

Pentecost 17

September 19, 2021



Whoever welcomes
one such child
in my name
**welcomes
me**

MARK 9:37

Grace Lutheran Church

8:00 am: Spoken Service & 10:15 am: Liturgical Service

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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 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.
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Serving in Worship Today

Worship Assistant: Kevin Thomas

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

Sound/Video Technician: Jim Foreman, 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., MaryAnn T., Joyce B.

Family and friends: Tammy (Relative of Rene Pugliese)

Elliott, Gage, Virginia (friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); Nancy, Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Welfields); Shirley & Carl (Parents of Debbie Kleuser); 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

LITURGY

Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Amabile on a Swedish Folk Tune

arr. By Alice-Jordan

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our Creator, we come to you in worship, knowing that you are always with us.

You see all of our strengths and the places where we need to grow as people of God. Renew and refresh us so that we may know your love and be ready to serve you with all our mind and all our heart. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, with all our imperfections and shortcomings, ready to accept that we are human and need to be put back on God's path for our lives.

Merciful and Forgiving God,

We acknowledge that we are not perfect. We turn away from you and we do not always follow your path for our lives. We do not always treat one another with love. We are not always patient, nor kind to our neighbors.

We confide in you and we ask that you have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we have not done and for the things we have done which have hurt others. Renew our courage and strength so that we do not lose heart in following you. Lead us and refresh us so that you may show us new vision for loving one another and for our ministry together. Amen.

Christ came down so that God would know what it's like to be human. God is with us through all of life's joys and frustrations. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare that you are forgiven all of your sins, in the name of God, our Parent, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. May our God, uplift you and strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Jesus will continue to show you the way of love and everlasting life. **Amen**

OPENING HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW # 588

Verses 1 & 2, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 3, Men



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

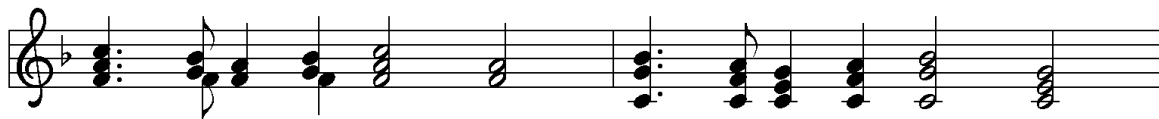
Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

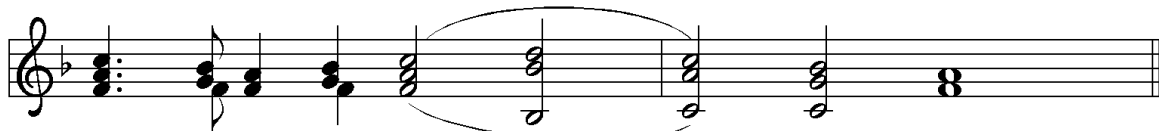
GREETING

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



1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e	e - le	-	i - son.
Chris - te	e - le	-	i - son.
Lord, . . .	have mer	-	cy.
Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional



GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.... **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

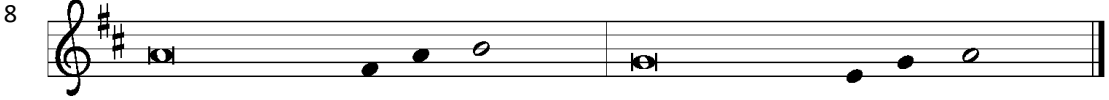
¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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



PSALM: PSALM: 54

- ¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- ²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.
- ⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.
- ⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me; / in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- ⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.
- ⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3. 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.


³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

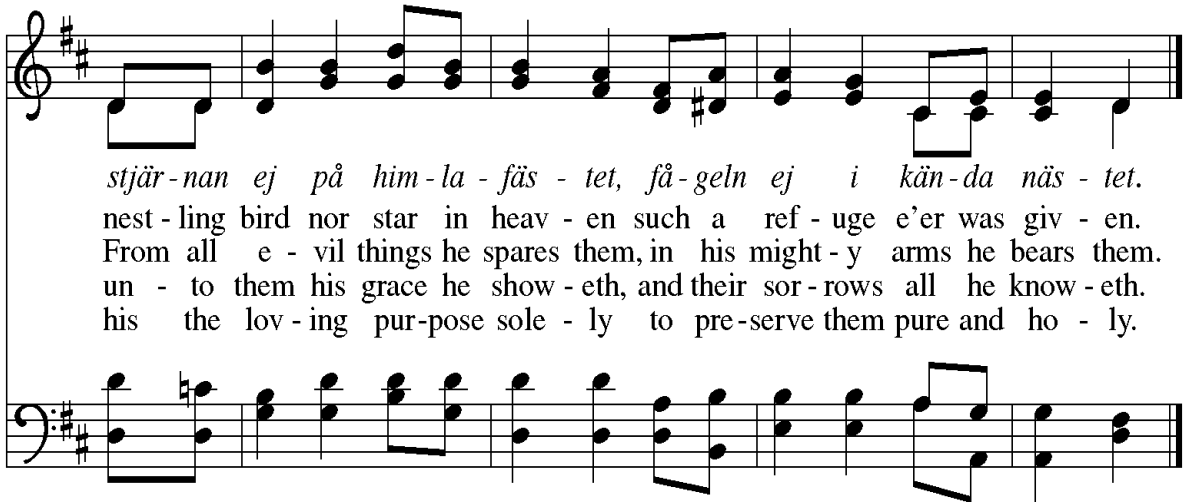
The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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

