

Pentecost 18

September 26, 2021



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: Diana McArdle

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: Elliott, Gage, (friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); 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.), Carol Waters (friend of Claire Brick).

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

I. Introduction - Choral

II. Menuet Gothique

from *Suite Gothique* by Léon Boëllmann

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

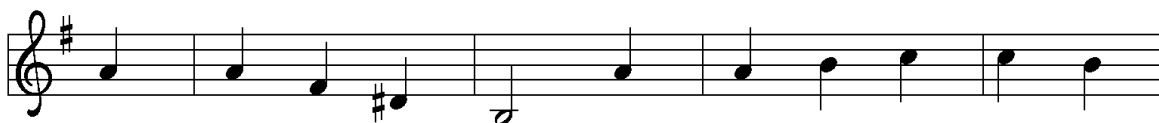
Oh, Sing to the Lord

ELW # 822

Verses 1, 3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men



1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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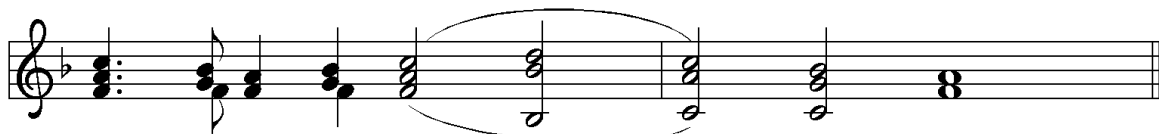
GREETING

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

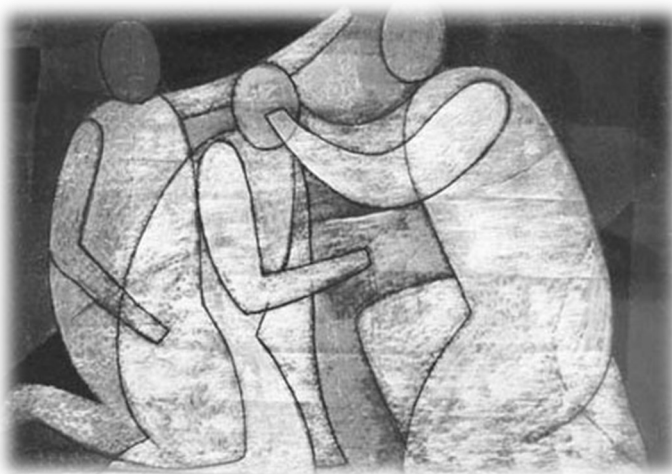


1, 3	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2	Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.	Lord, . . .	have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.	Christ, . . .	have mer - cy.

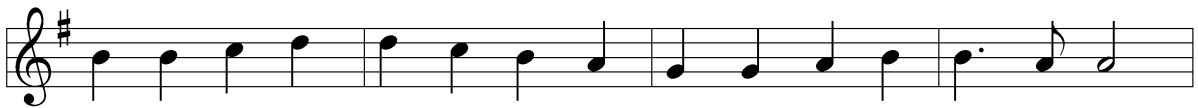


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Christ, . . .	have mer	-	cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional



GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN



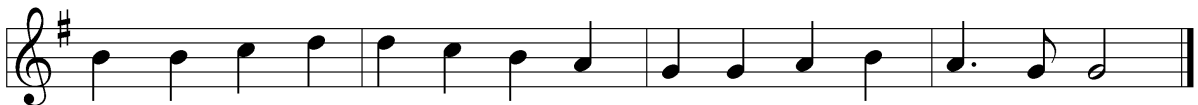
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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....**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit.

