

Pentecost 14

August 29, 2021

BE DOERS OF THE WORD

JAMES 1:22



Grace Lutheran Church

Worship at 8:00 am (Spoken) & 10:15 am (Liturgical)

Shore Road @ Dawes & Meyran Aves.

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Sexton: Andrew McCarrick

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 or by phone 484-345-0399.

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 Rihl

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

NO Fellowship

Sound 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., John S.

Family and friends: Tammy (Relative of Rene Pugliese)

Elliott, Gage (friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Welfields); Shirley & Carl (Parents of Debbie Kleuser) Family and Friends of AJ Clement; Family Jim, Vicki, (friends of Meg LaSpina), Payton (friend of Joyce Bianco), Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.), Family of Ambrose O'Donnell, 3rd (Friend of Claire Brick); Timothy Gibson (cousin of Ruth Bowden)

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN;

Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USM; Cainan Johnson, USAF

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

Shores@Wesley Manor: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Largo

by Samuel Wesley

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.**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

L O R D H A V E M E R C Y
Christ have mercy
 L O R D H A V E M E R C Y

GLORY TO GOD



Refrain: Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

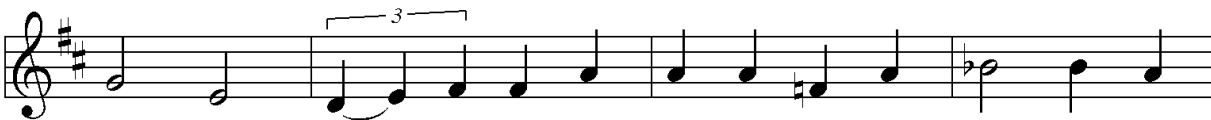


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

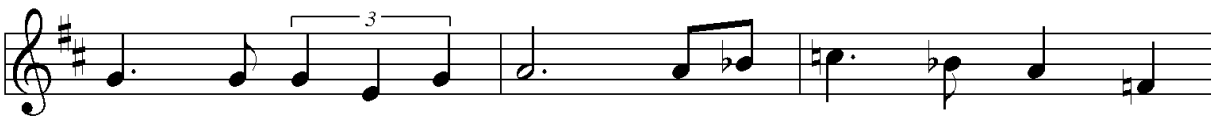
Refrain:



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

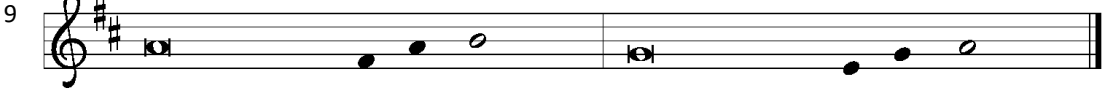
The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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



PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle? / Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,**
who speak the truth | from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the LORD.**
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Please stand as you are able

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Mark **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

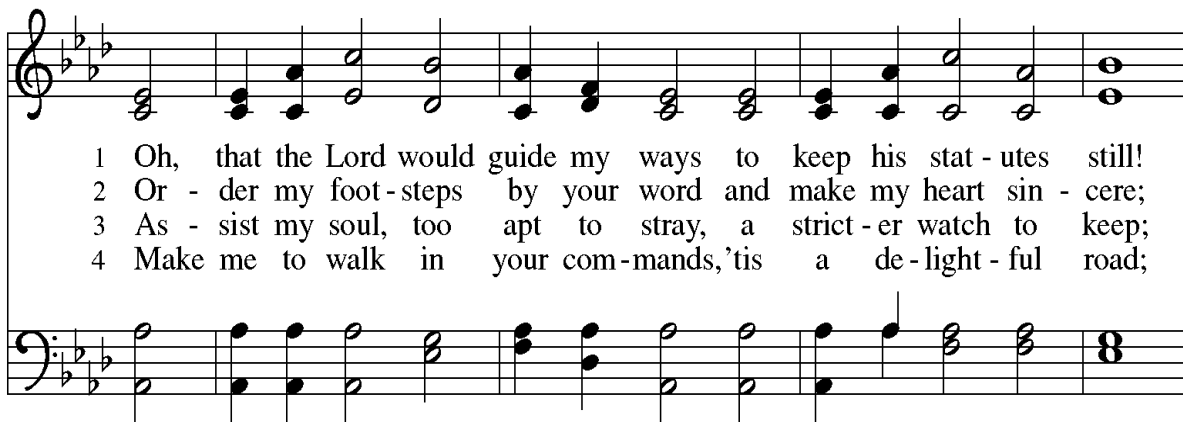
²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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


SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways ELW # 772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
 and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
 nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.