Today's offering will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief.
If you prefer to have your offering remain here for Grace,
please indicate so on your check memo or on your envelope.

*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.*

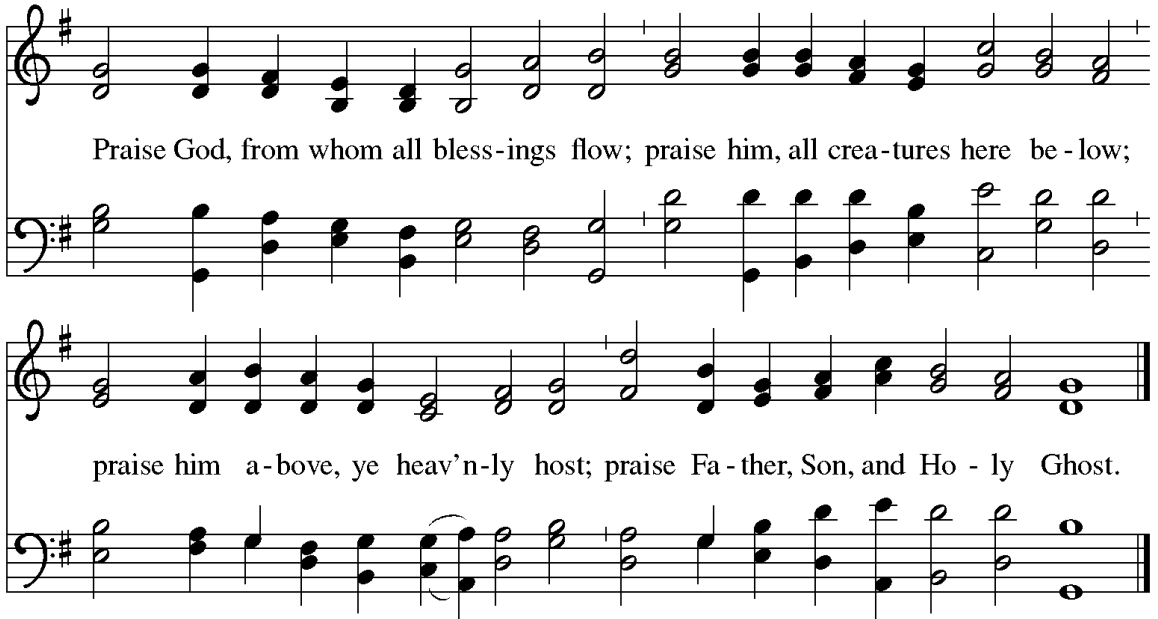
OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr. By Michael Hassell

Please stand as you are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

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: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Leader: Conform your Church to your beloved Son, and not to the world. Make it model his love, forgiveness, and purity to those who scorn or have forgotten such things. Through its words and deeds, lead many to the foot of Jesus' Cross, there to receive life and salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Rulers and leaders, celebrities and authorities are used to lording it over others. Give them a teachable spirit and humble heart. Make them eager to use their riches of intellect, authority, and station to serve the people entrusted to their care. Give each of us the grace, wisdom, and kindness to be true friends, neighbors, and servants to those around us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We ask your blessing upon this congregation and all its ministries. Help us to take delight in glorifying your name through self-giving service to one another and to our communities. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of hosts, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need especially we name Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Incline your ear to our prayers, dear Lord; and answer them according to your most gracious and holy will, for the sake of your Son, 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, our duty and our joy, that we should give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who through his dying and rising opened the way to everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Continues on the next page.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system consists of a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

This system continues the musical setting. The treble staff has a melodic line with some notes tied across measures, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system concludes the piece with a final measure in the treble staff marked with a double bar line. The bass staff also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

IF YOU CHOOSE TO COME FORWARD:

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.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

As we have experienced Christ, our Savior, in this meal, may Almighty God continue to nourish you and encourage you as you continue your journey in faith. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth now as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

We are blessed and encouraged as we depart from our gathering.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
Music located on the next page

ELW # 538

Please be seated for the postlude.

