



To Glorify God,  
To Grow in Faith  
To Give in Service  
Together in Christ

Grace Lutheran Church  
June 7<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Sunday

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Welcome to Grace! We are not yet able to gather in person for worship, but we have begun conversations about when and how we will do so. Please reflect with us by returning the survey sent to your home with the Parish News and also sent out by email. Deadline for return: June 10th

**Find Grace Online**

**For Worship:**

Go online in any way (phone, tablet, computer with any browser). Go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) Search for: Grace Hatfield Services Sunday services are posted each week by noon on Saturday and will stay available. Find the lessons & prayers on Grace's website. Spread the word!

**For Sunday School: Sunday School continues!**

We're holding Sunday school by Zoom. It's so good to see each other! Contact Laura Slugg for your personal invite (pj's are ok)

**The Eternal Light Candle** is given this week to the glory of God by June Detweiler in honor of all seniors who are graduating this year.

*Let us tell of the glorious deeds of the LORD...  
the wonders he has done....*

*In daytime he led the people with a cloud [through the desert],  
and all night long with a fiery light. Psalm 78: 4, 14*

**Open Sundays** for the Eternal Light Candle: June 28 and all July Sundays. Email the church office or contact the Pastor if you are interested in a week for a dedication.

We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace Events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. Please let Pastor Peterman, or a Church Council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.



**The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA**, our denomination, is in Grace's virtual pulpit this Sunday, Trinity Sunday, as Pastor Peterman takes a few days off. She served congregations in Ohio before becoming Bishop of Northeast Ohio in 2006 and Presiding Bishop in 2013. She is in her 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Welcome!

**Pausing to Say Thanks...**



For those of you who don't know him, this is Harold Schaeffer. He's been doing the lion's share of putting together our online worship materials since we've started offering them in early April, and we wanted to pause to say thanks. Recently he's also been recording with Pastor in the sanctuary... with John Stangl's camera. John and Bonnie had done some of the recording earlier, but recently John had some neck surgery, twice, so he's out of commission, recuperating at home. A hearty thanks to them, as well, to Kevin for his musical gifts, and for the music he coordinates from others, to the lectors and production people, who have made it possible to move Grace's worship online. We are grateful. Thank you.

**Do you have tech skills?**

**Are you interested in honing your skills?**

**Do you love to surf the internet?**

**Do you have some time to spare?**

**Would you like to contribute to Grace's ongoing efforts at producing worship services online?**

When we were suddenly unable to worship in person in mid-March, we knew we couldn't just not worship AT ALL. But how to worship now when we couldn't gather in person in the sanctuary? Many churches are live-streaming, but that requires equipment we don't have, and it works better with a sizeable investment (really good quality equipment and strong internet in the space). Most often, churches that live-stream use platforms like Facebook. Many at Grace do not use Facebook.

To make a quick transition, at least to start, we chose to use the system we have already had in place for audio recordings of our service for homebound members. The sound and visual quality is generally higher and we have not needed any outlay up front for new equipment. It means that we have had to pre-record all of the pieces, and volunteers put the pieces together, in our case with Movie Maker software in Windows 10.

One task that takes a fair bit of time is finding pictures on the internet that are in the public domain (that can be used for free) to use behind the words of hymns and the psalm. Those use other software like Powerpoint.

We are looking to expand Harold's work into a small tech team. We might eventually want to **consider** the possibility of live-streaming, either with Zoom or through another platform (no going back now that we have a video online presence!) but we also know that one person can't carry all of this responsibility! Interested? Send an email to the office or to Communications Chair Bonnie Stangl (contact information on page 2), or speak with Pastor Peterman.

**Leaders in online worship this week:**

Music: Mary Catherine Reilly and Will Shaffer with Minister of Music Kevin

Lectors: Karen and Ken Seiler

Presiding: Pastor Peterman

Preaching: The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Children's Message: Jessica Moran, Director, Stepping Stones Nursery School and Day Care

Production: Harold Schaeffer; Frank and Kay Stone



### Stepping Stones set to Re-Open June 8<sup>th</sup>

Governor Wolf's order moves Montgomery County from red to yellow on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The yellow phase encourages day care centers to open to allow people to get back to work and to support the re-opening of businesses. (Stepping Stones' Nursery School program would have ended in May, so these classes will not re-open. A special online graduation is planned for the two nursery school classrooms sometime in early June.)

With the support of a Payroll Protection Program loan/grant, Stepping Stones staff was called back to work on May 11<sup>th</sup>, working mostly from home: updating student records, developing curriculum, adapting plans for the summer since most field trips that were planned can't happen, doing the work for Stars 2 (a higher level accreditation), which was already partly underway. Director Jess Moran's work has also included interpreting CDC guidelines for safety and reopening to staff and the Stepping Stones Committee. Thanks to all for their hard work!

**Bishop Patricia Davenport suggests that synodical congregations not return to in-person worship before July, and that each congregation engage in planning appropriate for their community.**

Read the Bishop's letter here:

<https://ministrylink.org/bishop-davenport-on-opening-churches/>

Grace's Worship & Music Team, staff and core leaders have been hard at work on these issues for weeks. We'll keep the congregation informed on next steps after we collate member responses from the survey.

### Member and Friend Connections

Remembering special days, you may want to send a card:

Betty Murray celebrates her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

237 Finch Drive, Souderton, PA 18964

Mama Jean Goetter's family arranged a special drive-by celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in mid-May. You may want to join in the celebration by being in touch:

109 Willow Street, Hatfield 19440

### This Week at Grace

<b>Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Trinity Sunday
	No public gatherings yet this week
<b>noon</b>	Sunday worship posted online at noon Saturday See Grace's website for the lessons & prayers <a href="https://gracelutheranhatfield.org">https://gracelutheranhatfield.org</a>
	<a href="http://www.YouTube.com">www.YouTube.com</a> Search: Grace Hatfield Services
<b>Offerings?</b>	Use the DONATE NOW button on our website. OR: Mail offerings into the office (address on 2 <sup>nd</sup> page) or drop into locked mailbox at Stepping Stones entrance. We deposit weekly.
<b>Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Stepping Stones re-opens
<b>Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Last Two Weeks

**Seventh Sunday of Easter, 5/24/20**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**Attendance:** 8am, 0 10:30am, 0

**General Fund - \$ 295.00 Capital Fund - \$ 515.00**

**Pentecost Sunday, 5/31/20**

**Attendance:** 8am, 0 10:30am, 0

**General Fund - \$1,885.00 Capital Fund - \$ 265.00**

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### Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Office Hours will resume when we can gather in person.*

*Email or call the office or Pr Peterman and we will get*

*back to you as soon as we are able.*

### Contact info

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*Pastor Peterman is out of the office through Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*Should you have an emergency that requires pastoral care*

*during that time, please call Council member Joyce Salter*

*[215-855-3045]*

*who will connect you with the Pastor on call.*

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