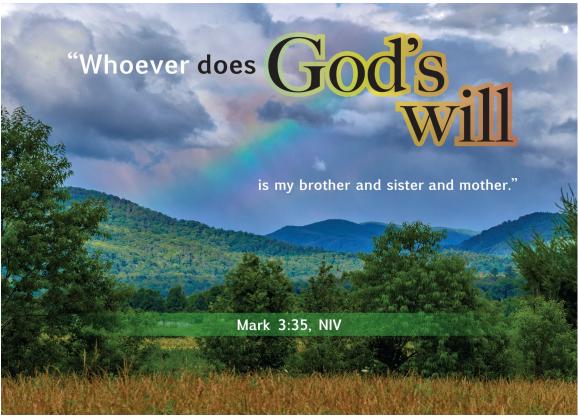
Pentecost 2

June 6, 2021



Grace Lutheran Church

Worship at 8:00 am (Spoken) & 10:15 am (Liturgical) Shore Road @ Dawes & Meyran Aves. 11 East Dawes Ave., Somers Point, New Jersey 08244 Phone: 609-927-3082—Fax: 609-927-6672—Food Pantry: 609-927-9982 Email: office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net Website: www.gracelutheranspnj.org Pastor: Rev. Althea Albright Music Director: Mr. Scott J. Breiner Church Secretary: Diana McArdle Sexton: Andrew McCarrick

² 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: Linda RihlAltar 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), Jim, Vicki, Don, Elliot, Barbara and Perry (friends of Meg LaSpina), Bill and Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.)

<u>**Those Serving Our Country:</u>** Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF</u>

<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

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN SING Selected hymns are inserted in the bulletin.

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, we open our hearts to you, you know each of us inside and out, we cannot hide anything from you. Create in us hearts of love and humble us to serve you by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Renew our relationship with you and restore our joy as we worship you and magnify your holy name. **Amen**

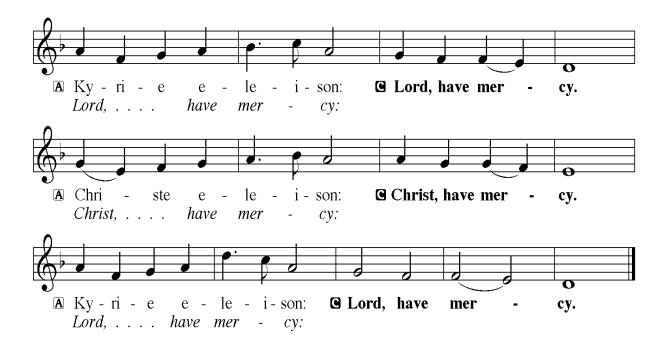
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

- God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of + Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **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





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 130

- ¹Out | of the depths / I cry to | you, O LORD;
- ²O LORD, | hear my voice!
- Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.
- ³If you were to keep watch | over sins, / O LORD, | who could stand?
- ⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness, / in order that you | may be feared.
- ⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; / in your word | is my hope.
- ⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.
- ⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.
- ⁸For the LORD shall | redeem Israel / from | all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

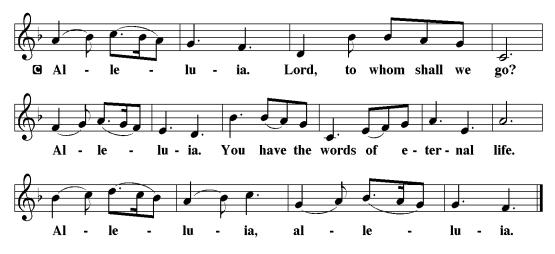
¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING: Mark 3:20-35

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

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ. [Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

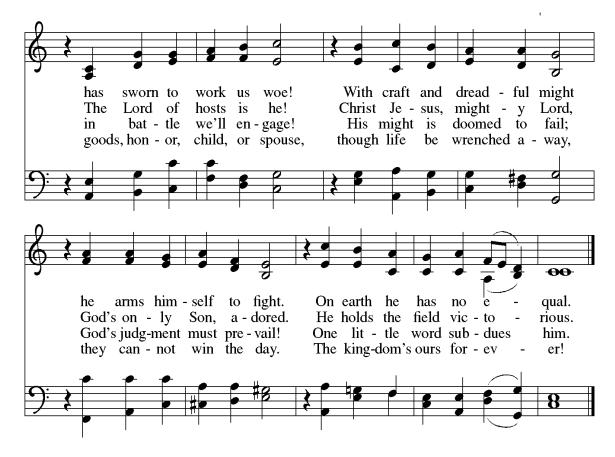
³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

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.