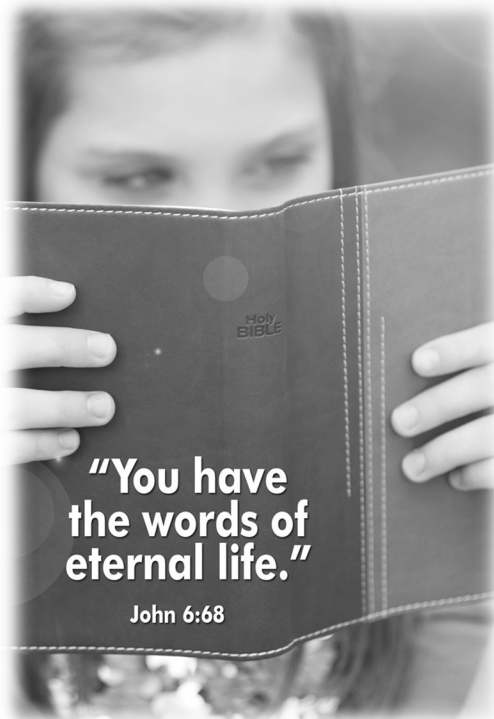
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.



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OFFERTORY
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Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

by Healey Willi-

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Please stand as you are able

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Coming together as people of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your commandments. They guide us, they show us your will, and they help us live together in peace and respect for one another. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, open our ears to hear the voice of God's beloved Son, that we may live the love of Christ. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Leader: Stir our hearts, Lord God, with noble songs of love, valor, and faithfulness, that our spirits may soar with the power of your mighty Word. Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we listen to your admonitions, Holy Spirit, give us strength to act, to give, and to assist in the care of all in need, for we are your children, and we are all sisters and brothers, to one another. We pray for all those who need your healing touch especially all those we name now or in our hearts ...Loving God
hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, more than our songs, our prayers, and our words, you desire our hearts. Become the love of our lives. Loving God,
Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

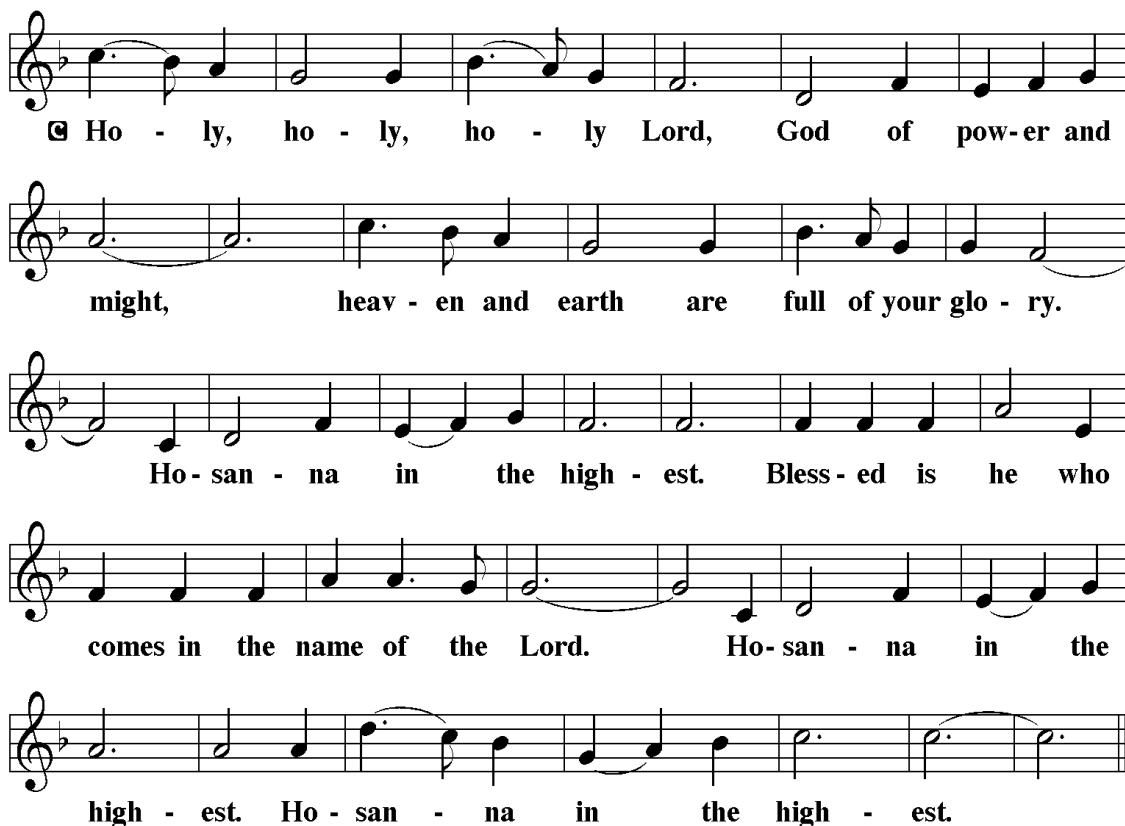
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have taken us by the hand, and offered yourself to us in a sacred sacrament. You are the creator of all things; you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth. You know our inner most being and offered us love and forgiveness in the new covenant embodied in your Son, Jesus, who died for all the world. Now, with the whole church, the angels, and all of heaven we praise you and sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**

