

Grace Lutheran Church

Worship at 8:00 am (Spoken) & 10:15 am (Liturgical) 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: Ruth Bowden Altar Guild: Brenda Traa—Fellowship—Kevin Thomas Sound Technicians: Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, 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.

Members of Grace: Jim C., Cheryl R., Betty N., John N., John S.

Family and friends: Family and friends of Doris Pugliese (sister of Rene Pugliese) Elliott and Rodriguez Family (friend of Pastor Althea). Jody (niece of Grings), Maria, Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Wellfields), Dr. Frank, (friend of Diana McArdle), Jim, Vicki, Don, and Barbara (friends of Meg LaSpina), Payton (friend of Joyce Bianco), Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Tami (friend of Brenda T.) Family of Ambrose O'Donnell, 3rd (Friend of Claire Brick)

<u>**Those Serving Our Country:</u>** Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USM; Cainan Johnson, USAF</u>

<u>At Home</u> - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann <u>Shores@Wesley Manor</u>: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble <u>Woodview Estates</u>: Lorraine Moore

WITH ONE VOICE BREAD OF LIFE Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele

by J. S. Bach

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, we open our hearts to you. You know each of us inside and out. We cannot hide anything from you. Create in us hearts of love and humble us to serve you by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Renew our relationship with you and restore our joy as we worship you and magnify your holy name. **Amen**

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

- God of Grace, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We humbly repent and we want to be close to you again. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Restore our relationship with you. Uphold us and strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you once again through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- God loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith. In the name of + Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that you may know Jesus' great mercy and love for you. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt. Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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







PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD[|] at all times; / the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²I will glory | in the LORD; / let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

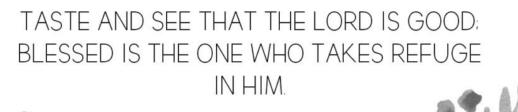
³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD; / let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who | answered me / and delivered me from | all my terrors. ⁵Look upon the LORD| and be radiant, / and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and de- | livers them.

⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good; happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!



Pralm 34:8

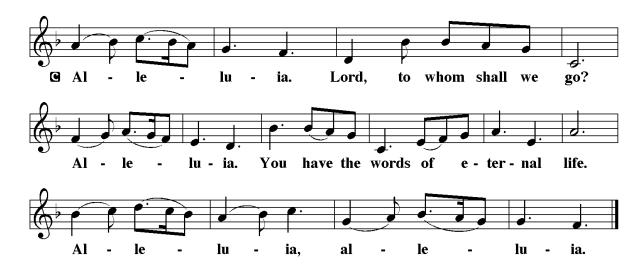
SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

SERMON

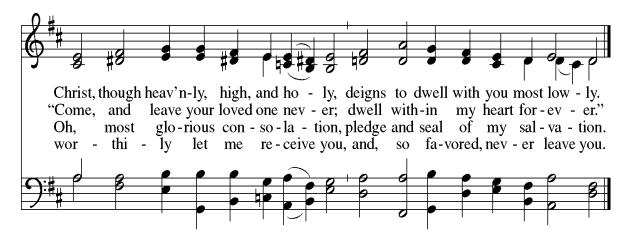
Rev. Althea Albright

I am the Bread of Life

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HYMN OF THE DAY Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Verses 1 & 4, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 3, Men





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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

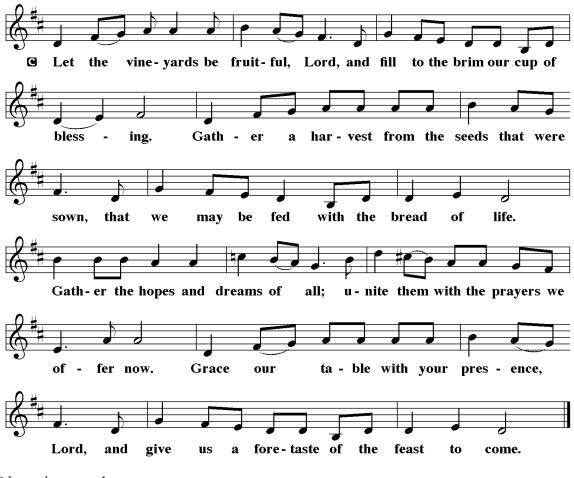
We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

OFFERTORY

Bread of the World Soprano: Corinne Rhodes by Robert Gomer Jones

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Please stand as you are able



Please be seated

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.