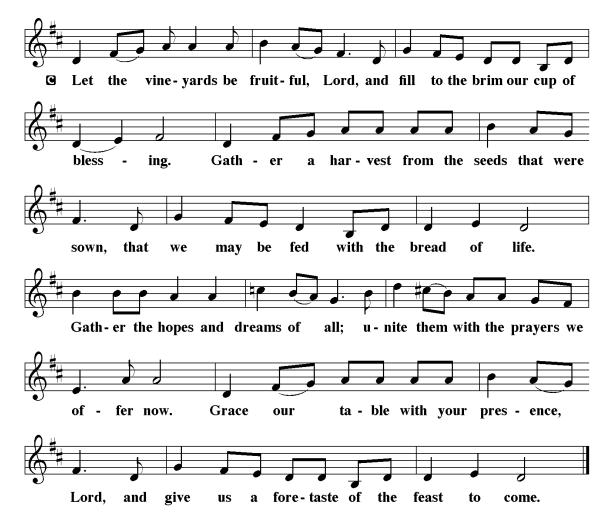
OFFERTORY

O Lord, Increase My Faith

by Orlando Gibbons



PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



Please be seated

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Let us pray. We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Leader: God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Leader: God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Leader: God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Leader: God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. Amen.

MEAL

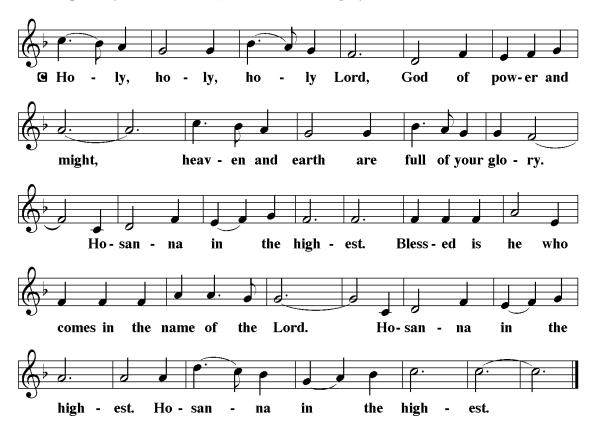
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Almighty God, at this, your holy table, we come to you to be fed by your presence. We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill 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 we celebrate this holy meal. May all 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 Christ, let us pray.

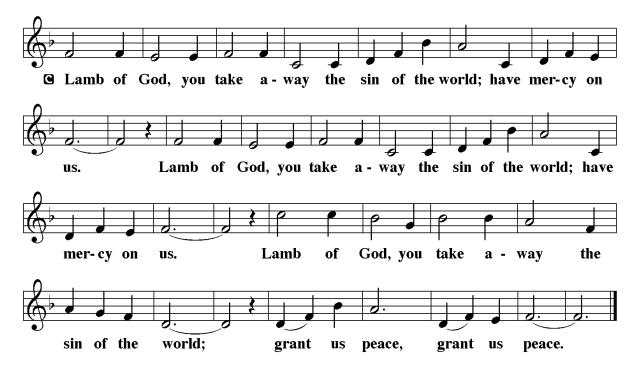
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Taste and see the love of Christ. Amen.

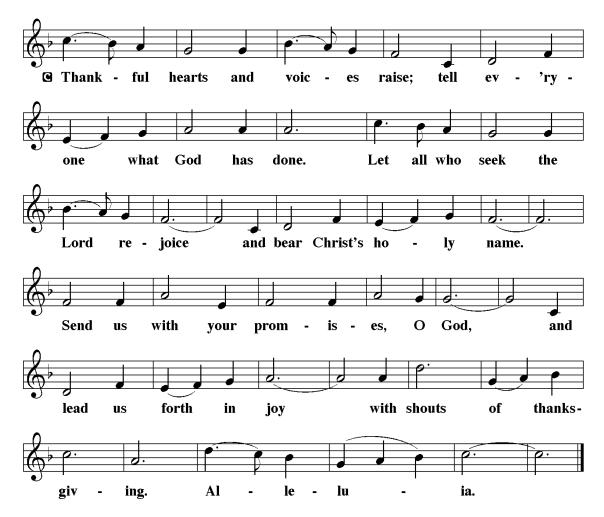
COMMUNION HYMN



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.