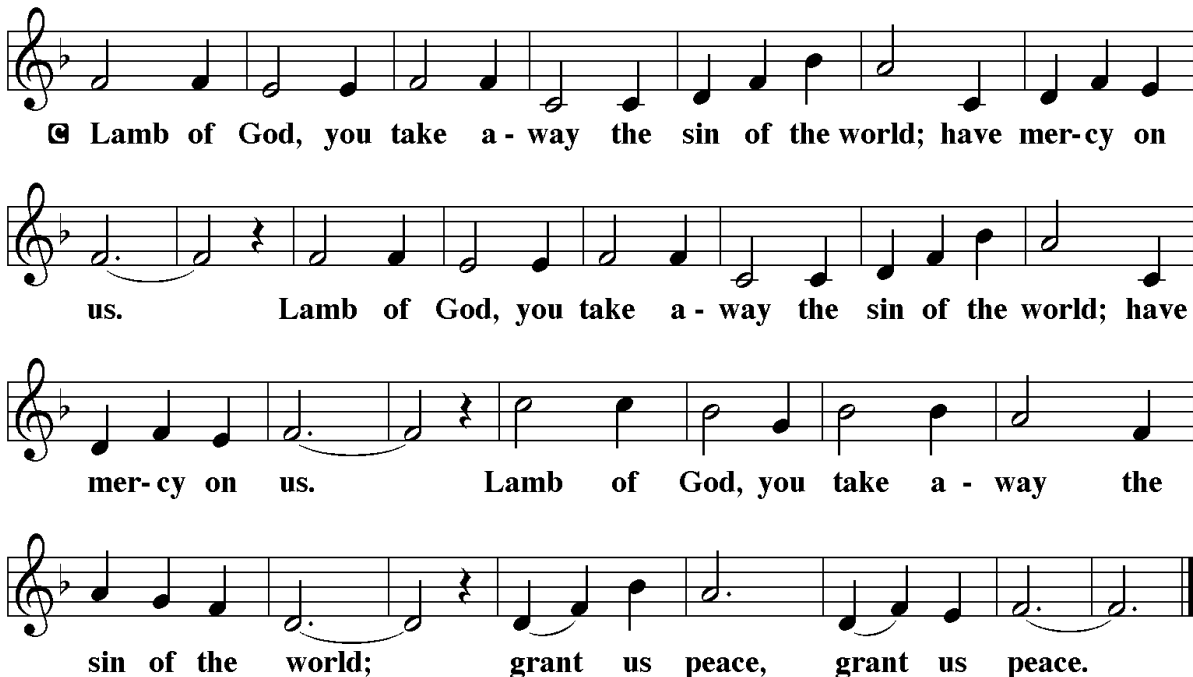
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet for Christ is our host. **Amen.**

Communion will be offered in two ways, continuous at the chancel step, and at the direction of Pastor after everyone has come forward (for those at home online and those who choose to remain seated).

Follow the direction of the ushers to come to the front or remain seated and after all have come forward, direction for the prefilled host and grape juice will be given.

