

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1st, 2022



Grace Lutheran Church

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Welcome

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin.

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: Ruth Bowden **Altar Guild:** Brenda Traa

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

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: John N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B., Carol F.,

Family and friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S. (*Pastor Althea*);

Payton (*Joyce Bianco*), Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Annmarie, Kathy (*Marlene Doer*); Phyllis, Shawn (*Carol Fry*); Jody (*Grings*);

Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*);

Jim, Vicki, (*Meg LaSpina*), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Danny (*Renee Pugliese*);

Catherine and Sal (*Corrine Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Dotte Currie, (*Deborah Walker*),

Wisdom Family (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene, Family and friends of *Betty Neupauer*

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

Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme,

Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

ELW Setting 4
Red Hymnal

Congregation responses in bold print.
Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

By: Keith Kolander

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you
with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Please turn to the special Baptism Ceremony Bulletin for Everette Kane Milnes

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked,

“Who are you, Lord?” The reply came,

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”

¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

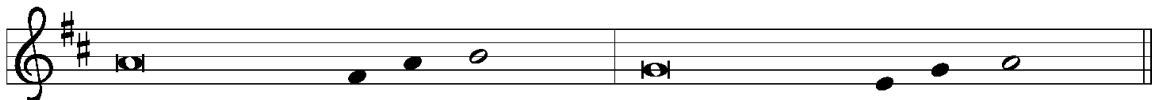
¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said,

“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying,

“He is the Son of God.”

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



PSALM: : Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up/and have not
let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,/and you restored | me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead; you restored my life as
I was going down | to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful; give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor | lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night,
but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said, “I shall never | be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD; I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?”

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me; O LORD, | be my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth
and clothed | me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; O LORD my God,
I will give you | thanks forever.**

“I am going fishing.” They said to him,
“We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them,

“Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him,

“No.” ⁶He said to them,

“Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”

So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter,

“It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them,

“Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”

¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them,

“Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him,

“Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him,

“Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him,

“Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time he said to him,

“Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him,

“Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him,

“Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time,

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time,

“Do you love me?” And he said to him,

“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him,

“Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

All Children are invited to follow our Sunday school teachers downstairs for a children's lesson. Children will be back upstairs for Communion.

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 require assistance.

OFFERTORY

I Know My Redeemer Liveth

From Handel's "Messiah"

Please stand as your are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*Sung*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pastor: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to God for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Brief silence.

Leader: Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Leader: Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds all living creatures. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pastor: Restore those who cry to you for help. We pray especially for all those we name now or in our hearts... Turn their mourning into dancing, grant them peace, clothe them with joy, and grant them your healing love. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us 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 as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you may yourself be known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.
Come to us, Lord Jesus.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



SENDING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Christ our Lord, † and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

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Please be seated for the postlude.

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

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

by J Wayne Kerr

~DEDICATIONS~

The bulletins for today's service are dedicated to the beloved memory of Larry Blumenthal for his birthday by Roberta Blumenthal, his loving wife.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.



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**16th
Annual**



**FOR
SHORE MEDICAL CENTER
FRIDAY, MAY 6th
@ 12 o'clock noon**

Hosted by
Grace Lutheran Church Women

**SHOWER GIFT IDEAS!
NEWBORN to SIZE 2 Outfits -
Receiving Blankets
Hand Crocheted or Knitted Items
Onesies - Bibs - Diapers
Wash Cloths and Towels**

**Unwrapped gifts for NEWBORNS through size 2 can
be brought to the Church Office
or left in the box located in the Narthex (Lobby) by
Sunday, May 1st.**

Representatives from Shore Memorial
Hospital will join us to accept the gifts,
then take them to the hospital for
distribution. These items will be given to
disadvantaged mothers when
they take their babies home.

The entire congregation is encouraged to participate.

RSVP by Sunday, May 1st.



Visitors Welcome!!

Please sign the visitors book located in the Narthex/Lobby on the podium or sign a Connection Card, located in the pews, to let us know who you are.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 8:45 am. Conference Room

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

“GRACE FRIENDS” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children will leave for their classes with their teachers following the children’s sermon.

GRACE PLACE-FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

⇒ ⇒ Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard
⇒ ⇒ Crackers, Chef Boyardee cans
⇒ Beets, Spinach ⇒ Bread, dairy products,
Eggs, brown gravy, juice. ⇒ Toiletries (shampoo,
soap, toothpaste, tissues) ⇒ napkins, paper
towels, ETC.

**OPEN Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 am
until 11:30 am.** Pantry is closed the first full
week of every month.

MOVING WITH GRACE WALKING TOGETHER

The newly formed walking group will meet on
Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm and Saturdays @ 4:00 pm
We will meet in the Lounge for check-in, devo-
tion, and prayer before walking. If weather condi-
tions are poor we will be walking in the gym or as
the group decides. Invite family and friends to join
us. Come to one or come to both.

UPCOMING Groups & Events- TBD Grief Support Group-Losses & Scars

Pastor Althea is planning a new support group for
those struggling with grief/loss.

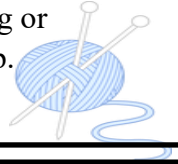
Please notify the office of your interest.

Fall Yard Sale being planned, stay tuned...



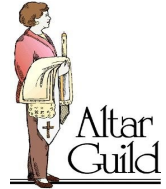
Grace Stitchers

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.



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

There are open dates for Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings. Open dates for 2022 through May. **May 8, 22, 29**
Contact Diana McArdle or Michelle Allen in the Church Office @ 609-927-3082 to add your name to a specific date. New assistants are welcome.



Helpers are needed weekly to set-up communion for Sunday services. Contact Brenda Traa, Diana McArdle, Michelle Allen or Pastor Althea to learn more about serving/helping with this vital part of our worship.



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. Or you can clip the coupon be-

Please use these cards to record your attendance/communion and prayer requests.
Connection/Communion & Prayer Cards Are located in every pew. Place the completed cards in the offering plates or give to the usher. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

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%.

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NEED PRAYER?

Date: / /

CARD

CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD

Events with Grace
Week of May 1st, 2022–May 8th, 2022

Sunday May 1, 2022

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge
8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
{Baptism Ceremony for Everett Kane Milne}
3:30 - AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Catechism Class
@ Reformation
*LAST DAY TO RSVP OR DONATE ITEMS
FOR ANNUAL BABY SHOWER*

Monday May 2, 2022

9 - 11:30 am - Food Pantry
2:00 pm - Moving with Grace -
Walking Together
6:30 pm - NA Meeting Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - AA Meeting Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - May 3, 2022

9 - 11:30 am - Food Pantry
2:00 pm - Moving with Grace -
Walking Together
6:30 pm - NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday - May 4, 2022

9 -11:30 am - Food Pantry
11:30 am - 3:30 pm - Bayside Duplicate
Bridge - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

~CHURCH OFFICE HOURS~
MONDAY - FRIDAY
10 am - 3 pm (or by appointment)
Office Phone - (609)927-3082
Food Pantry Phone -
(609)927-9982

Thursday - May 5, 2022

9 -11:30 am - Food Pantry
5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday May 6, 2022

10:30 am - Grace Stitches
12:00 pm - **16th Annual Baby Shower
for Shore Memorial Hospital**
7:30 pm - AA Meeting - Church Lounge



Saturday May 7, 2022

4:00 pm - Moving with Grace
Walking Together

Sunday May 8, 2022

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge
8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
3:30 - AA Meeting Fellowship Hall



~Pastor Althea's Office Hours~
Monday 10:30 am-1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
(or by appointment if needed)
email: pastoralthea3@gmail.com