



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026

Pastor Alex Zuber

*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

Congregational responses are in bold print

Welcome

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue “Welcome to Grace” cards found in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. You are encouraged to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this bulletin. Portions of worship in **bold print** are to be spoken by the whole congregation.



Accessibility

We want to ensure that all who gather for worship feel welcome and know that you have a place at Grace, just as you are. We stand for portions of our worship service, but the invitation is always to stand “as you are comfortable”. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.** Additionally, for a variety of reasons, individuals may choose to participate in communion by using Gluten Free Communion Wafers and/or Grape Juice, which are available on the table in the center of the aisle as you come forward.

Our Worship

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Revised Common Lectionary (a three-year cycle of scripture readings appointed for each day), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

Worship will be livestreamed. Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with our live-stream allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the Sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex Zuber.

Other Notes

Restrooms are located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

Children are fully welcome in worship. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary, to the right as you face the rear of the church, and we have a **nursery** down the hall to the left as you face the rear of the church if you would like a place to step out and reset. But rest assured, we would rather a child be here making the sounds that children make than absent from our community. As much as we value music in our community, there is no sweeter hymn that will be sung than the sounds of children being present, learning the pattern of worship, and hearing the gospel!

GATHERING

We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God's people to worship. In this first part of our worship, we share together honestly – our sins in confession, our joy in forgiveness, our gratitude for the gift of Baptism.

PRELUDE

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

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand and face the baptismal font. 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 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." In the name of God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of six systems of music. The first system is the Refrain, which is repeated. The second system continues the Refrain. The third system is the end of the Refrain. The fourth system is the first verse, which is repeated three times. The fifth system is the second verse, which is repeated three times. The sixth system is the Refrain, which is repeated.

Kwa - ke *Ye - su* *na -* *si - ma* *- ma,* *ndi - ye*
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba *ni* *sa - la -* *ma.* *Ndi - ye* *mwam - ba* *ni* *sa - la -*
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, *ndi - ye* *mwam - ba* *ni* *sa - la -* *ma.*
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some lines containing multiple phrases. The music is a simple, melodic hymn tune.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel-comed, here the lost are claimed,
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
gath-ered here for wor-ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro-ken lives are mend-ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for-give-ness from God's ho - ly Word,
God is here a-mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child-ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re-peat-ed; Peace! to all pro-claimed,
make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

Text and music written by Jay Beech, ©1997. Used by permission.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from 1 Kings:

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Continued

¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

¹² The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans:

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.

Continued

¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:
Glory to you O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

We sit.

CHILDREN MESSAGE/BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor Alex Zuber

SERMON

Pastor Alex Zuber

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”*

#755

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The Assisting Minister concludes the prayers:

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:
"Peace be with you."*

We sit.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered at this time to support the mission of the church and care for those in need. Our offerings are a humble and grateful response to the gifts that God has first given us. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle. If you give electronically, you can use the QR Code on this page to make your gift online through Tithely. (Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate at this time.)



We stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Refrain



Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's love en-dures for -
ev - er! Oh, give thanks! Oh, give thanks! God's
love en-dures for - ev - er!

1 With our dreams and our fears,
2 With our strength and our weak-ness,

with our joys and our pain,
with our gifts and our needs,

Refrain

we come, we come.
we come, we come.

Text and music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, based on Psalm 118
Text and music © 2007 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
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:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Continued

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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

Thanks be to God!

HOLY COMMUNION

We sit.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table! 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. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you. 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. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words:

“The body of Christ, given for you . . . The blood of Christ, shed for you.”

You may say: “Amen.”

Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Verses 1 & 2 are sung in preparation for Holy Communion

For the Healing of the World

1 Des - per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
2 Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
3 Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to

Je - sus; Wound - ed and bro - ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and

come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.

Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to

eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he

free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,

Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,

Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his

sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,

Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

Text and music by Jay Beech, ©2003. Used by permission.

Verse 3 is sung as the Post-Communion canticle

COMMUNION MUSIC: *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

#773

We stand.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
**through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.**

SENDING

Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG: *“What Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

#774

DISMISSAL

We have been renewed at the Wellspring of God's grace! Now, go in peace to live out Christ's love!

