**Trinity Sunday** 

## May 30, 2021

Born of water and Spirit



## Grace Lutheran Church

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# <sup>2</sup> Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email at: pastoralthea3@gmail.com.

# **Mission Statement**

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be ...

- Inviting all people to *belong* to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who *believe* as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to *become* caring servants of God in the world.

## Serving in Worship Today—

Worship Assistant: Ruth BowdenAltar Guild: Brenda TraaSound Technicians: Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

# In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace! We are trying a new way of listing our prayer concerns in the coming weeks. If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N.,

**Family and friends:** Jody (niece of Grings), Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Wellfields), JoAnn (sister of Diana McArdle), Epiphany Lutheran Church and Pastor Jose Esclara and Family, Jim, Vicki, Don, Elliot, Barbara and Perry (friends of Meg LaSpina), Kurtz Family, Arcelay Family, and Virginia (friends of Pastor Althea), Bill and Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.)

Those who have recently passed: The Accardi Family (at the loss of their father/ husband, friend of Wellfields)

<u>Servicemen and Servicewomen Serving Our Country:</u> Members & Friends of Grace: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

<u>At Home</u> - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

<u>Shores@Wesley Manor</u>: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble <u>Woodview Estates</u>: Lorraine Moore

## WITH ONE VOICE BREAD OF LIFE Congregation responses in bold print.

# GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Nicaea

Rev. Althea Albright

by Piet Post

Please stand as you are able

#### **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling all life into being.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son, Jesus, was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

We receive your promises and we are called to serve you.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

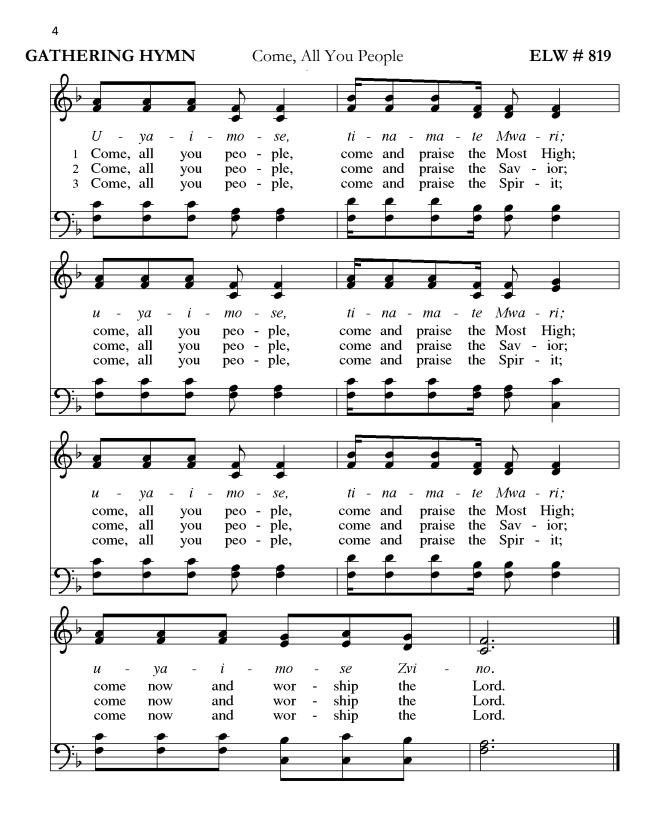
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

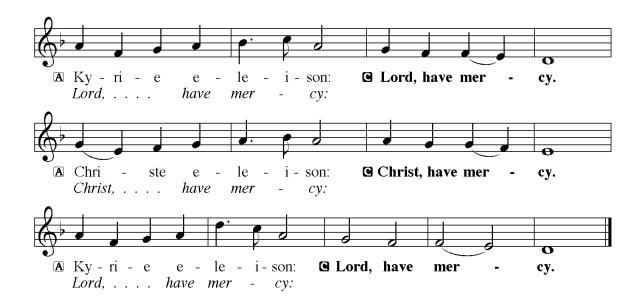
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



