

THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus."

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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.

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.

Have mercy
on me, *God,*
according to your
steadfast *love.*



Psalms 51:1, NRSV

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.

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



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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah:

- ¹ Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.
- ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—
- ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
- ⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
² **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans:

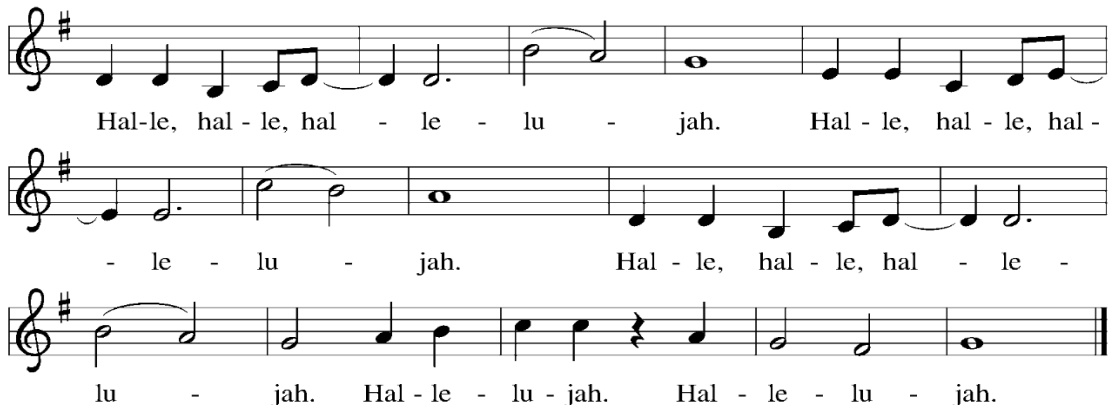
¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also, they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

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

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

We sit.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Alex Zuber

SERMON

Pastor Alex Zuber

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “In Christ, There is no East Nor West”

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APOSTLES' 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.**

The Apostles' + Creed +

**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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's 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, come, we come. come.
 we come, come, we come. come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

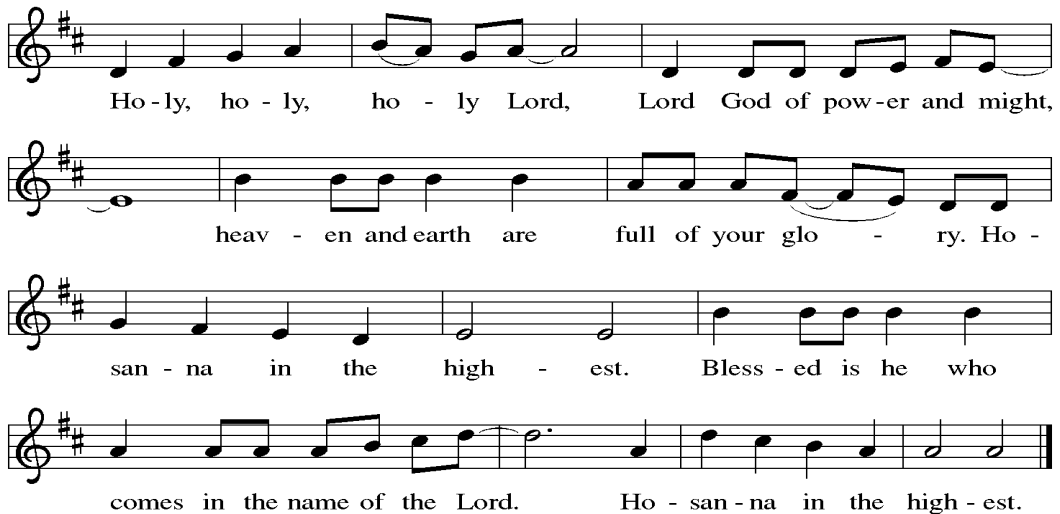
Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

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:



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.

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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

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.



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?



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Verse 3 is sung as the Post-Communion canticle

COMMUNION MUSIC: "One Bread, One Body"

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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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.



