

“Grace Greetings”

May 2024



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Grace Lutheran—a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.



Grace Lutheran Church

A worshipping community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

What are the practices for remembering baptism?

We are baptized once, but every Sunday, we are reminded of our baptism. Every day we live out our baptismal callings. To quote Luther’s frequently asked question, “what does this mean?” What does it mean to “remember baptism?”

Background

We remember baptism in our daily life and in our worship life. This entry will focus on the second dimension, remembering baptism in worship. For more on baptism and daily life, see the resource list below.

In the *Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship: The Christian Life*, the authors lift up the centrality of baptism in worship:

As an expression of its central place in the life of the Christian community, baptism has a natural home within the pattern of the assembly’s worship. Because we understand baptism as the wellspring of Christian living, we can see significant parallels between the celebration of baptism and the pattern for Christian Worship” (p. 49).

By meeting together as an assembly of believers, we are, in a very real sense, remembering our baptism. What are some specific opportunities for such remembrance? We’ll consider this by looking at the four parts of the worship service: Gathering, Word, Meal and Sending.

Practice: Baptism in the Pattern of Worship

Gathering

- **Confession and Forgiveness.** This option for gathering is centered in our baptism, in dying to sin and being made alive in Christ. “Absolution is a speaking and hearing of the Word of God and a return to Baptism” (*The Use of the Means of Grace*, Application 12A). The presiding minister may lead this element from the font, making visible its baptismal resonance.
- **Thanksgiving for Baptism.** An alternative option especially suited to the Easter season. (See *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 97; *Leaders Desk edition*, p. 18)

Word

- **Preaching and song.** Pastors and musicians wisely make connections between scripture and our baptismal life through the words we hear and sing.
- **Apostles’ or Nicene Creed.** We declare the faith begun in our baptism through the reciting of the creed.
- **Prayers of Intercession.** These prayers include petitions for the recently baptized or those to be baptized. When we pray for others, we are living out our baptism as a community in Christ.

Meal

- Baptism leads to Holy Communion. “Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized” (*The Use of the Means of Grace*, Principle 37).
- Since Communion is given to the baptized, some congregations have the

practice of communing infants and young children. (See [“At what age do congregation members receive their First Communion?”](#))

Sending

- The sending rite links our baptism in worship to baptism in our daily life. In baptism, we are welcomed to join the assembly in “bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to the world” (Holy Baptism, ELW p. 231). Announcing the dismissal from the font visibly connects worship with our Christian witness.
- The Affirmation of Christian Vocation (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 84; *Leaders’ Desk Edition*, p. 155) sends us forth from worship with a renewed sense of call to Christ’s mission (See *The Use of the Means of Grace*, Principle 52). This document on word and sacramental practices continues:

Baptism and baptismal catechesis join the baptized to the mission of Christ...In the teaching and practice of congregations, the missional intentions for the means of grace needs to be recalled. By God’s gift, the Word and the sacraments are set in the midst of the world, for the life of the world (*The Use of the Means of Grace*, 51A/B).

For baptismal echoes at other times and in other occasions, see *The Christian Life* (pp. 35-40).

This is a partial reprint of “What are the practices for remembering and affirming baptism” from the ELCA Worship FAQ:

<https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/>

[What are the practices for remembering and affirming baptism.pdf](#)

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May 1	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
May 5	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship Hour
May 6	9am	Food Pantry
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
May 7	10am	Threaders
	7pm	Council (Zoom)
May 8	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
May 9		ASCENSION
May 11	9am	Blood Drive
May 12	9am	Sunday School
	10am	Combined Worship
	11:30am	Craft Group
May 13	9am	Food Pantry
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
May 14	10am	Threaders
May 15	Noon	Ladies Lunch Out
	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
May 18	8am	Men’s Group
May 19		PENTECOST
	9am	Combined Worship
	10:30am	“Wrap Your Crap” Bingo
May 20	9am	Food Pantry
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
May 21	10am	Threaders
May 22	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)
May 26	9am	Combined Worship
May 27		Memorial Day
		Food Pantry CLOSED
		Office CLOSED
May 28	10am	Threaders
May 29	6:30pm	Potluck Dinner
	7pm	Bible Study (Hybrid)



Sunday School

Sundays, May 5 & 12 at 9am

- The **Elementary School Class** meets in Classroom #1.
- The **Middle & High School Class** meets in the Youth Room.
- The **Adult Sunday School Class** meets in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

Starting on Sunday, May 19, Sunday School will be on hiatus for the summer.