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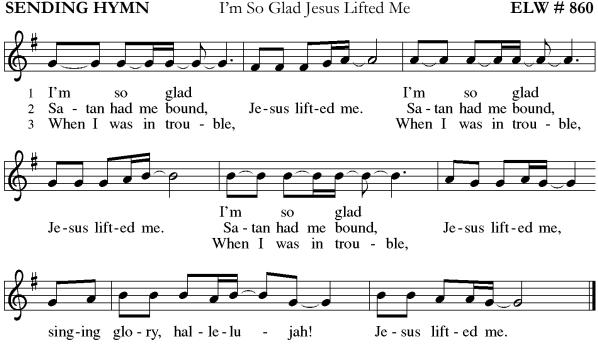
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place, know that God loves you. Christ's presence is with you wherever you go.

Finally, know that the Spirit is with you whenever you call on the Lord. Amen.



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

POSTLUDE

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott by J. S. Bach

DISMISSAL

Go and serve others with the love of Christ! Thanks be to God!

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Weekly Household Devotions

Time After Pentecost

Year B - Lectionary 10 Sunday, June 5-11

FAIH	I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,	
Daily Reading	And in his word I hope;	

Psalm 130:5

Looking Back . . .

Sunday	Mark 3:20-35	The True Kindred of Jesus
Monday	Psalm 74	A Plea for Help in a Time of Humiliation
Tuesday	1 Samuel 16:14-23	David Plays the Lyre for Saul
Wednesday	Luke 11:14-28	Jesus and Beelzebul

Looking Ahead . . .

Thursday	Psalm 92:1-4, 9-15	Thanksgiving for Vinidication
Friday	Hebrews 2:5-9	Exaltation through Abasement
Saturday	Mark 4:1-20	The Parable of the sower
Sunday	Mark 4:26-34	Some Parables of Jesus



Pentecost: Caring for Creation

Take some time to focus on caring for creation at home, your neighborhood, town, and world1 Each week focuses on a small project that your whole household can do together.

This Week

Take a walk around your neighborhood. Grab a plastic bag and some gloves and pick up any trash (or even dog poop if you are bravel) that you find. Count the pieces of trash as you go. How much did you find? Do you think your neighborhood is pretty clean or does it need some help? Brainstorm ways you can help keep your neighborhood clean.

FAITHFORMATIONJOURNEYS.ORG Did you miss a week? Download inserts at our website?

Faith on the Go



God of love, we give you thanks for close friends and family; for our time together with them, for the memories of them, and for their love. We cherish those who are close to us. Help us to learn to cherish all life and to understand the whole of humankind as our family. Amen.

Who did you forgive today? What do you need forgiveness for? onnect

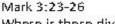
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Mark 3:20-35—The True Kindred of Jesus

Day 1

Mark 3:20-22 This reading starts right after Jesus healed a man on the sabbath. This part of the story is filled with confusion and worry. What causes confusion and worry in your life?

Day 2



Where is there division in your life? At work? At home? With your friends? At your church? Jesus is telling them that he is not Satan, but he is also calling for an end to division.

Day 3

Mark 3:27 Where do you find strength when life is confusing, full of division, or difficult?

Day 4

Mark 3:28-29 Is this a moment of anger from Jesus? Why do you think that words of the scribes are so unforgivable?

Day 5

Mark 3:31-35 What does this mean? What do you think Jesus' mother and siblings were there to do?



May the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit set your faith on fire.



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 9th 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



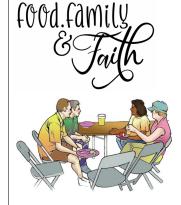


Our Church Council has carefully considered the new CDC recommendations for indoor gatherings. Beginning in June, Grace Lutheran will remove the roping from the two front section of pews

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.





BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY! SIGN-UP TO...

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

Food, Family, & Faith.

June 17

July 22

August 5

August 19

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

Sunday 6/6	
8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge	Thursday 6/10
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service	5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Holy Communion	
	<u>Friday 6/11</u>
Monday 6/7	10:30 am - Grace Stitchers
PANTRY CLOSED	7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge
7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall	
Tuesday 6/8	<u>Saturday 6/12</u>
9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry	Sunday 6/13
6:30 pm - NA	8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge
7:00 pm - Support Team Meeting	10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
Wednesday 6/9	Holy Communion
9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry	Baptism - Makinley Rose French
7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall	



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 Flower Chart 6/13 - Bulletins, Wine, Music 6/20 - Music 6/27 - Candles, Bulletins, Music

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Memory of Father & Grandfather Abraham Svindland Given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fetter & Family

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