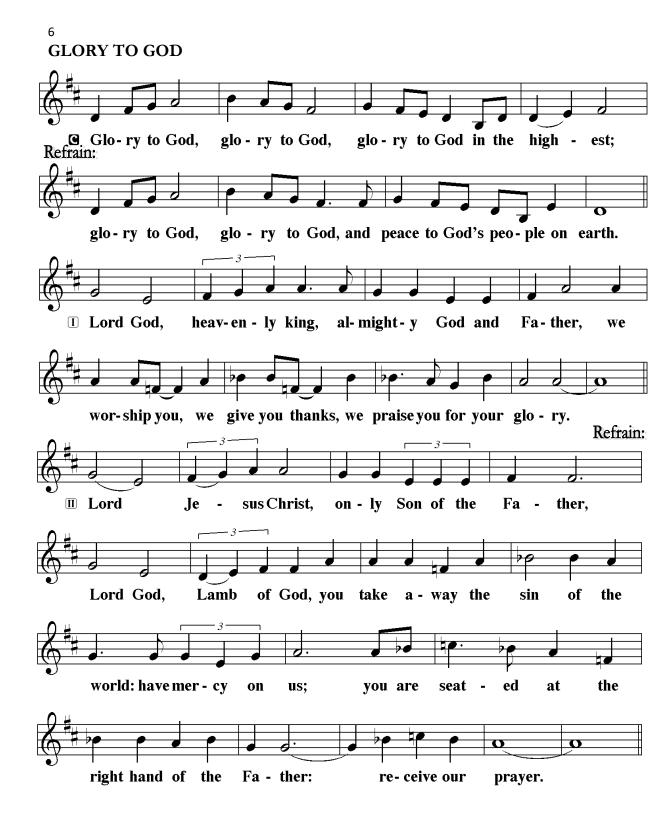
#### GREETING

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**









#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....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.

Please be seated

# WORD

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

Leader: A reading from Isaiah.

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their faces, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



**PSALM: Psalm 29** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength. <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness. <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon; <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD bursts forth in | lightning flashes. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;

give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

Leader: A reading from Romans

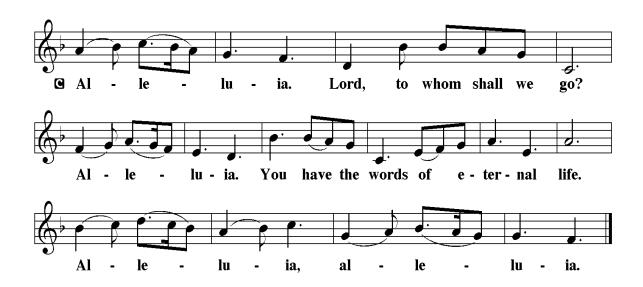
In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to St John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**SERMON** 

Rev. Althea Albright

ELW #412

HYMN OF THE DAYCome, Join the Dance of TrinityVerses 1 & 4, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 3, Men



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#### NICENE CREED

- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

- On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
- and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

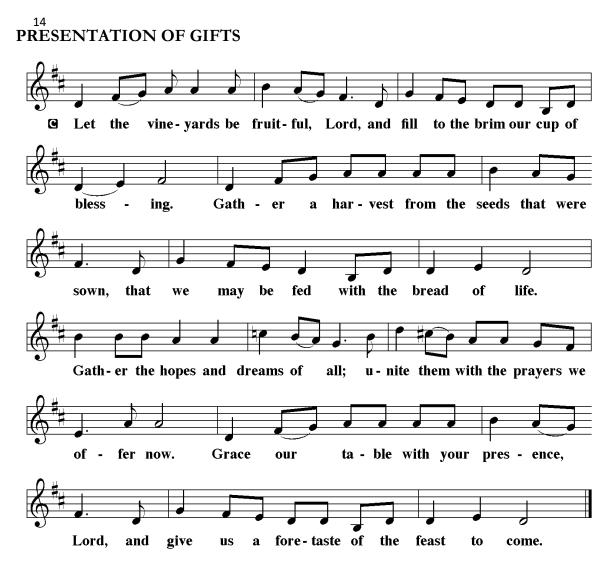
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

## OFFERTORY

In the Year that King Uzziah Died by David McK. Williams



Please be seated

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You are our Creator and bless us with all that we have. We are thankful for many things in our lives. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Bless our time, our talents, and all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Pastor: Creator God, when you speak worlds happen, light blinks darkness away, life is born and nothingness is all gone. Speak to the void in each of us that we may be formed in your image, according to your likeness, for your holy purposes. You are always with us:

## To the end of time.

## A brief silence.

Leader: God of love and peace, fill us with the grace of Christ that the communion of the Holy Spirit may always be shared among us. You are always with us.