Let us pray. We praise you, God, Creator of the universe. We thank you for all of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Take these gifts and use them for your holy work. Grant us opportunities to serve those in need. Send your Spirit to watch over us and guide us in all that we do through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- *Leader:* For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- *Leader:* For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- *Leader:* For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For all who volunteer and put time and energy into our many ministries. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- *Pastor:* We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your love and your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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MEAL

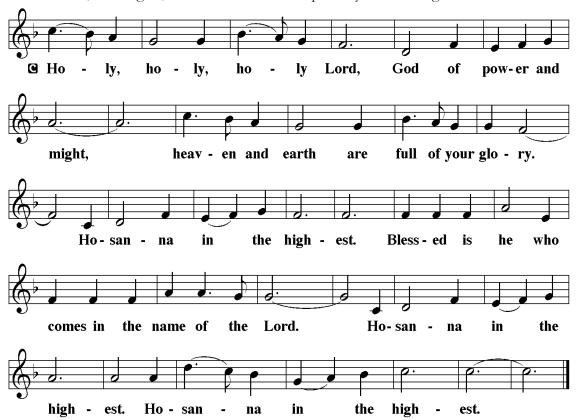
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have taken us by the hand, and offered yourself to us in a sacred sacrament. You are the creator of all things; you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth. You know our inner most being and offered us love and forgiveness in the new covenant embodied in your Son, Jesus, who died for all the world. Now, with the whole church, the angels, and all of heaven we praise you and sing:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty God, at this, your holy table, we come to you to be fed by your presence. We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill 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 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.

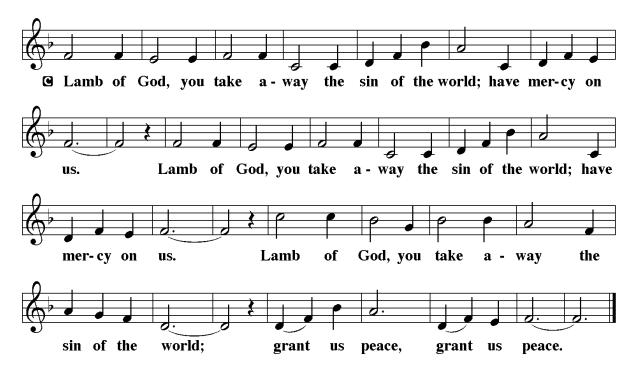
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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

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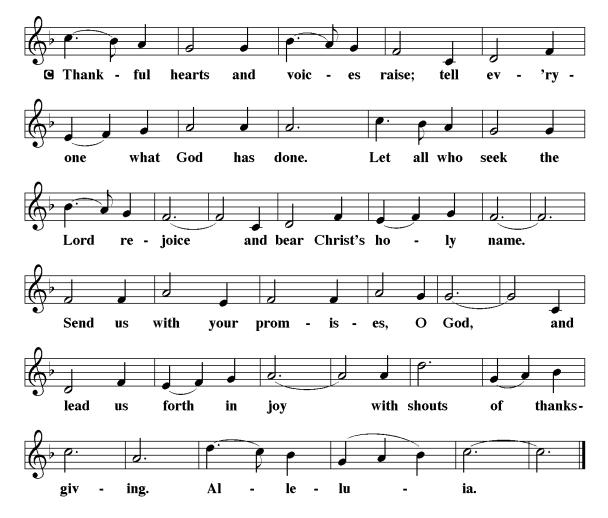
Follow the directions of Pastor and the Ushers.

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.







PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the sharing of this holy meal you bless us with the body and blood of your Son to refresh and restate all of your people.

