Pentecost 21

October 17, 2021



Grace Lutheran Church

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

² Welcome

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

<u>Members of Grace</u>: Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N., John S., MaryAnn T., Joyce B., Ruth T.

Family and friends: Family of Regina, (relative of Marlene Doer); 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

Beach Spring

setting by Janet Linker

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.**

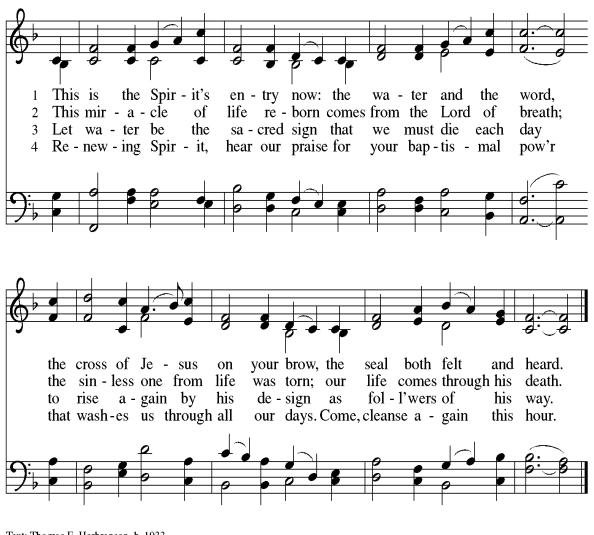
Let us come before God, with all our imperfections and shortcomings, ready to accept that we are human and need to be put back on God's path for our lives.

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

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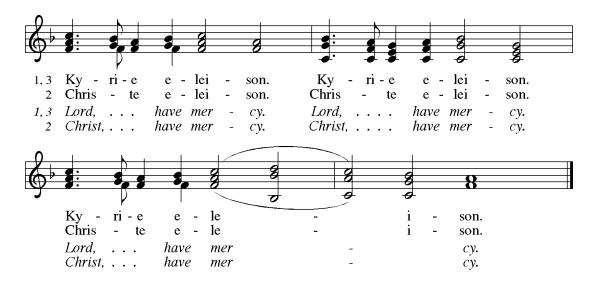


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GREETING

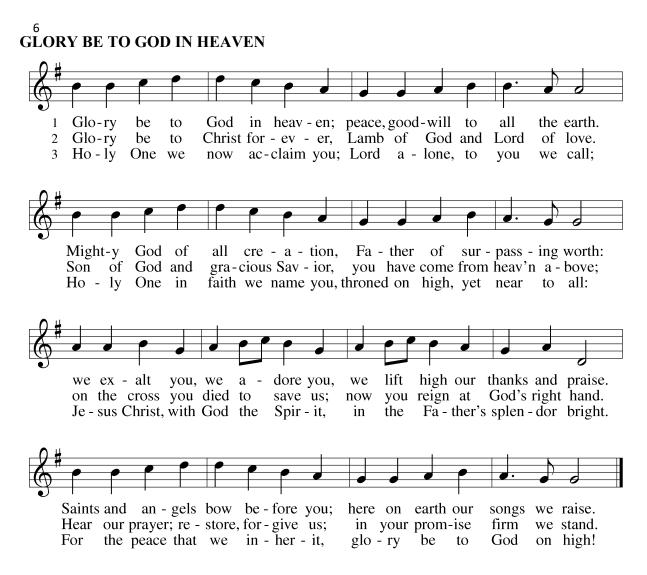
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional





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....Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

⁷ WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM: PSALM: 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰no evil ¹ will befall you, / nor shall affliction come ¹ near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge [|] over you, to guard you in [|] all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot a- gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who [|] cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will [|] answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them, / and show them | my salvation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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WEEKLY OFFERING

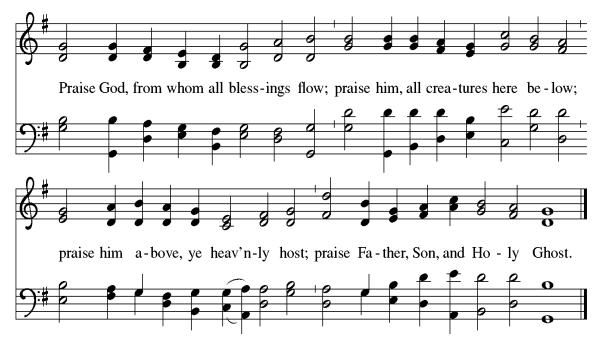
We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

OFFERTORY

Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs by Antonio Lotti

Please stand as you are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



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 join together in prayer for all of God's creation. *Brief silence.*