## To the end of time.

Leader: Heavenly Father, our own Creator, with the Psalmist we wonder why you are so mindful of us, so in love with us, and have given us so much. Keep us from making you a very small God by doubting that you care about every detail of our lives. You are always with us.

## To the end of time.

- Leader: Lord Jesus, cure our doubting hearts and use us as your disciples. You are always with us. To the end of time.
- Leader: Jesus, all authority from heaven and earth has been given to you. You command us to make disciples, baptize, teach and obey. Give us the will to let your will be done. You are always with us. To the end of time.
- Leader: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in three persons, blessed Trinity, you make us, redeem us and love us. We can not ask for anything more. You are always with us.

## To the end of time.

Pastor: We recognize our physical needs as well as our spiritual lethargy. Be for us the Great Physician as we name those among us in need of healing and hope especially we name today ...... You are always with us. To the end of time.

## Pastor: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,

continue to use us as your living saints. Amen.

# MEAL

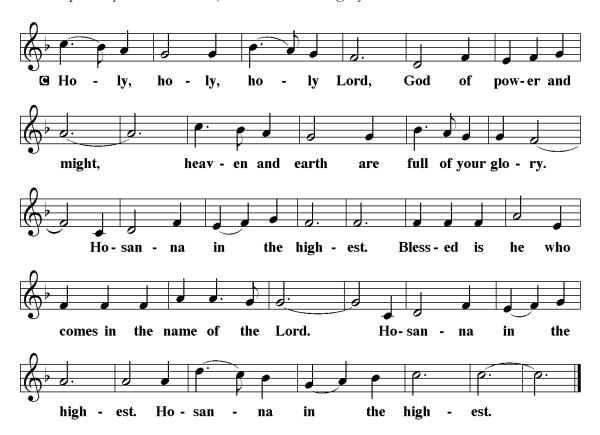
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## THE 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.** 

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- 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 Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
- On 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.
- 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.
- Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

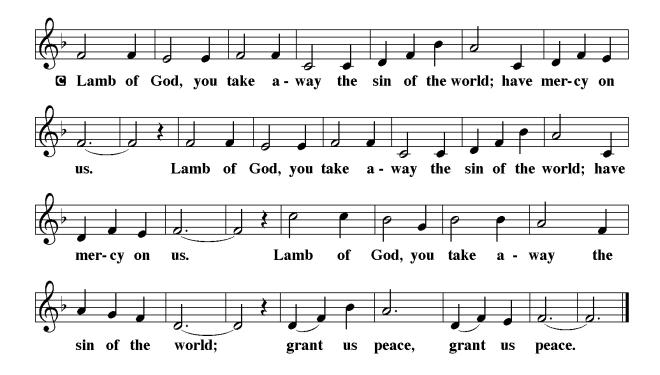
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come to us, Lord Jesus.** 

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

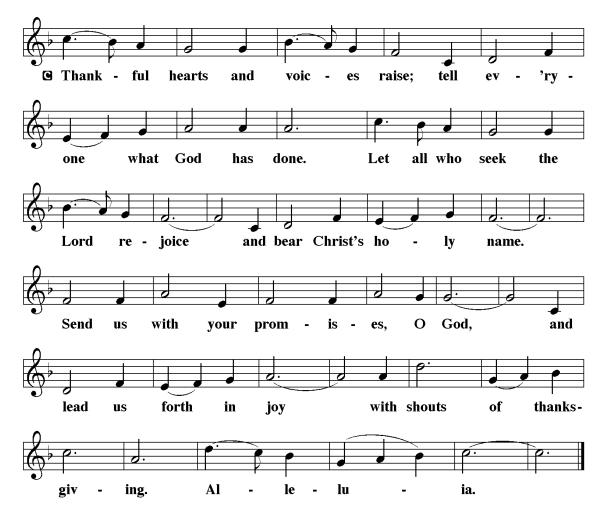


We will partake of the bread and grape juice together. Wait for direction from the pastor.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **God's love endures forever.** Let us now commune with the Lord together.

