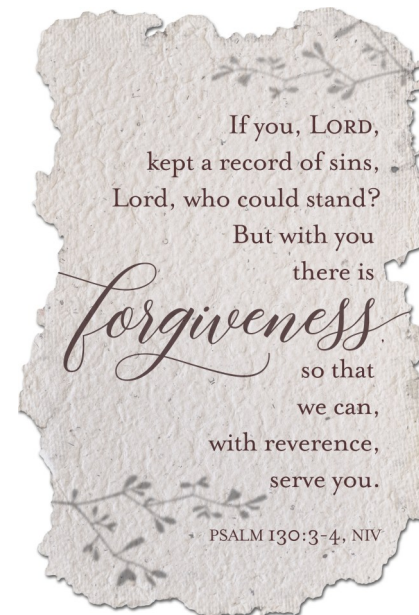
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.



Gathering Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#836

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

Kyrie

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems of five staves each. The first system contains the first five staves, and the second system contains the remaining five staves. The lyrics are: 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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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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.
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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, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

A reading from Hosea:

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”



Continued

- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15

- ⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- ⁸ **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**
- ⁹ I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.
- ¹⁰ **For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- ¹¹ I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.
- ¹² **“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine.**
- ¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.**
- ¹⁵ Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

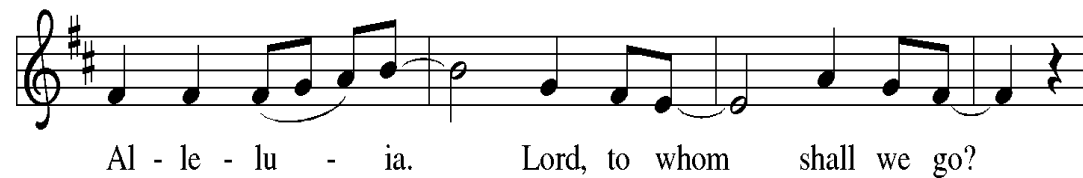
A reading from Romans:

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Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



Glory to you O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."

¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."

²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Eric Hilker

Sermon

Eric Hilker

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

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.

We sit.



Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

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

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you,
O God, through Jesus our 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.)

Offertory

We stand.

Offertory Response



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us 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.

We sit.



Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father and ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: *“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”*

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Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*Worship
Assistants*

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:

Deloris Wertman

Altar Guild:

No Communion

Assisting Minister:

Linda Meyer

Council Person of Week:

Allison Fink

Offering Stewards:

Pat Brady

Ushers:

David Proctor

Karen Walck

Rew Walck



Altar Flowers

*The Chancel Flowers today are
given to the glory of God and
in thanks to the
additions to our family.*



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday After Pentecost

*Service of the Word
and Holy Communion*

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Sandy Wisco, Preaching and Presiding

Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalms 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35—10:8



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

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

Gary Collins, Friend of the Lynches

Matt Covell, Friend of the Carpers

Deb Poulin, Friend of Cindy Trauscht

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

Ron Knicely

Vivian Proctor

Liz Ann Binns

Lee Lynch

Continued

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

Lisa Barmore, Friend of Grace

Niel Harris, Friend of the Trauschts

Carolyn Moser, Sister of David Schwiesow

Linda Newsome, Charlie Wilson's Cousin

Roy Reid, Father of Mary Huerth

Trina Shipley, Friend of Donna Gum

C. D. Brown, CCE&J

Taunya McDonald, Friend of Grace

Dr. Gary Murray, Friend of Gail Johnson

Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows

Latoya Sharpless, CCE&J

Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

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

Jack Koback Family, Friends of the Bradys

Family of Phyllis Kite, Grace Member

Family of Dana McDonald, Friends of the Finks

Family of Harry See, Friends of the Nelsons

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Brian Lundstrom (6/7)





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.



Dear family of faith at Grace,

What a joy and privilege it is to greet you now as your new pastor (or at least very soon to be)! I am truly humbled and honored by the unanimous decision to call me into ministry among you at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and I am delighted to accept God's call made known through you! For 133 years, Grace has provided a vibrant witness to God's grace and love in the Waynesboro community, and I am deeply grateful that you have entrusted me to steward that witness with you and carry Christ's hope into the future.

I look forward to the opportunity to get to know each of you as we settle into the rhythms of congregational life. I have notified the Muhlenberg community that my final Sunday with them will be June 14th, after which I will lead our high school youth to Kairos at Roanoke College, and my ministry at Muhlenberg will officially conclude on June 26. I plan to take a short time after this to rest, organize myself as best I can, and then begin my ministry with you on **Monday, July 6th**. Our first official Sunday in worship together will be **Sunday, July 12th!**

I give thanks to God for drawing us together, and for the faithful work of the Call Committee and Congregation Council. The Holy Spirit has been moving through this process and through these leaders. I believe God's words through the prophet Isaiah are echoing into our own time: *"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

God is certainly up to something at Grace! God has made a way and is doing a new thing! I can't wait to see what the future holds as we continue to be a *community of servants sharing in the word and work of Jesus!*

In Christ's Hope,

Pastor Alex Zuber





Congratulations!!! Grace has a **new Pastor** with 100% approval for the Call and 100% approval for the compensation package. We are all very excited as Grace moves forward on this path. Please keep this information confidential for a while longer for a couple of more weeks.



Name Tags will remain in the back of the sanctuary. We hope you will use them and return them to racks when you leave. This will be a huge help to our Supply Pastors as well as our new Pastor.



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.

**Monday**

Proverbs 10:1-12
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Matthew 12:22-32
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82

Tuesday

Proverbs 15:16-33
1 Timothy 1:18—2:15
Matthew 12:33-42
Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Proverbs 17:1-20
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Matthew 12:43-50
Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1

Thursday

Proverbs 21:30—22:6
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Matthew 13:24-30
Morning Psalm 97, Evening 16

Friday

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2
1 Timothy 5:17-22
Matthew 13:31-35
Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

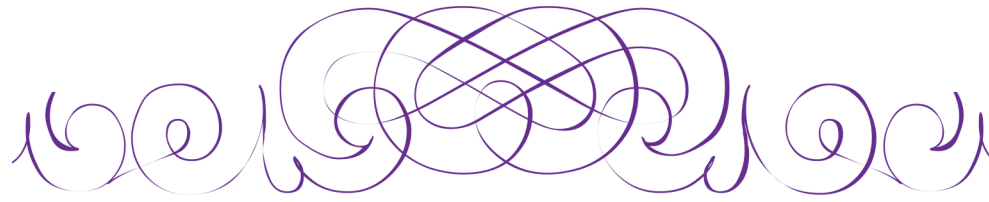
Saturday

Proverbs 25:15-28
1 Timothy 6:6-21
Matthew 13:36-43
Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138



Life of Grace Church
May 31-June 7, 2026

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting, etc.
Sunday	06/07	10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word Eric Hilker, Presiding and Preaching
Monday	06/08		<i>Hiker Ministry</i>
Tuesday	06/09		<i>Hiker Ministry</i>
Wednesday	06/10	6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Hiker Ministry</i> Yoga (Seminar Room) Community Meal
Thursday	06/11	12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Hiker Ministry</i> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Council (Conference Room)
Friday	06/12		<i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Hiker Ministry</i>
Saturday	06/13	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<i>Hiker Ministry</i> VMA Board (Conference Room) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	06/14	10:00 a.m.	 Third Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word Rev. Sandy Wisco Presiding and Preaching



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