Leader: Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of Wisdom, we pray for all who work toward peace and who lead nations. Be with all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness *especially all those we name now or in our hearts...* that all may know your love and comfort. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, secretaries, financial volunteers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, musicians, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Confident that you hear us, O God, we give you our prayers and trust them in your hands; 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:





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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

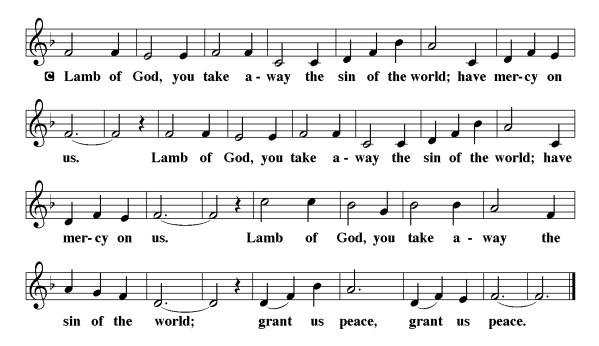
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



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 HYMNGo, My Children, With My BlessingELW # 543Music 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.

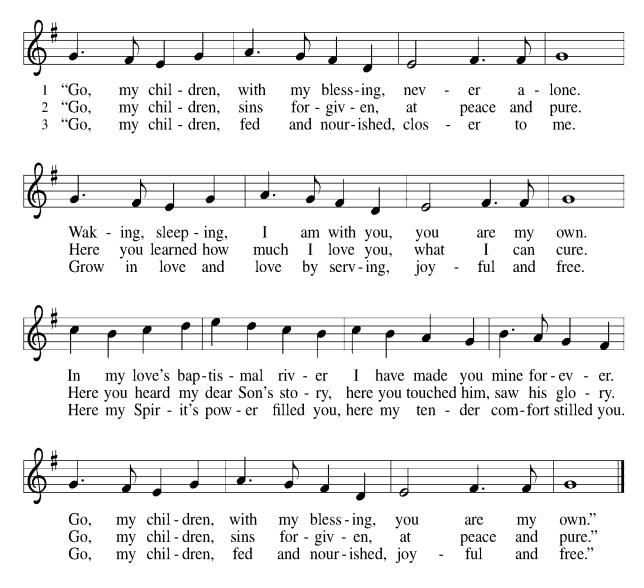
POSTLUDE

Ar Hyd Y Nos

by Frank Stoldt

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

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LOSSES AND SCARS Thursday, November 4th @7:30 pm

We all go through many things in our lives. Lately, some of us have lost family members, friends, and we have undergone other difficult changes. Pastor Althea will facilitate sharing of grief and other thoughts in a group setting. We will have some quiet time to pray and sit with one another in support.

Please come to Grace at 7:30 pm on November 4th.



REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS & TIME OF HEALING Sunday, November 7th @ 10:15 am

Since this year has been a difficult year of losses and stress, we will be having a time of healing and prayer during our All Saints Sunday worship on November 7th. Everyone will have the opportunity to come forward for anointing and prayer.

Bring a picture of your loved one and place in the window sills of the sanctuary for the All Saints' Day service.



GRATITUDE AND GIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 14th

In the spirit of harvest time and Thanksgiving coming up, we are planning a special service of thankfulness and gratitude. We are also collecting items for our Grace Place Pantry this Sunday. Please bring your items to be blessed as we support our community pantry.



Spirit, Lead Us: Grace's Ministry Retreat

Join Us on Sunday, November 14th following 10:15 am Worship. We will gather in the downstairs Fellowship Hall to have lunch while we begin our spirit-led visioning and strategic planning. Make your reservation and lunch payment using the tear-off portion of Grace Notes.

Events This Week - October 17 - 24, 2021

Sunday 10/17Pentecost 218:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge8:45 am - Adult Sunday School10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
Holy Communion
Grace Friends Sunday School3:00 pm Cape Shore Chorale Concert
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, O.C.4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge6:30 pm - Confirmation Class
@Reformation, Absecon

<u>Monday 10/18</u> 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry 7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

<u>Tuesday 10/19</u> 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry 9:30 am - South Shore Pericope Meeting 6:30 pm - NA 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting Wednesday 10/20 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry 11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group 6:30 pm - Cape Atlantic Intergroup–Lounge 7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 10/219:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge7:00 pm - Facilities Team– Conference Rm

Friday 10/22 10:30 am - Grace Stitchers 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday 10/23

Sunday 10/24Pentecost 228:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge8:45 am - Adult Sunday School10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion Grace Friends Sunday School 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge 6:30 pm - Confirmation Class @ Grace



Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Memory of Hjørdis Svindland Given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson & Family