**We go to be: Open, Authentic, Relational, Serving
Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Acknowledgements

Portions of this liturgy are from Sundays and Seasons. com. Copyright 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #20403. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved

Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Pat Giesen
Altar Guild: Jim & Gloria Nelson
Assisting Minister: Donna Gum
Communion Assistants: River Smith
Council Person of Week: Peggy Caister
Offering Stewards: Pat Brady, David Proctor
Ushers: Fred Biggers, Andrew Sell



The Chancel Flowers

*today are given
to the Glory of God*

NEXT SUNDAY: AUGUST 16, 2026

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Alex Zuber, Preaching & Presiding
Isaiah 55:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28*

Prayer Requests

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)

Marc Breckenmaker, Nephew of Tami Radecke

Betty Lou Campbell, Friend of the Almarodes

Terry Crow, Sister of Cathy Crowder

Continued

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

Steve Eckstrom, Son of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

Joyce Hull, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

Rick and Dustin Holtsclaw, Friends of Eric Hilker

Jed Maddox, Nephew of Linda Tomey

Barry Quickel, Son of Quickels

Janie Robinson, Friend of Eric Hilker

Martha Thompson, Sister of Rick Bump

Cookie Wright, Friend of the Almarodes

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

Celebration for **Jed Mattox**, 11 years old, for getting his own service dog after suffering years with seizures.

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

Berenice Archambeault

Liz Ann Binns

Ron Knicely

Lee Lynch

Vivian Proctor

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

Beth Hall, Friend of Gail Johnson

Carol Haywood and her Family, Friends of the Trauschts

Maria Marston, Friend of the Dolans

Carrie Peters, Niece of Schwiesows

Trina Shipley, Friend of Donna Gum

Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

Bill Wevers, Brother of Jane Stein

Diana Ziomkowski, Friend of Goodrichs

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

Family of Charles Chittum

Family of Bishop Patricia Davenport, Friend of Pastor Alex

Family of Mike Eckman

Family of Charlie Fairchilds, Brother of BK Wilson

Family of James Greenwood, Nephew of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Members Celebrating Birthdays

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, Iran, Lebanon, 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, especially those affected by flash floods in West Virginia.

Prayers for the Church

For the mourning family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones of Bishop Patricia Davenport, the former bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and the first African American woman to be elected a bishop in the ELCA.

For the Christian church throughout the world, that it may sow peace, justice, and grace through all the earth.

For Christians in this world who suffer for their faith, and for those who suffer at the hands of the faithful.

For the Spirit to guide this season of transition at Grace with joy, understanding, and hope-filled vision. For Lutheran Border Ministries, ELCA Advocacy Team, and Lutheran World Relief.

For Pastor Tina Toburen, who begins her ministry as the new Virginia Synod Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Announcements

"Blessing of the Backpacks" - With School starting in our area on August 12th, we invite our children and educators preparing for school to bring their backpacks, work bags - or more importantly themselves – forward during worship today , so we may bless them as they prepare for a new school year. We do encourage all of our children, youth, and teachers to be a part!

Disciples Kitchen is a local ministry that provides free lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and free breakfast to the community every Saturday. Grace has been involved with helping to prepare and serve the meals for many years. We provide lunch on a Thursday approximately every other month at Second Presbyterian Church on Delphine Avenue and breakfast every 1st Saturday of every odd month at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ on S Winchester Avenue. We have been contacted to see if someone from Grace would serve on the Disciples Kitchen Board of Directors. It would be a two-year term and they meet in the afternoons. If interested or you would like more information on either Disciples Kitchen or the Board position, please contact Gwen Kite at 540 910 0508 or Linda Fields with Second Presbyterian Church at 434 361-2145 orlindabf@verizon.net. The website for Disciples Kitchen is <http://www.discipleskitchen.org>

Renewing Homes Greater Augusta Work Project - We have a Renewing Homes work project that Grace and Zion Lutheran will be teaming up to redo a deck and two sets of steps on a home at Spruce Avenue in Waynesboro on Thursday and Friday, August 27 and 28, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day. As with past Renewing Homes projects, they provide the team leader and the building supplies. If you are interested in helping or have question, please contact Jerry Kite, 540-910-0508. We hope to have a team of seven (7) or eight (8) for this project.

Order a "God's Work, Our Hands." T-Shirt—These vibrant shirts are great to wear while we are out in the community serving together, especially for events like "Rise Against Hunger" On September 19. Shirts will be customized to say “Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, VA” on the back. **We must order by August 20th** to ensure we receive our shirts in time for the "God's Work, Our Hands. Service Project" on September 19th. There is an order form on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you order a shirt, please place a check for \$15 in the offering plate with “God's Work. Our Hands. Shirt” in the memo line, or use an envelope with cash noting the same.

Announcements Continued

This year's **God's Work, Our Hands service project** will be the **Rise Against Hunger** event held at Kate Collins Middle School on Saturday, **September 19**, from 10:30 to 12:30. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table starting in August. This is a fun event and we are expecting to have 14 or more area churches joining us this year. The meals we pack go to help with global hunger relief. If you need additional information or questions about the event, please contact Jerry or Gwen Kite. We are encouraged to sign up on line. The web link will be on the table with the sign-up sheet.

