

November 17, 2024 26th Sunday of Pentecost

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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.*

GATHERING

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

INTRODUCTION

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

WELCOME

Rev. Jeffrey Eaton

PRELUDE

Hungry Feast

setting by David Cherwien

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

ELW #729

VERSES 1, 3, 5 ALL, VERSE 2 MEN, VERSE 4 WOMEN

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

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through 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.

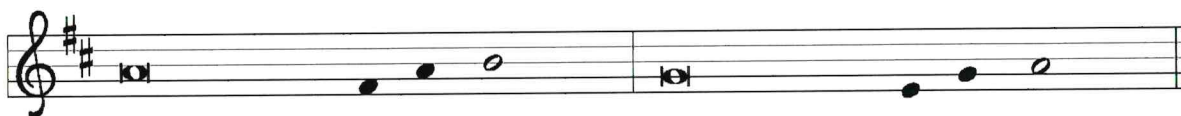
READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹ “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

PSALM 16



- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my God a-¹bove all others.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are¹ in the land,
upon those who are noble a-¹mong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after¹ other gods
shall have their troubles¹ multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods,
never take their names up-¹on my lips.**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion¹ and my cup;
it is you who up-¹holds my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a¹ pleasant land;
indeed, I have a¹ rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night¹ after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD al-¹ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall¹ not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹it rejoices;
my body also shall¹ rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one¹ see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures for-¹evermore.

Please stand as you are able.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

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 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Cycle

Rev. Jeffrey Eaton

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us* **ELW #704**

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 November is CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children).

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Saving Victim by Roland E. Martin
Soprano: Corinne Rhodes

Please stand as you are able.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *Brief silence.*

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "Merciful God," please respond with "receive our prayer."

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 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

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*
 We Come to the hungry Feast
 Eat This Bread

ELW #658

ELW #479

ELW #472

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. 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. As places open up, worshippers will fill them in so that communion is a continuous process. 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; as you kneel at the railing, cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING**BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

ELW #546

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

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia

by J. S. Bach, arr. By Homer Whitford

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
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: Meg Markkanen



The flowers sponsor this week is: Mary Goodman, in loving memory of Ron.

The candles, bulletins and wine sponsor is: Bettie Cross, in remembrance of our daughter, Anne Louise on her birthday.

The Food Pantry would like to thank all who helped receive and organize the items delivered from St. Joe's Parish on Saturday, November 9.

If any of you have or are receiving a free turkey that you will not need, the food pantry is in need of turkey donations for their Thanksgiving baskets for families in need.

COOKIE WALK HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of bakers for our 17th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk! If you are willing and able to bake for this, please sign up in the narthex before or after church so we know what we can expect. We need an exorbitant amount of cookies, **as it usually sells out within the first hour!**

If you have any gently used Christmas decorations or kitchenware you no longer need or want, we can use them for our white elephant table at the Cookie Walk.

Helpers are needed the day before the Cookie Walk to receive and organize trays of cookies and baked goods. Helpers are also needed the day of the event. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a vendor table, please let us know. Only \$25 per table!

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a vendor table, please contact Heidi Toth 609-233-4156 or Sandy Piskun 609-226-5591.

100th Anniversary Gala

December 15 at 12:30 PM-3:30 PM

Atlantic City Country Club

\$35 per person

Reservations and payment can be made by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office

609-927-3082.

*Payment is due November 17.



Cape Shore Chorale

and director of music

Scott J. Breiner

present

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Sunday, December 8, 2024 @ 3 P M

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

30th & Bay Avenue

Ocean City, N. J.

Lite refreshments

Free will offering



Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Cape May County Board of County Commissioners through the Cape May County Division of Culture & Heritage



HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

November 17, 2024–November 24, 2024

26th Sunday of Pentecost 11/17/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship
10:15AM Traditional Worship
Joyful Noise Offering: CASA
4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 11/18/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
10:00AM Clergy Bible Study
5:45PM Heather Croft HOA
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/19/24

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

WEDNESDAY 11/20/24

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

THURSDAY 11/21/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Church Council Meeting
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 11/22/24

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

SATURDAY 11/23/24

No events.

Christ The King Sunday 11/24/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service
8:45AM Adult Forum Group
10:15AM Traditional Worship
12:00PM Grief Support Potluck
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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