Threaders

Tuesdays at 10am

The Threaders meet on Tuesdays at 10am to make walker bags for people throughout our community. There are jobs for various skill levels: sewing machine operator, button sewer, iron operator, etc. Questions? Contact Jane Jennings or Peggy Barry.

Hybrid WORSHIP

COMING SOON: SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Sundays, May 5 & 12 at 10am

Sundays, May 19 & 26 at 9am

Starting Sunday, May 19th, Sunday School will be on hiatus for the summer and worship will be at 9am.

Join us on site or online. Zoom log-in information is available at

www.gracelutheranchesapeake.org/news--upcoming-events.



Potluck & Bible Study (Hybrid)

Wednesday Evenings

Potluck @ 6:30 & Study @ 7pm

- Join via your smartphone/tablet/ computer by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/621600567?pwd=OHhZWUFlc0FIQit0MjN5c0lEcjNtQT09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via your regular phone, by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 621 600 567 and Passcode: 672531.



Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 6, 13, and 20 at 7pm

New ringers welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Morgan.

The Bell Choir will be on hiatus for the summer starting on May 27.



Fellowship Hour

Sunday, May 5th after worship (~11:30am)

We will gather each first Sunday of the month after worship for a fellowship hour in honor of the birthdays and anniversaries of

that month. We need volunteers to help provide refreshments each month. Please contact Faith Longworth to get involved.

Grace happens Council Meeting

Council Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 7 at 7pm

- Join via computer/smartphone/tablet by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87468766112?pwd=Z3VnL2RyVkRKdXhRFFWT2E0ZlcrZz09> (Passcode: Grace).
- Join via phone by calling 646-558-8656 and entering the Meeting ID: 874 6876 6112 and Passcode: 740742.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Saturday, May 11th, 9am-1pm

in the Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall

To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: GraceLutheran.



Craft Group

Sunday, May 12 after worship (~11:30am)

Calling all knitters, stitchers, scrapbookers, etc.—let's get together and work on our projects. Bring a bag lunch and meet in the

Fellowship Hall after worship. Any questions, contact Sandra Fraenkel. This will be the last gathering before a summer hiatus!



Ladies Lunch Out

**Wednesday, May 15 at Noon
at Olive Garden**

(1631 Ring Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23320)

Join the ladies of GLC for fellowship & food. Please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, May 12th.

Upcoming Dates & Locations:

- June 19, 2024—Black Pelican
 - July 17, 202—Outback
 - August 21, 2024—TBA
- September 18, 2024—Freemason Abby
- October 16, 2024—Lucita's Pupuseria
- November 20, 2024—Sunrise Pizzeria

Wear Red for Pentecost

Sunday, May 19 at 9am

Join us for worship at 9am (on site or online) to celebrate the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit!



"Wrap Your Crap" Bingo

Sunday, May 19 after worship (~10:30am)

Come play Bingo with a twist. Bring a snack or dessert to share, your own lunch, and a

wrapped “prize” (preferably something from around your house you are ready to get rid of). Bingo will continue until all the “gifts” are gone. If you have any questions, please see Gretchen Stoll.

May Outreach Project

During the last few weeks of April and the first few weeks of May, Sandra Fraenkel will be coordinating an outreach project which will benefit some local schools in honor of **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10)**. Stay tuned for more details. If you would like to get involved, please contact Sandra directly.



Lawn Care Volunteers Needed

The mowing season is here and we need your help to care for the lawn at church! Please sign up to help with lawn care by clicking the link: <http://tinyurl.com/2024Lawn> Information about lawn care procedures can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/lawncareinstructions22>. If you have further questions, please contact Fred Schleede.

Welcome Our New Members

The Cormacks (Toni, Mark, Teagan, and Mia) are finally in their forever state. Their journey has taken them to many places. Toni is a military wife and mother. Mark is stationed in Great Lakes, IL. Rebecca and Hunter Headings are their extended family. Rebecca and Toni have been friends for over 15 years, and it was Rebecca who introduced the family to Grace Lutheran. They love being part of the community of Grace that gives so much to those in need. They are so thankful for everyone being so welcoming and accepting.

