

June 15, 2025

The Holy Trinity



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**We welcome you to worship here at Grace!**

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.*

*Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

## GATHERING

**Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!**

### INTRODUCTION

*“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.*

### WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

### PRELUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

by Piet Post

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful God, you free us to love others, you lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, and you surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity. And yet, O Merciful God, we turn aside to our own paths, and we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**ELW #413**

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE APOSTLE’S SHIELDS

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

Now the Feast and Celebration

*white booklet #3*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE APOSTLE'S SHIELDS**

**PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

*Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.*

*Please be seated.*

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE APOSTLE'S SHIELDS****READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE APOSTLE'S SHIELDS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Holy Gospel according to John the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**REFLECTION ON THE APOSTLE'S SHIELDS** Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN**

*They Cast Their Nets*

Bulletin Insert

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**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 power of 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      *Hymn to the Trinity*      by Van Denman Thompson  
Text follows ELW Hymn #408.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**    *As the Grains of Wheat*    white booklet #10

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. *Brief silence.*

*At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "God of grace," please respond with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**      (SPOKEN) white booklet #11

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**      white booklet #12

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

**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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**COMMUNION HYMN**                      *Lamb of God*                      white booklet #14

**COMMUNION HYMNS**    *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*                      **ELW #412**

*Father Most Holy*                      **ELW #415**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew. As places open up, worshippers will fill them in so that communion is a continuous process. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing; as you kneel at the railing, cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**                      *Faith of Our Fathers*                      **ELW #812**

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.  
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Pomp and Circumstance*

by Edward Elgar

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
Thanks be to God.

*We are glad for your presence today.  
We hope you come again soon!*

**We thank all those serving in worship today:**  
**Worship Assistant: Kevin Thomas**

**The flowers sponsor this week is:** Bob Klingensmith, in memory of his father, Reverend Robert C. Klingensmith on his birthday!

**The candles, wine, and bulletins sponsor this week is:** Bettie Cross, in honor of what would be her and her husband's 72nd wedding anniversary!

**Thursday, June 19: 5:00-6:30 PM**  
**Stewardship Discussion & Brainstorming Session**  
All are welcome to attend!

**The Food Pantry needs some helping hands on**  
**Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 AM**  
for a big delivery expected from St. Joe's Food Drive!

**Remember to RSVP for**  
**the Tasting Tour of Hammonton**  
with Pastor Wendolyn on  
June 22 from 12:00-4:00 PM!



# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## June 15, 2025—June 22, 2025

### The Holy Trinity 6/15/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
8:45AM Adult Forum  
10:15AM Traditional Worship

### MONDAY 6/16/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
6:30PM Grief Support Group  
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### TUESDAY 6/17/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous  
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY 6/18/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge  
6:00PM AA Book Study  
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

### THURSDAY 6/19/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
2:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal  
**5:00PM Stewardship Brainstorming Session**  
6:00 AA 12-Step  
7:00PM Al-Anon  
**7:00PM Church Council Meeting**

### FRIDAY 6/20/25

10:30AM Grace Stitchers  
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### SATURDAY 6/21/25

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers  
**10:00AM Food Pantry Delivery from St. Joe's Food Drive**

### 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 6/22/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
8:45AM Adult Forum  
10:15AM Traditional Worship

### SHORE DINER

Present this bulletin on a Sunday and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace Lutheran Church. Present this on any other day, and we will donate 10%.

Shore Diner  
6710 Tilton Road  
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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**This week:**

Mon-Wed 10:00AM-3:00PM

**Corinne out of office Thurs & Fri**