What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

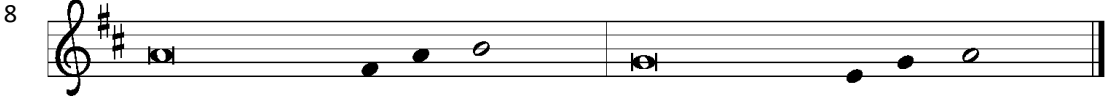
¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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



PSALM: PSALM: 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, / and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses? / Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth**
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”
The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

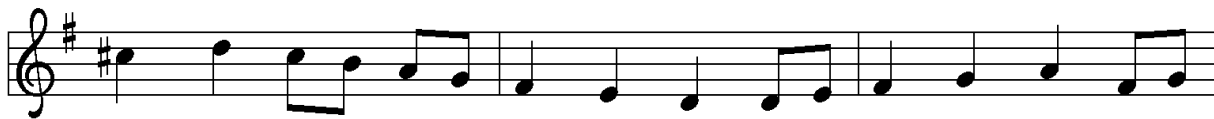
SERMON

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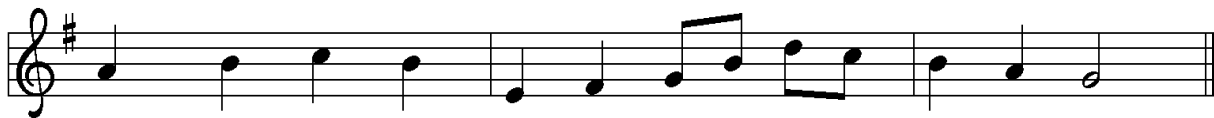
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1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

Those who missed the opportunity to give to Lutheran Disaster Relief last week, may mark their offering envelopes for the amounts they wish to donate today to this cause.

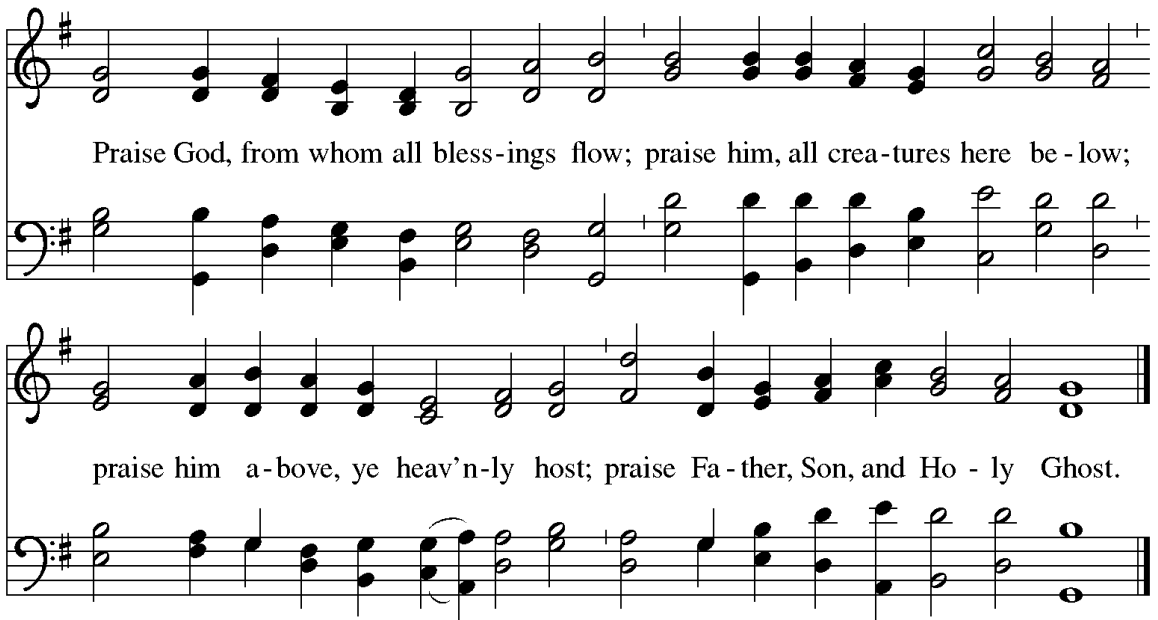
We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

OFFERTORY

Prière à Notre - Dame from Boëllman's Suite Gothique

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: As children of God and heirs of God's promise, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in any kind of need.

A brief silence.