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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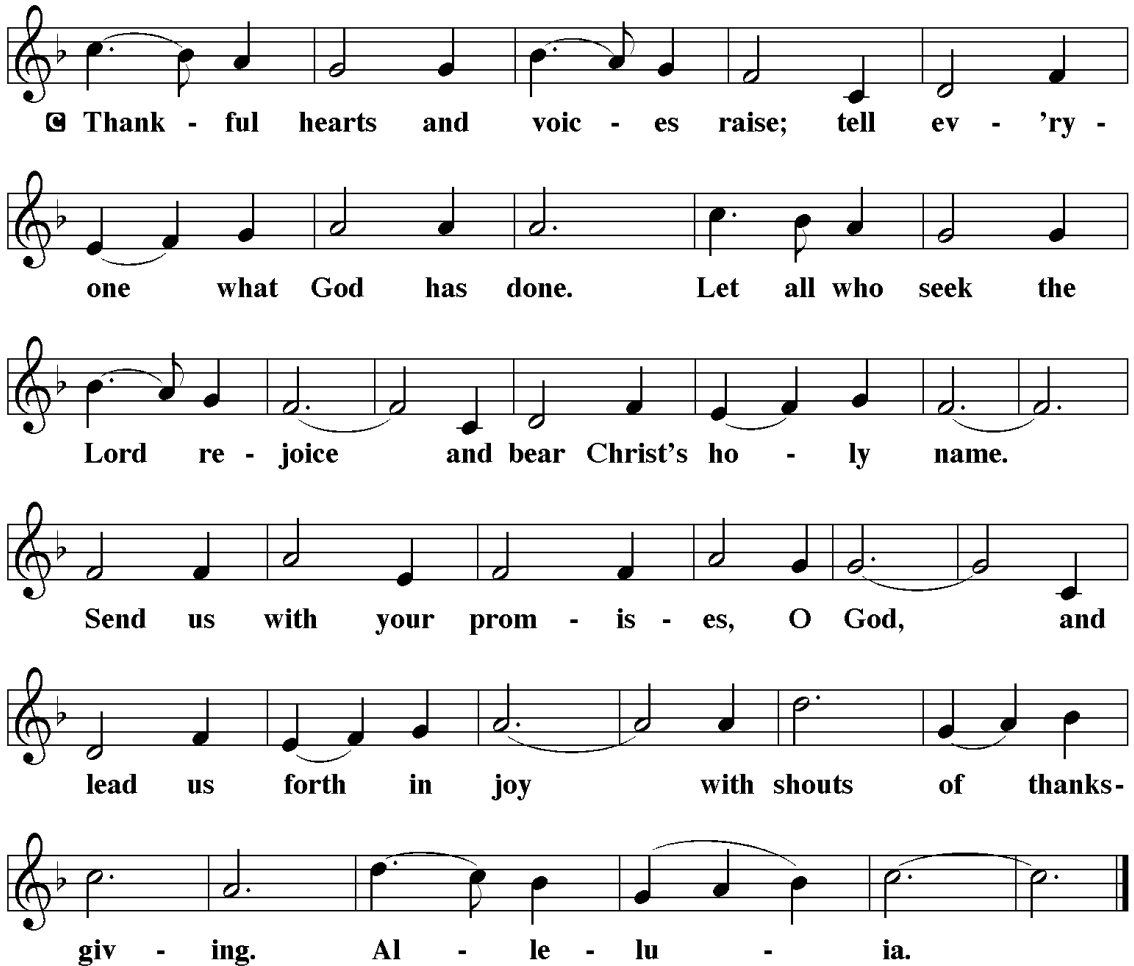
Follow the directions of Pastor and the Ushers.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN AT YOUR SEAT OR YOU ARE ONLINE:

Prepare your elements after all have come forward and wait for direction from Pastor.



CANTICLE



☩ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the sharing of this holy meal you bless us with the body and blood of your Son to refresh and restore all of your people.

Give us courage and guidance that we may continue to be your hands and feet in the world. Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place, know that God loves you.

Remember Christ's presence is with you wherever you go.

Know that the Spirit is with you whenever you call on the Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW # 864

Music located on the next page

Please be seated for the postlude.

Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.

POSTLUDE

Finale by César Franck, arr. By Homer Whitford

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING HYMN

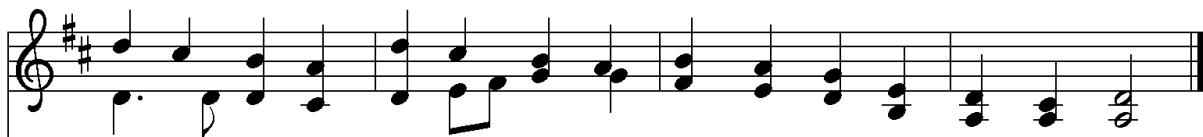
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven ELW # 864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



VISITORS:

Welcome to Grace. Please sign the visitors book located in the Narthex/Lobby on the podium.

**NEW 12 STEP GROUP****AL-ANON**

For Families &
Friends of Alcoholics
Thursday's @ 7:00 pm
Church Lounge



New AA Group meeting on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm in the Lounge for both men and women. The group is called "A Design for Living

Big Book Study."