You are invited to a Service of Holy Communion with the Order of **Installation for The Rev. Alexander C. Zuber as the 21st Pastor of Grace** on Sunday, September 20! The service starts at 5:00 p.m. and will celebrate the ministry of Grace, look with hope to our shared future, and give thanks to God for the mission we share. The service will be followed by a dinner reception in the Fellowship Hall, and all are welcome to join us. Join us for this faithful celebration with special music, joyful worship, and fellowship with all our partners in ministry. The service will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel and a link will be provided.

The 2026 Crop Walk will take place Sunday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m. starting at North Park. Our Grace fundraising page is now active at <http://events.crophungerwalk.org> and our team name is Grace Lutheran Waynesboro. You can also sign up to walk on our team page. The local Walk planning team would like to invite everyone this year, not just team captains, to the kickoff rally on Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal. We will have information on the three local hunger organizations that will receive some of the local donations, as well as a presentation by a staff member of Church World Service. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.

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 5,681 pounds of food (we have made fifty-nine deliveries, twenty-nine to Main Street United Methodist, and thirty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. 63 pounds of diapers have been delivered to Calvary United Methodist. In addition, 50 pounds of condiments have been delivered to the Bread Basket.

LIFE OF GRACE CHURCH, AUGUST 10-16, 2026

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event, Meeting, Etc.
Sunday	08/09	10:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word and Holy Communion Pastor Alex Zuber, Presiding and Preaching Blessing of the Back Packs
Monday	08/10		
Tuesday	08/11		
			<i>First Day of School</i>
Wednesday	08/12	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
		6:00 p.m.	Community Meal
		9:00—11:00 a.m.	Coffee Chats (Happ Coffee)
Thursday	08/13	12:00 p.m.	Bridge Club
		7:00 p.m.	Council (Conference Room)
Friday	08/14		
Saturday	08/15	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	08/16	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word and Holy Communion Pastor Alex Zuber, Presiding and Preaching

Daily Lectionary

Monday Joshua 24:16-33 Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 27:24-31 Morning Psalm 135, Evening 97	Thursday Judges 4:4-23 Acts 1:15-26 Matthew 27:55-66 Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80
Tuesday Judges 2:15, 11-23 Romans 16:17-27 Matthew 27:32-44 Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30	Friday Judges 5:1-18 Acts 2:1-21 Matthew 28:1-10 Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32
Wednesday Judges 3:12-30 Acts 1:1-14 Matthew 27:45-54 Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48	Saturday Judges 5:19-31 Acts 2:22-36 Matthew 28:11-20 Morning Psalm 56, Evening 118

About our Worship...

Confession and Forgiveness: ✝ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins, but no one should feel compelled. Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism. We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace

Gathering Hymn: We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship and this hymn sets the tone for the day.

Kyrie: The Kyrie is an ancient piece of service liturgy that may date back to the second century. Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord have mercy" and is in reference to both New and Old Testament scriptures which use the same words and pattern.

Prayer of the Day: The Prayer of the Day collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

Readings and Psalm: Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators. The scripture readings follow a three-year cycle, called a lectionary. We are connected with other Christians all over the world, in many denominations, reading the same texts. The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith. We stand during the gospel because we believe our Lord is present with us in the reading.

Continued

Hymn of the Day: This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

Nicene & Apostles' Creeds: The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4th century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true. The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" means simply worldwide or universal.

Prayers: We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at his/ her invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

Peace: Much more than a pleasant greeting — we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace to one another.

Offering: Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

Offering Song: This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy: The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal. The "Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God's presence: "Blessed is He..."

Eucharistic Prayer: Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks. These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture: 1Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-29, Luke 22:15-20.

The Lord's Prayer: Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

Communion: The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense. All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

Recessional Hymn: We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

Blessing: In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel. It reaffirms our mission and reminds us that if we are to be a Wellspring of Grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal — the means of grace God has given to us.

Grace Church Council

Allison Fink (540-448-0985), President
Jim Nelson (434-826-8923), Vice-President
Linda Meyer (540-256-2277), Secretary
Peggy Caister (434-964-7461)
Gail Johnson (540-241-4502)
Jerry Kite (540-910-3372)
River Smith (540-239-5290)
Kate Van Bremen (614-746-4792)
BK Wilson (540-325-9529)
Donna Yobs (650-248-4882)
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



Grace Church Staff

Pastor Alex Zuber

Email: pastorzuber@gmail.com

Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music

Email: mickhdking@aol.com

Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Email: Grace.lc@comcast.net

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Closed 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday

facebook.com/gelc.elca youtube.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranChurchWaynesboro

www.gracelutheranwaynesboro.org

Email: Grace.lc@comcast.net

Telephone: 540.949.6171