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

POSTLUDE

Tryggare Kan Ingen Vard

by J. Wayne Kerr

DISMISSAL

Go and be God's hands and feet in the world! **Thanks be to God!**

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SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW # 538

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America

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*Thanks,
Everyone!*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I cannot thank all of you enough for making last Sunday such a special day. I sincerely enjoyed having a fun celebration with all of you.

I also want to thank all of the people who put a lot of time and energy into planning last Sunday. All of your generous gifts and notes of welcome are much appreciated!

I am happy to be here and I look forward to the future.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Althea



VISITORS:

Welcome to Grace.

Please sign the visitors book located in the Narthex/ Lobby on the podium or fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEED PRAYER?

Date: / /

CARD

CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD

New

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!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- ⇒ Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard
- ⇒ crackers
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee cans
- ⇒ Beets, Spinach
- ⇒ pudding cups
- ⇒ brownie mi, 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

Grace Stitchers



Grace Stitchers 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.



NEW 12 STEP GROUP AL-ANON

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



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.

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



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

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EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ
609-641-3669



New Member
Orientation

FOR THOSE EXPLORING GRACE

We have come up with a date and time that should suit most people for our orientation.

Friday, October 8, 2021 at 7:00pm will be our New Member Orientation at Grace. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs and get to know one another. Pastor will go over some basic Lutheran faith theology as well as our current programs. Then one of our leaders will give a little history for everyone of Grace. Please note: Attending this orientation does not obligate you to join our congregation. This is just a great opportunity to get to know more people and think about what it means to be part of the family and faith community at Grace.

For members of Epiphany, Pleasantville -

We will hold the official installation of Epiphany members until the spring or summer next year when everyone is finished voting on critical matters of closing/merging.



CALLING ALL YOUTH! JOIN US AT THE TABLE!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS
NOTICE: CHANGE OF DATE
Friday, November 5th, 2021
at 6:30pm

We will have pizza in the Fellowship Hall and then spend some time in the sanctuary on all the ins and outs of taking **FIRST COMMUNION**. This is a chance to join with everyone in taking Holy Communion with the whole Body of Christ and to know what it means to receive a sign of God's love for us.



Seamen's Institute Christmas at Sea Program begins September 26th

Warm the hearts of mariners working away from home on Christmas Day with gifts of:

- ❄️ Unscented, Colorless Lip Balm ❄️ Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets
- ❄️ Unscented, Hypoallergenic Hand Lotion (2-4 oz bottles)
- ❄️ Microwave Popcorn ❄️ Chewing Gum ❄️ Books or Activities like Sudoku and word searches ❄️ Facial Tissue.

*All items must be in new and in their original packaging.
We cannot accept items that are used or unsealed.*



CAPE SHORE CHORALE

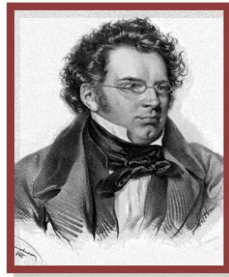
Scott J. Breiner, director

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by

Franz Schubert



Sunday, October 17 @ 3:00 P M

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

30th & Bay Avenue

Ocean City, N. J.

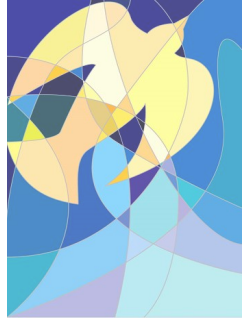
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Spirit, Lead Us:

Grace's Ministry Retreat Series

Join Us on Sunday
October 10th & November 14th



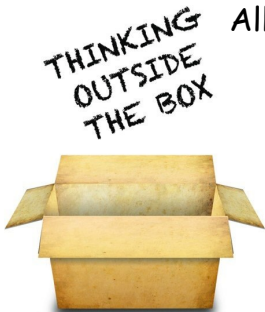
I woke up this morning, saw a world full of trouble now...
I thought, how did we ever get so far down?
And how's it ever gonna turn around?
So, I turned my eyes to heaven,
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did. I created you."
If not us, then who? If not me and you?
Right now - 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.



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 - September 19 - 26, 2021

Sunday 9/19 **Pentecost 17**

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge

9:00 am - Adult Sunday School

The Chosen Video Series

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Monday 9/20

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 9/21

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 9/22

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 9/23

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

NO Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday 9/24

10:30 am - Grace Stitches

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday 9/25

Sunday 9/26 **Pentecost 18**

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge

9:00 am - Adult Sunday School

The Chosen Video Series

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

Blessing of Backpacks, Students & Teachers

Grace Friends Sunday School

4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Dedications

CANDLES

In Loving Memory of my Mother
Hilda O. Breitenstein's Birthday
Given by Brenda G. Traa



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Happy Birthday Violet!
Love noni and poppop