Leader: We pray for the church and its ministry. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of our planet.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in authority. Give them wisdom and compassion in their leadership. Strengthen in them a desire to protect all those who are vulnerable and care for those who are fleeing violence or natural disaster.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, disease, mental illness, and chronic pain. Be with all who are undergoing surgery or treatment. Grant that all may have peace and recover quickly from illness. We pray especially for all those we name now or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pastor: Receive these prayers, O God, and all those prayers 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, 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 with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with 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 provides a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in 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 repetition of the first phrase. The musical notation and accompaniment are consistent with the first system, ending with a double bar line.

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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

Go, Make Disciples

ELW # 540

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

Toccata from Boëllmann's Suite Gothique

DISMISSAL

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

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SENDING HYMN

Go, Make Disciples

ELW # 538



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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*All students in the church are invited to come with their backpacks
to the front of the sanctuary*

Dear Jesus, you are a friend to all.

Help these students follow your guidance both throughout the school year and each day of life by grace through faith in you.

We pray that these students find comfort in your Words of the Bible and knowing you are always with them.

With confident hope in God's watchful care, I bless these backpacks and these students in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May all of us be strong in faith and filled with the Spirit that we might be a blessing to all in the world.

O God, we know that you also guide all who teach our young people. Be with all teachers, counselors, staff, secretaries, principles, and parents who spend their time and energy helping them all achieve success. Give them strength, courage, and endurance to meet the challenges and demands for this school year.

Guide them and let them know your encouraging presence and love.



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 back!

Every Sunday at 8:45 am.

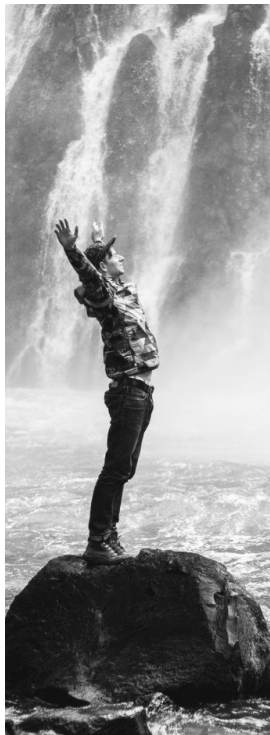
This adult class consists of videos, Bible study, current event discussions, and other faith related topics. Anyone and everyone is welcome!



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS IS TODAY

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

OUR CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL known as "GRACE FRIENDS" BEGINS TODAY!



IS ANYONE
AMONG YOU
IN TROUBLE?
LET THEM
PRAY.

IS ANYONE
HAPPY?
LET THEM
SING SONGS
OF PRAISE.

James 5:13



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.

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

SHORE DINER

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%.

6710 TILTON ROAD,
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ
609-641-3669



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
present

MASS in G MAJOR

by
Franz Schubert



Sunday, October 17, 2021 @ 3:00 pm
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
30th & Bay Avenues
Ocean City, NJ

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.

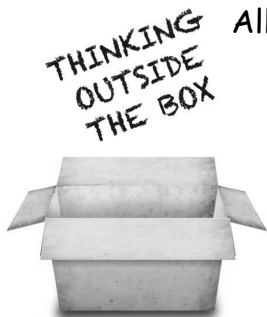


Calling all friends and family of Grace! Come one! Come all!
Our spirit-led visioning and strategic planning retreat is back!

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 26 - October 3, 2021

Sunday 9/26 **Pentecost 18**

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

Blessing of Backpacks, Students & Teachers

Grace Friends Sunday School

4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Monday 9/27

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 9/28

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 9/29

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 9/30

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday 10/1

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday 10/2

Sunday 10/3 **Pentecost 19**

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

Grace Friends Sunday School

4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of

my husband Bob

on his 93rd birthday.

Given by Bettie Cross

Mom, Happy Heavenly

101st Birthday!

Given by Kathy Nigsch

BULLETINS

Wishing all teachers and students a
productive school year.

CANDLES

In Loving Memory of my wife Louise

Our 71st Wedding Anniversary

Given by Skip Uhrmann