2024 Congregational Council



David Cooper
President



Brandon Breitsprecher
Vice President



Beth Woodard
Secretary



Walt Anderson



Tom Casey



Debbie Dougherty



Faith Longworth



Bob Masters



Fred Schleede

From the Council

Greetings from the GLC Council! I hope everyone is enjoying the spring and not suffering too much from the allergies if you are like me and have them. There has been a lot that has happened this past month. The congregation voted to authorize the Council to spend up to \$15,000 for a new HVAC unit for classrooms 1 and 2. The contractor has been selected and they are waiting for the unit to arrive to install it. This new unit will ensure that the Education Wing will be available for use, however that looks, far into the future. The Spring Flea Market went off amazingly on April 13th. The Flea Market brought in \$1,655, which will be split between the Growing in Grace Building Fund and the HER Shelter. Thank you to all that were involved and who came out to support. Looking ahead, this summer Sunday service will be at 9am starting on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th as Sunday School will be on hiatus until after Labor Day. As always if you have any questions or input, please reach out to anyone on Council.

God's Peace,
David Cooper
2024 Council President

THANK YOU for your generous financial support of God's mission!

In **March 2024**, Grace Lutheran received **\$15,245.70** in giving to the General Fund. Because of your generosity, we were able to:

- Gather for a monthly fellowship hour
- Gather for Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays in Lent
- Support Pastor Leslie as she serves on the VA Synod Council
- Have a supply preacher/presider when Pastor Leslie is off since she is now only three-quarter time
- Celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm/Passion Sunday
- Gather for worship on site and online on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
- Enjoy a potluck breakfast, egg hunt, and worship on Easter Sunday
- Welcome Olivia Grace Cooper into the family of God at her Baptism

(to name just a few) with **\$15,713.01** of expenses and generous gifts of time and talent.

Year to date (through March 31st), we have received \$48,301.17 for the General Fund and have had \$49,507.22 in expenses from the General Fund. The balance of the General Fund (as of March 31st) is \$45,684.13.



LGBTQIA+ Tapestry Thread

Welcoming & Affirming:
Supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth in our Families & Synod

May 6, 13, 20, and June 3
7pm - Zoom



Welcoming & Affirming: Supporting LGBTQIA+ Youth in our Families & Synod
On May 6, 13, 20, and June 3 at 7pm on Zoom

Why does language matter so much to LGBTQIA+ teens?

How can families celebrate milestones in the lives of their LGBTQIA+ teens?

How can I create a culture of affirmation in my church?

The Tapestry Team's LGBTQIA+ Thread will explore these questions and more in their book study on [Welcoming and Affirming: A Guide to Supporting with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth](#). This is for parents, guardians, rostered ministers, youth leaders, grandparents, and anyone who wants to learn how to better love and care for the LGBTQIA+ teens in their lives.

The study will be facilitated by George Donovan, Tapestry Co-chair, and Pastor Colleen Montgomery, [All Places Together](#) & Director for Digital Ministries - Virginia Synod, along with other voices from the LGBTQIA+ community as well. Each session will include a devotion, time for questions from participants, storytelling from LGBTQIA+ Lutherans in Virginia, and brainstorming of practical steps to care for our youth.

While participants do not have to attend every session, the content and discussion will build. In order to honor the stories and vulnerability of participants, the sessions will



WE ARE HIRING

NURSERY ATTENDANT

- SUNDAY MORNINGS
- AVERAGE 3 HOURS/WEEK
- \$15/HOUR

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EMAIL RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO
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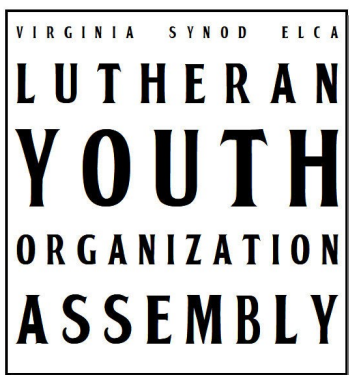


not be recorded.

Here's the reading schedule for the series.

