

# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## September 29, 2024—October 6, 2024

### 19th Sunday of Pentecost 9/29/24

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

### MONDAY 9/30/24

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

### TUESDAY 10/1/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous  
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY 10/2/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge  
6:00PM Alateen  
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

### THURSDAY 10/3/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry  
**11:00AM 100th Anniversary  
Committee Meeting**  
12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal  
7:00PM Al-Anon

### FRIDAY 10/4/24

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

### SATURDAY 10/5/24

*No Events*

### 20th Sunday of Pentecost 10/6/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service  
8:45AM Adult Forum Group  
**9:00AM New Member Orientation**  
10:15AM Traditional Worship  
4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

### 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%.

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6710 Tilton Road  
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## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

*Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.*

### WELCOME

Rev. Jeffrey Eaton

### PRELUDE

*Aria in F Major*

by Handel

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

## Food Pantry Donation of the Month

This will begin in October.

There will be a basket in the narthex for people to place their donations in.

The food pantry item collected for the month of October will be:

**Knorr Packets**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Member Orientation

There will be a New Member Orientation on **Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 AM** in the Church Lounge. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member here at Grace, please let Pastor Wendolyn or Corinne know.

### Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Wendolyn will offer a Blessing of Animals on **Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 PM**

You are invited to bring your beloved pets for special blessing.

Please share this invitation with family and friends!

Grief Group - All are Welcome

Whether you've lost a job, a loved one,

health, relationships, or a dream,

we're here to help you as we support one another.

### Grief Support Group

**Grace Lutheran Church**

**2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm October-January**

Free and Confidential Small Group Care

To reserve a spot, call the Church office at 609-927-3082 or email:

[office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net)

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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**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**ELW #547**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Psalm XIX*

by Marcelo

**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:**

**Reader:** Ruth Bowden

*Special thank you to Reverend Jeffrey Eaton  
and*

*Organist: H. Ray Hunsicker*



**The flowers sponsor this week is:** Kathleen Wopatek-Nigsch, in loving memory of her mom, Kay Wopatek, on her birthday!

**The bulletins sponsor this week is:** Meg La Spina, "In loving memory of our wife, mother, and MomMom, Pam LaSpina. You are always in our hearts and missed so much!"  
From The LaSpina and Friedrich Families

**OPENING HYMN**

*Christ Be Our Light*

**ELW #715**

**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**

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.**

**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.*

**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?*

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

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So 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? <sup>12</sup>Did 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'? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If 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."

<sup>16</sup>So 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."

<sup>24</sup>So 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. <sup>25</sup>Then 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.

<sup>26</sup>Two 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. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But 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 19:7-14

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

<sup>8</sup>**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.**

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

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

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. **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 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *Lamb of God*      *white booklet page 4*

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. We will have continuous communion today. The ushers will invite worshippers forward up the center aisle. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew along the side aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing; cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

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**HOLY COMMUNION**


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**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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**

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

We give thanks for your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, 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

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>l</sup>vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is <sup>l</sup>great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's <sup>l</sup>own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my <sup>l</sup>secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion <sup>l</sup>over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a <sup>l</sup>great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable <sup>l</sup>in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and <sup>l</sup>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.*

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are 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. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>17</sup>Elijah 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. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you 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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: 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.*

<sup>38</sup>John 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.”

<sup>39</sup>But 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. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For 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.

<sup>42</sup>“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. <sup>43</sup>If 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. <sup>45</sup>And 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. <sup>47</sup>And 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, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt 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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Eaton

*Please stand as you are able.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

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### 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.*

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Air (Water Music Suite)*

by Handel

*Please stand as you are able.*

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in me a Clean Heart*

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