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)* This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)* 





#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SENDING

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

#### BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place of worship, know that the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit will be with you always. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMNHoly, Holy, Holy, HolyELW # 413Verses 1, & 4, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 3, Men

Please be seated for the postlude. Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.

POSTLUDE

Nicaea

by Charles T. Taylor

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve your neighbor. Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

**IN** Holy, Holy, Holy Verses 1, & 4, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 3, Men ELW # 413





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FOR SHORE MEDICAL CENTER WEDNESDAY August, 11th @ 12 o'clock noon Hosted by Grace Lutheran Church Women

SHOWER GIFT IDEAS! NEWBORN to SIZE 2 Outfits - Receiving Blankets Hand Crocheted or Knitted Items Onesies - Bibs - Diapers Wash Cloths and Towels



Unwrapped gifts for NEWBORNS through SIZE 2 can be brought to the Church Office or left in the box located in the Narthex (Lobby) by Sunday, August 8th. The Lutheran Church Women will set-up and display all of the gifts on Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon

Representatives from Shore Memorial Hospital will join us to accept the gifts, then take them to the hospital for distribution. These items will be given to disadvantaged mothers when they take their babies home. The entire congregation is encouraged to participate.



RSVP by Friday, August 6th. Contact: Bettie Cross 646-4495





Write your favorite hymn on the sticky note and place your selection in the Offering plate for a **Prelude Hymn Sing** on Sunday, June 6th.

The selected hymns will be printed in a separate booklet.

Our Church Council has carefully considered the new CDC recommendations for indoor gatherings. Beginning in June, Grace Lutheran will remove the roping from the two front section of pews

in the sanctuary. Both of the rear section will remain roped-off every other pew. All will be invited to sit as they feel most comfortable.

Please continue to wear masks to enter and exit the side aisles of the sanctuary. We hope to return to the Table for Holy Communion soon.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

food.family

There are open dates for Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings.

Open dates are: June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4, July 18, & July 25, as well as the rest of the year.

Contact Diana McArdle in the Church Office @ 609-927-3082 to add your name to a specific date. New assistants are welcome.



Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm on the Thursday's listed on the right for

# Food, Family, & Faith.

We will share a meal together and of course dessert. Pastor Althea will lead us in discussion following a short film or have a conversation on current topics.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN:** THE LOBBY/NARTHEX AND ON THE WINDOW OUTSIDE THE OFFICE June 3 June 17 July 22 August 5 August 19







New

Sunday 5/30 Trinity Sunday	
8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge	Thursday 6/3
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service	5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Holy Communion	6:00 pm – Food-Family-Faith
Monday 5/31 PANTRY CLOSED-OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm - AA Meeting Social Hall	Friday 6/4 10:30 am - Grace Stitchers 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge
Tuesday 6/1 DAY	<u>Saturday 6/5</u>
9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry 6:30 pm - NA	Sunday 6/6
0.50 pm - 1024	8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge
Wednesday 6/2	10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry	Holy Communion
7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall	

Events This Week - May 30 - June 6, 2021



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**2021 FLOWER CHART** is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Available for weekly dedications are Candles, Sanctuary Flowers, Bulletins, Wine & Anthems. Please sign your name next to the date and item on the chart you wish to have dedicated in the bulletin.

Be sure to fill out the payment envelope with all the information for the bulletin, a week before (or sooner) your desired date, place it in the Offering plate or bring to the church office. Thank you, Diana

Available Dedications on the	6/13 - Bulletins, Wine, Music
Flower Chart	6/20 - Candles, Bulletins. Wine, Music
6/6 - Bulletins, Wine, Music	6/27 - Candles, Bulletins, Music

Dedications

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** In Honor of my grandson Andrew Siteman's Birthday



CANDLES, BULLETINS, WINE

In Honor of my daughter Laura and Son-in-law Doug Siteman's Birthdays Given with love by Grandmom and Mom, Roberta Blumenthal