- **May 6—Week 1:** Foreword - What Does It Mean to Transition? Pages 8-54
- **May 13—Week 2:** How Do I Know If a Student Is Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? - Am I the Best Resource? Pages 55-103
- **May 20—Week 3:** Celebrating Milestones in the Lives of LGBTQ+ Teenagers - What If There Are No Queer Students in My Group? Pages 104-152
- **June 3—Week 4:** How Do I Recognize and Confront Religious Abuse? - What Else Do I Need to Know? Pages 152-18

Register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vwHeTGMpEgi9svtHO61OPx_Oel6y5HfO_vfg5euOrll/viewform?edit_requested=true



VA Synod Youth Assembly

Saturday, May 25, 2024

from 9:30am-3:30pm

The Virginia Synod and the Synod's Lutheran Youth Organization Board will be offering our Youth Assembly **for 7-12 graders** and adults who come with them on Saturday, May 25, 2024, **from 9:30 am-3:30 pm!** The event will allow youth to gather at one of four places around the synod and be linked via Zoom for our workshop, singing, and discussions! Our four locations are:

- Christ the King, Richmond
- College, Salem
- Muhlenberg, Harrisonburg
- Trinity, Newport News

More information will be coming soon. Let Pastor Leslie know if you would like to attend.



Kairos

June 23-28

(Sunday evening to Friday noon)

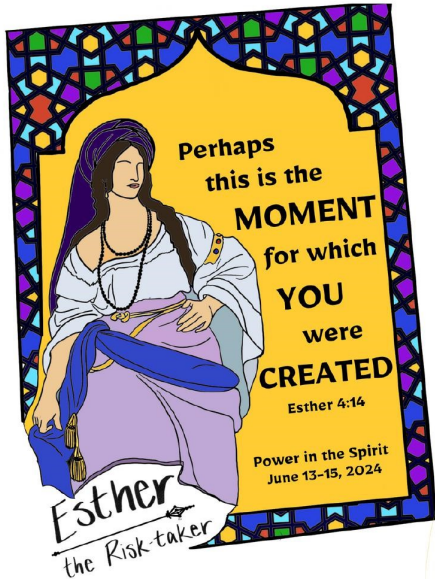
Kairos is our summertime, week-long faith-sharing event for youth who will be in **9th-12th grades in the fall**. It is held at **Roanoke College in Salem, VA** and is especially for young people who are already committed to a life of faith to be part of a unique Christian community for an entire week, to have a fresh experience of the grace and presence of God in that community, and to develop habits for discipleship that can be taken home as they live out their baptismal call to be followers of Jesus. Kairos is different from our weekend events in that congregations do not send advisors with youth; the event staff serves as small group leaders and dorm advisors for the week. We enjoy lots of singing and skits and fun and friend-making, prayers, and worship, plus participants gather in small groups that meet throughout the week. There are so many beloved features of Kairos: event theme t-shirts, Open Talent Mic Show, faith testimonies, comic relief, reflection time, prayer stations, speed friending, t-shirt fashion show, and more!

("Kairos" is the New Testament Greek word for "special time." It is used whenever God's people want to talk about a time of change, of renewal, of God's special work in the believer and the community.)

More information is available at <https://vasynod.org/event/kairos/>. Let Pastor Leslie know if you would like to attend.

POWER IN THE SPIRIT

JUNE 13-15, 2024



"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." (Esther 4.14 NRSV)

The story of Esther is one of God's faithful presence, deliverance from oppression, and bold service to the neighbor. God calls Esther - a Jewish queen in a foreign land - to join in God's plan to save God's people. God gifts Esther with leadership, strengthens her in those gifts, and calls her to take risks - all for the sake of her own safety and that of her people. Like Esther, we can be assured of God's holy presence and deliverance. Like Esther, we can choose to act for the deliverance of others.

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for people of all ages who wish to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, games, and fellowship. In addition, congregational leaders—teachers, organists and choir directors, choir members, committee or council members, family life consultants, deacons, pastors, and others—will find Power in the Spirit nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.



The Rev. CeCee Mills
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Rev. Heidi Neumark
BIBLE STUDY LEADER



Michael Benschish
MUSICIAN



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CAROLINE FURNACE

Camp & Retreat

Summer 2024: Created to Be!

	Entering Grades 1-3	Entering Grades 4-6	Entering Grades 7-9 and 9-12	16 & 17 Years Old	Other
Week One June 16-21	Explorer	Classic	Classic		Confirmation Camp
Week Two June 23-28	Explorer + (2nd - 3rd Grade)	H2O Adventure	Shenandoah River	LIT! Phase 1	
		Horse	Classic		
Week Three June 30-July 5	Off-Site Programming			LIT! Phase 1	
Week Four July 7 - 12		Environmental	H2O Adventure	LIT! Phase 2	Volunteer Work Week
		Acoustic	Acoustic		
2 Week Camp July 7 - 19		Elementary Adventure	High Adventure		
Week Five July 14 - 19	Explorer	Air Adventure	Classic	LIT! Phase 2	Youth Group Service & Fun
Week Six July 21 - 26	Explorer	Culinary	Air Adventure	LIT! Phase 2	
		Horse			
Week Seven July 28 - Aug 2		Hammock	Horse Camp	LIT! Phase 2	
		Classic			
Week Eight Aug 4 -9	Explorer	Outdoor Living	Night Hammock	LIT! Phase 2	Family Camp
					Adult Camp

