

# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## September 15, 2024—September 22, 2024

### 17th Sunday of Pentecost 9/15/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
 8:45AM Adult Forum Group  
 10:15AM Traditional Worship  
**Joyful Noise Offering:**  
**Seaman's Institute**  
 4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### MONDAY 9/16/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### TUESDAY 9/17/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
**5:15PM Oktoberfest Committee Meeting**

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous  
 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY 9/18/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
 11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge  
 5:45 Heather Croft HOA  
 6:00PM Alateen  
 7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Tues 10:00AM-3:00PM  
 Thurs-Fri 10:00AM-3:00PM

### THURSDAY 9/19/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
 12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00PM Church Council & Call Committee Meeting with Bishop**

7:00PM Al-Anon

### FRIDAY 9/20/24

10:30AM Grace Stickers  
 7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### SATURDAY 9/21/24

**6:30PM 100th Anniversary Fundraiser Concert**

### 18th Sunday of Pentecost 9/22/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service  
 8:45AM Adult Forum Group  
 10:15AM Traditional Worship  
 4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### SHORE DINER

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

Shore Diner  
 6710 Tilton Road  
 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234  
 609-641-3669

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## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Vice Pastor † Wendolyn Trozzo, Scott J. Breiner, Music Director  
 Corinne Rhodes, Administrative Assistant  
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**We welcome you to worship here at Grace!**

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.  
 Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
 red hymnal found in the pews.*

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## GATHERING

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Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

### INTRODUCTION

*Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*

### WELCOME

James Ehrhardt

### PRELUDE

*Song Without Words*

by Einar Lindblom

*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.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the



**Friday, September 27, 2024**

**at Grace Lutheran Church**

**5:00-8:00 PM**

11 East Dawes Ave., Somers Point, NJ

(on Shore Road between Dawes Ave. and Meyran Ave.)

Call our office for tickets: **609-927-3082**

**Tickets: Adults: \$30** in advance (\$35 at the door)

Youth (ages 6-12): \$15

Children 5 & under: FREE

Adult ticket includes: food, 2 drinks (beer/wine),  
and dessert. (Hot dogs available for kids)

Non-alcoholic drink options will be available.

All proceeds will benefit our ministry in the community.

**German Food**

**Dancing**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Live Music:  
Not Another  
Oompah Band**

**Fun for everyone!**





## Grace Lutheran Church

in continuing celebration of it's 100th anniversary year

presents



### The Playmates Quartet

Flutist Pamela Whitman  
Pianist Scott Breiner  
Bassist Rich Kurtz  
Drummer Jason Koenig

### FUNDRAISER

to benefit Beacon Animal Rescue & Ocean City Humane Society

Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 6:30 P M

### Grace Lutheran Church

11 E. Dawes Avenue, Somers Point, N. J.

a THRIVENT sponsored event



source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**      *If God My Lord Be for Me*

**ELW #788**

### 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

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE**      The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

*Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.*

*Please be seated.*

### PSALM 116:1-9



<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup>heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup>supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup>ear to me  
whenev- <sup>1</sup>er I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup>came upon  
me;

I came to <sup>1</sup>grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup>save my life.”

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the <sup>l</sup>LORD and righteous;  
our God is full <sup>l</sup>of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches o-<sup>l</sup>ver the innocent;  
I was brought low,<sup>l</sup> and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest,<sup>l</sup> O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt <sup>l</sup>well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my <sup>l</sup>life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my <sup>l</sup>feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence <sup>l</sup>of the LORD  
in the land <sup>l</sup>of the living.

### READING : Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?

### Home Reading of the Week:

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Oktoberfest Food Prep Needed

If you are able to help prepare food for the Oktoberfest, please pick up a recipe in the narthex for what you would like to make and sign up on the sign-up sheet to let us know what you are making and how much. If you would like to contribute but do not have the time to make something, monetary donations are certainly appreciated, as well.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

God almighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*What a Fellowship*

ELW #774

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro Moderato*

by Arnold Cooke

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace and follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*We are glad for your presence today.  
We hope you come again soon!*

**We thank all those serving in worship today:**

**Worship Leader:** James Ehrhardt

**Reader:** Meg Markkanen



**The flowers, sponsor this week is:** Ingeborg Carlson, in memory of loved ones.

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

<sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo

great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

James Ehrhardt

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said* **ELW #667**

**THE 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 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING**

*Our monthly special noisy offering for the month of September is  
The Seaman's Institute.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Incline Thine Ear to Me*

by F. H. Himmel

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** *Create in me a Clean Heart* **WOV page 732**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. **By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.  
*Brief silence.*

*At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "Hear us, O God," please respond with "Your mercy is great."*

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

**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**