SHORE DINER COUPON

There are coupons on the table in the Narthex/Lobby for Shore Diner in Northfield who will give back to Grace Lutheran a percentage of the cost of your meal. We are thankful for their generosity.

✂ Clip the coupon below.

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Present this bulletin on a Sat or Sun
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Grace Lutheran. Present this on any other day,
and we will donate 10%.

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ADULT
Sunday School

**Adult Sunday School
is coming back!**

(also known as Adult Forum)

Starting Sunday

September 19, 2021 at 9:00am

we will go back to our regular schedule of having Adult Sunday School between our worship services. This adult class consists of videos, Bible study, current event discussions, and other faith related topics. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

**Blessing of Backpacks**

Sunday, September 26, 2021

All school age kids are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed. during the Children's Sermon this week. Teachers are also welcome to come forward to receive a blessing for their school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL to be known as "GRACE FRIENDS" will begin Sunday, September 26th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather this Fall.

NEW MEMBER CLASS date will be chosen soon. Look for the announcement.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Karl Suckiel, Eddie Thompson and the Facilities Team for their time and effort painting the steps and caring for our grounds.

2021 Church Council



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Corinne Rhodes
Aud Suckiel
Jane Thompson
Jill Welfield

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

There are open dates for Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings. Open dates are:

September 5, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

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.



Grace Stitches



Grace Stitches meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 am until noon in the Lounge.

New to knitting and crocheting? Or a veteran at knitting or crocheting? Join this group to have conversation, friendship, and fellowship.

Donations of yarn is always appreciated.



GRACE PLACE



FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- ⇒ mayonnaise
- ⇒ Ketchup
- ⇒ Mustard

- ⇒ crackers
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee cans
- ⇒ Beets, Spinach
- ⇒ pudding cups
- ⇒ brownie mix
- ⇒ cake mix & frosting
- ⇒ Bread
- ⇒ dairy products
- ⇒ Eggs
- ⇒ brown gravy
- ⇒ juice.

NOW OPEN THURSDAYS

Thank you to members of Christ Episcopal Church for volunteering their time to Grace Food Pantry so we can open the pantry again on Thursday's 9:00 to 11:30 am.

GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY—OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Pantry is closed the first full week of every month.

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

NEED PRAYER?

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Connection/Communion & Prayer Cards

Are located in the Narthex/Lobby & at the Social Hall entrance.

Please begin using these cards to record your attendance/communion and prayer requests. Place the filled cards in the offering plates. Thanks!

Spirit, Lead Us:

Grace's Ministry Retreat Series

**Join Us on Sunday
October 10th & November 14th**



I woke up this morning, saw a world full of trouble now...

I thought, how did we ever get so far down?

And how's it ever gonna turn around?

So, I turned my eyes to heaven,

I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"

He said, "I did. I created you."

If not us, then who? If not me and you?

Right now - It's time for us to do something.

Lyrics adapted from the song,

"Do Something" by Christian artist Matthew West.

**Calling all friends and family of Grace! Come one! Come all!
Our spirit-led visioning and strategic planning retreat is back!**

God has been calling us to "do something" in Somers Point for many years. Now it's time to take a look at our calling in 2021-2022 and beyond. Just like the disciples would gather to support one another and rekindle their mission, so we also will gather, discuss, and refresh our mission in Somers Point and beyond.

In October and November, we will be gathering on Sunday right after 10:15am worship to enjoy a light lunch, have discussion, and do some purposeful planning for our future ministry.

It is helpful if you are able to read (or skim through) the book "Growing Young" ahead of time. Pastor will be using this book, some Bible verses, and other resources to lead our discussion and planning sessions.

**THINKING
OUTSIDE
THE BOX**



**All Pastor Althea requires of you ahead of time is to
come with your prayerful ideas,
come with an open mind,
and come prepared to
think outside the box!**

Events This Week - August 29 - September 5, 2021

Sunday 8/29 Pentecost 14

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge
 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
 Holy Communion
 4:00 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Monday 8/30

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry
 7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 8/31

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry
 6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 9/1

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry
 11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group
 7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 9/2

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday 9/3

10:30 am - Grace Stitches
 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday 9/4

Sunday 9/5 Pentecost 15

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge
 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
 Holy Communion
 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
OFFICE CLOSED
PANTRY CLOSED

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. For your convenience, flower /dedication envelopes are now available in the Narthex/Lobby. Please be sure to write your name on the date requested on the flower chart located in the Office Wing outside the Church Office.

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

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Honor of my family and loved ones who have died
 Given by Shirley Blankenship