Confirmation Camp and Youth Group Service and Fun: Contact your pastor or youth leader.
 Half Week Options available for: Work Week, Family Camp, Adult Camp and Explorer Camp Weeks
 Questions? summercamp@carolinefurnace.org

NOTE: Pastor Leslie and family will be attending Week 8 Family Camp!

Volunteer Work Week

Join us for the whole week, a few days or just a day! All that choose to spare their time will be compensated with free lodging, and meals! Help us prepare for the upcoming summer camp season.

July 7th-12th, 2024

Giving Back Golf Tournament

Play it forward with our annual Giving Back Golf Tournament. It'll be an amazing day filled with fun, networking, and of course lots of golfing. It's your chance to give back and make a difference.

September 6th-7th, 2024

More information at www.CarolineFurnace.org

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

- May 1 Traycie West-Pinkoski
- May 4 Caleb Weber
- May 8 Hadley Solomon
- May 9 Randy Scanlon
- May 11 Walt Anderson
- May 14 Joyce Angeli
Kamari Bennett
- May 15 Vickie Graif
- May 16 Steve Springsteen
- May 21 Rhealeigh Lizan
- May 30 Rey Lizan



- May 5 Sharon Chamberlin
- May 8 Kurt & Faith Longsworth
- May 21 Chuck & Susan Graham
- May 31 Alex & Beth Cloud

To add/correct any birthdays or anniversaries. Please email

Secretary@GraceLutheranChesapeake.org

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Pastor Leslie if you are in need of a pastoral care, hospital, or Communion visit.

PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Our Members

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Walt Anderson | Faith Longsworth |
| Elaine Babb | Charlotte Maurer |
| Suzanne Bergsten | David Pritchard |
| Jan Howell | Monique Schroeder |
| Leonora Jones | The Shalibo Family |
| Jack Justice | Rose Mary Sidam |
| Sharon Justice | Steve Urps |
| Betty Keefer | Ted Van Horn |
| The Kilian Family | Annabelle Wolfe |

We Pray for Our Friends

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bill Babb | Nano Masters |
| Richard Bowell | Katie Milliner |
| Sarita Bowell | Patricia Petro |
| Laura Braugh | Stephan Pleli |
| Madison Garriott | Tommy Reeck |
| Jenell Gordon | Lisa Sanders |
| Lettie Groshel | Kathy Siaam |
| Jax Hockenberry | Rosemary Skinner |
| Brian Hubert | Larry Smith |
| Chris Jones | Kristen Spawn |
| Henry Kappes Jr | Karen Stratton |
| Rachael Kramm | Samantha Strother |
| Murray Leffers Jr | Carolyn Swank |
| Bill Manke | Tim Theis |

- The Military & their Families
- Our Food Pantry Clients
- ELCA Missionaries & YAGM students
- All who mourn

In a effort to keep the prayer list up to date, please update Pastor Leslie monthly regarding your friends/family on the list.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2024						
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Hour	6 9am Food Pantry 7pm Bell Choir	7 10am Threaders 7pm Council (Zoom)	8 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	9 ASCENSION Office CLOSED 8pm AA	10	11 9am-1pm Red Cross Blood Drive
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:30am Craft Group	13 9am Food Pantry 7pm Bell Choir	14 10am Threaders	15 Noon Ladies Lunch 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	16 Office CLOSED 8pm AA	17	18 10am GS Troop 490
19 PENTECOST 9am Worship 10:30am "Wrap Your Crap" Bingo	20 9am Food Pantry 7pm Bell Choir	21 10am Threaders 7pm Good Mourning	22 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	23 Office CLOSED 8pm AA	24	25
26 9am Worship	27 Memorial Day Food Pantry CLOSED Office CLOSED	28 10am Threaders 6:30pm American Sewing Guild	29 6:30pm Potluck 7pm Bible Study (Hybrid)	30 Office CLOSED 8pm AA	31	