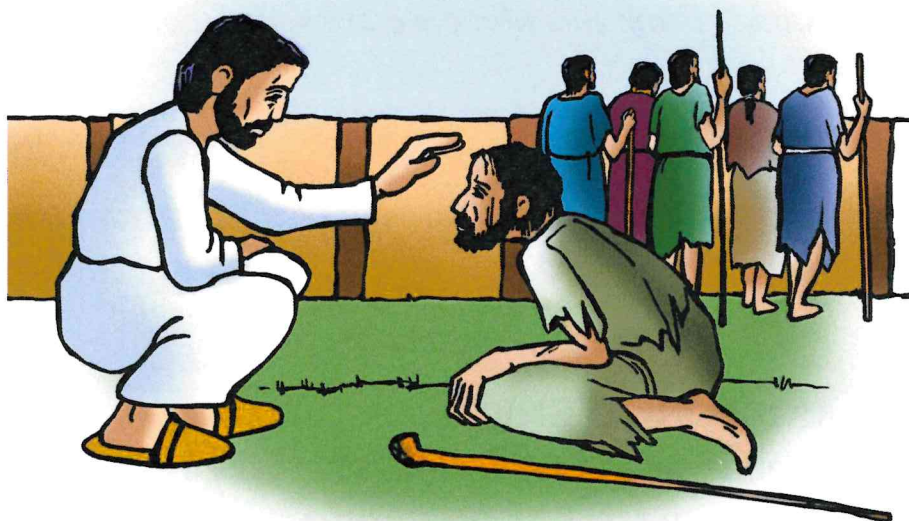


**October 12, 2025 18th Sunday After Pentecost**



## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Interim Pastor ✝ Wendolyn Trozzo, Scott J. Breiner, Music Director  
Corinne Rhodes, Administrative Assistant

**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  
red hymnal found in the pews.*

## GATHERING

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

### INTRODUCTION

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

### WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

### PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God* by Jeffrey Honoré  
by Johann Gottfried Walther

*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.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN***Voices Raised to You*

ELW #845

Verses 1, 3, 5 ALL, Verse 2 WOMEN, Verse 4 MEN

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

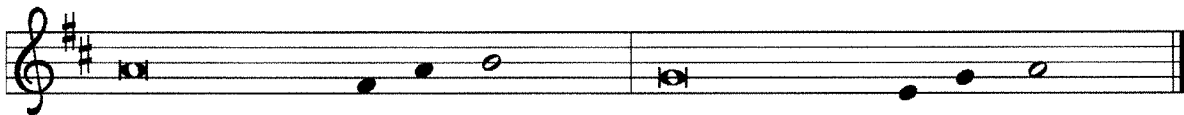
Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**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.*

**PSALM 111**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>1</sup> congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your <sup>1</sup> works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- <sup>1</sup> light in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor <sup>1</sup> mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to <sup>1</sup> be remembered;  
you are gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
remembering forev- <sup>1</sup> er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power <sup>1</sup> of your works  
in giving them the lands <sup>1</sup> of the nations.**



<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful-<sup>1</sup>ness and justice;  
all of your pre-<sup>1</sup>cepts are sure.  
<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forev-<sup>1</sup>er and ever,**  
**because they are done in<sup>1</sup> truth and equity.**  
<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove-<sup>1</sup>nant  
forever;  
holy and awesome<sup>1</sup> is your name.  
<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the begin-<sup>1</sup>ning of wisdom;**  
**all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en-<sup>1</sup>**  
**dures forever.**

**READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure

the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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 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.*



## JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

*Our monthly special noisy offering for the month of October is Somers Point Police Sunshine Fund.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*With a Voice of Singing*

by Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**    *Create in Me a Clean Heart*    **WOV #732**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for 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 "receive our prayer."*

P: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

## 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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**  
**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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**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**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Lamb of God*

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW #840

**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 container on your way to return to your pew. 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.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with**



**all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION**

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

God our creator, Jesus the Christ, and the spirit of Holiness + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*On Our Way Rejoicing*

**ELW #537**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* by J. S. Bach, arr. By Virgil Fox  
A request by Corinne Rhodes, in honor of her 60th birthday!

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**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: June Jordan**

**The flowers sponsor this week is: Roberta Blumenthal, thanking God for  
another year of blessings!**

**The candles, wine, and bulletins sponsor this week is:** Sara Blumenthal.

**Candles:** Happy 80th birthday to our wonderful Grandmom, Roberta Blumenthal! We love you so much and are grateful for your love, wisdom, and hugs. Love, Andrew & Rebecca

**Wine:** With hearts full of love, we celebrate our amazing mom, Roberta, on her 80th birthday! You are the heart of our family and a blessing beyond words. Love, Sara & John and Laura & Doug

**Bulletins:** Happy 80th birthday, dear Roberta! May God bless you with many more years of happiness. With love, your sisters Suzanne, Sallyann, and all your nieces and nephews

**The music sponsor this week is:** Scott Rhodes, in thankful celebration of his wife, Corinne's 60th birthday this week!

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**Lutheran Social Ministries Workshop:  
Navigating Senior Living  
Today at noon here at Grace.**

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**OKTOBERFEST  
Friday, October 17, 2025  
Grace Lutheran Church  
5:00-7:00 PM**

*Tickets may be purchased online  
through this QR code or in person by  
calling the church office at  
609-927-3082*



**Tickets are on sale in the narthex on Sundays.**  
Children under 12 are \$15 per child, and those tickets must be purchased at the church until further notice.

The Oktoberfest committee is in need of volunteers to make German Potato Salad and Apple Strudel for the event. If you are able to help, please sign up in the narthex, take a recipe and container, and note on the sign-up sheet how many batches you will be making.

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There are baskets in the narthex for **Christmas at Sea** donations and **Feed the Northeast** donations. These donations will be collected throughout the month of October.

**Please pick up a list in the narthex of items needed for the seafarers.**

**Donations for Feed the Northeast should all be non perishable items.**

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### **COOKIE WALK HELPERS NEEDED**



We are in need of bakers for our 18th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on December 13! If you are willing and able to bake for this, please sign up in the narthex before or after church so we know what we can expect. We need cookies galore, as it usually sells out within the first hour!

Last year the White Elephant table nearly sold out, so we are greatly in need of an inventory replenishment. If you have any gently used Christmas decorations or kitchenware you no longer need or want, we can definitely use them!

Helpers are needed the day before the Cookie Walk to receive and organize trays of cookies and baked goods. Helpers are also needed the day of the event. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a vendor table, please let us know. Only \$25 per table!

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a vendor table, please contact Heidi Toth 609-233-4156 or Sandy Piskun 609-226-5591.



# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## October 12, 2025-October 19, 2025

### 18th Sunday of Pentecost 10/12/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
 8:45AM Adult Forum  
 10:15AM Traditional Worship  
**Joyful Noise Offering: Somers Point**  
**Police Sunshine Fund**  
**12:00PM Lutheran Social Ministries**  
**Workshop: Navigating Senior Living**

### MONDAY 10/13/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
 6:30PM Heather Croft HOA  
 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### TUESDAY 10/14/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
**12:00PM WELCA**  
 6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous  
 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY 10/15/25

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

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

This week:

**Mon-Tues 10:00-3:00**

**Thurs-Fri 10:00-3:00**

### THURSDAY 10/16/25

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

### FRIDAY 10/17/25

10:30AM Grace Stitchers  
**5:00PM-7:00PM**  
**3rd Annual Oktoberfest**  
 7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### SATURDAY 10/18/25

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

### 19th Sunday of Pentecost 10/19/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
 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%.

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