Sending Song: *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

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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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Altar Flowers: Jim & Mary Huerth

Altar Guild: Gigi Werner Winslow

Assisting Minister: Cathy Crowder

Communion Assistants: Robin Crowder, Andrew Sell

Council Person of Week: Allison Fink

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady, Robin Crowder

Ushers: Jack Eckstrom, Jim Nelson



THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

*today are given
to the Glory of God and
the memory of
Jean & Larry Huerth
and
Roy & Bernadette Reid*

NEXT SUNDAY: AUGUST 23, 2026

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Alex Zuber, Preaching & Presiding*

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

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)

Betty Lou Campbell, Friend of the Almarodes

Dee Ann Daniels, Friend of Karen Walck

Steve Eckstrom, Son of Jack and Antoinette Eckstrom

PRAYER REQUEST FOR RELATIVES/FRIENDS CONTINUED (REMAIN ON LIST FOR FOUR (4) WEEKS)

Josh Horn, Friend of the Trauschts

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*)

Janet Forbes, Aunt of Ron Almarode

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

Pam Sonner, Friend of the Schwiesows

Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

Bill Wevers, Brother of Jane Stein

Diana Ziomkowski, Friend of Goodrichs

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MEMBERS/FRIENDS GRIEVING *(REMAIN ON LIST FOR FOUR (4) WEEKS*)*

Marc Breckenmaker, Nephew of Tami Radecke

Family of Camden Callahan, Friends of Andrew Sell

Family of Charles Chittum

Family of Bishop Patricia Davenport, Friend of Pastor Alex

Family of Charlie Fairchilds, Brother of BK Wilson

Family of James Greenwood, Nephew of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Members Celebrating Birthdays

David Proctor (8/9)

Rachel Hilker (8/11)

Cathy Firkin (8/16)



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.

Prayers for our Community

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

For all students, teachers, and staff in Waynesboro City and August County as they begin a new school year.

For WARM as they begin their search for a new Executive Director, and for Alec Gunn as we give thanks for the faithful work he has done in this role.

Prayers for the Church

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

For the Spirit to guide this season of transition at Grace with joy, understanding, and hope-filled vision.

For the congregations of the Virginia Synod, especially Bethany Lutheran Church in Lexington, and Pastor James Youngblood. (see announcement on page 22)

 IN OUR 
Thoughts and Prayers

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Special thanks to Russell Blackburn, who is serving Grace as Organist while Mike Myers' is away, will be at Grace August 16th through September 18th. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents Russell!

Celebration of New Ministry for Father Tom--Wednesday, **August 26th** @ 7:00 p.m. Bishop Karin MacPhail will be @ St. John's to celebrate! In July of 2025, after two years as Deacon and Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Tom DuMontier became Rector at St. John's. A Rector is usually installed at a service led by the Bishop of the diocese. In the absence of a Bishop, we were not able to have the service last year. Now we have Bishop Karin and will gather to celebrate and install Tom as our Rector! Join us & celebrate! All are welcome! Bring a friend!



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.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



Lutheran congregations across the state, nation, and world, beginning today we will take the opportunity to pray for our siblings of faith. Each week, we will lift up a congregation of the Virginia Synod and their active minister(s) by name, beginning with our nearest neighbors in the Southern Valley Conference. The word "synod" is Greek for "on the way together" and our prayers remind us who walks this faithful road with us each week.



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 on Sunday, **September 20**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at North Park. The walk route is along the Greenway. Walkers are needed for our Grace Team. Register to walk and/or make a donation to our team at www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesboro. Our team name is Grace Lutheran Waynesboro. The team goal is to raise \$1,800 and the goal for all teams is \$20,000. Twenty-five percent of all local money raised stays here in the community, split between Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Disciples' Kitchen and VPAS Meals on Wheels. The remaining money raised goes to support the work of Church World Service. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Walck at 765-480-9920.



A new Giving Type has been added to Tithe.ly - "Church Purchases (not tax deductible)". Use this option to make payments toward the cost of materials or items provided by the church, such as event T-shirts, books, devotionals, flowers, or other resources. Please use the memo section to specify the intent of the purchase. Payments made through this category are not considered charitable contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED



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 16-23, 2026

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event, Meeting, Etc.
Sunday	08/16	10:00 a.m.	Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost Service of the Word and Holy Communion Pastor Alex Zuber, Presiding and Preaching
Monday	08/17		
Tuesday	08/18		
Wednesday	08/19	6:00 p.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
		6:00 p.m.	Community Meal
Thursday	08/20	9:00—11:00 a.m.	Coffee Chats (Happ Coffee)
		12:00 p.m.	Bridge Club
Friday	08/21		 Office Closed Today
Saturday	08/22	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	08/23		Thirteenth 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

Tuesday

Judges 2:15, 11-23
Romans 16:17-27
Matthew 27:32-44
Morning Psalm 123, Evening 30

Wednesday

Judges 3:12-30
Acts 1:1-14
Matthew 27:45-54
Morning Psalm 15, Evening 48

Thursday

Judges 4:4-23
Acts 1:15-26
Matthew 27:55-66
Morning Psalm 36, Evening 80

Friday

Judges 5:1-18
Acts 2:1-21
Matthew 28:1-10
Morning Psalm 130, Evening 32

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.

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 their 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.

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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.

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