Give us courage and guidance that we may continue to be your hands and feet in the world. Amen

²⁰ SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

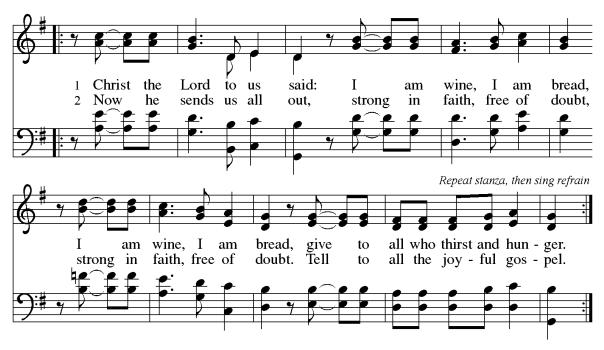
Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Beloved children of God, as we are sent from this place, know that God loves you. Remember Christ's presence is with you wherever you go.

Know that the Spirit is with you whenever you call on the Lord. Amen.





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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

Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness

by Paul Manz

DISMISSAL

Go and serve others with the love of Christ! Thanks be to God!

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Weekly Household Devotions

Time After Pentecost

Year B - Lectionary 19 Sunday, August 7-13

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, Daily Reading and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

Psalm 81:16

Looking Back . . .

Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	"I am the bread of life"
Monday	Psalm 81	God's appeal to stubborn Israel
Tuesday	Ruth 2:1-23	Ruth meets Boaz
Wednesday	Ephesians 5:1-14	Renounce pagan ways

LookingAhead...

Thursday	Psalm 34:9-14	Praise for deliverance from trouble
Friday	Job 11:1 -2 0	Zophar speaks: Job's guilt deserves punishment
Saturday	Romans 16:17-20	Final Instructions
Sunday	John 6:51-58	"Whoever eats of this bread will live forever"



Pentecost: How We Feed Each Other

This Week

It is the time of year when families are gearing up for back to school. This includes school supply and clothing shopping, as well as the age old discussion of will the children buy "hot lunch" or bring a lunch from home. What we feed our children matters we know, but many families don't have the resources to feed their children healthy meals from home and so rely on the schools to feed their children. In this sixweek series we are focusing on that God provides all that we need for our minds, spirits and bodies. We are called to help share our blessings and ensure that all people have food that truly nourishes their mind-body-spirit.

Help your child pack a lunch that includes as many colors in the rainbow as possible. Write a note on a paper napkin or a piece of paper that reminds your child that the rainbow is God's promise of love for the world and so eating a rainbow can help us to remember God's love and presence!

FAITHFORMATIONJOURNEYS.ORG

Did you miss a week? Download inserts at our website?

Faith on	the Go		
EAITH_ Pray	Dear God, you show care to everyone and we want to show care to all that we meet as well. Help us to see all of the possibilities in you! Amen		
EAITHConnec	Who did you lift up today? Who lifted you?		
EAITHBible	John 6:35, 41-51 - "I am the bread of life"		
	Day 1 John 6:35 What do people thirst and hunger for in your community? Do they need real food and real water? Do they need shelter? Do they need love and understanding?		
r. .	Day 2 John 6:41-42 Have you ever been underestimated or pre-judged? What does it feel like? What did you do about it?		
Chat	Day 3 John 6:43-44 What draws you to Jesus?		
	Day 4 John 6:45-47 How do you feel about Jesus' promise of eternal life? Is simply believing enough? Is even that too limiting? Does eternal life require more of you?		
	Day 5 John 6:48-51 What gives you life here and now? How do you use that life to glorify God?		
EALHBless	After a day at work or school tell one another: Rest in the love of Jesus.		

Sunday 8/8 Pentecost 11 8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service	Thursday 8/12 11:00 am - Baby Shower Set-up-CANCELED 5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
Holy Communion 11:30 am - Fellowship Hour - Downstairs 12:00 noon - Pizza Party for Sunday School	7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge Friday 8/13
<u>Monday 8/9</u> 9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry	10:30 am - Grace Stitchers 12 noon: 15th Annual Baby Shower CANCELED 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge
7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall <u>Tuesday 8/10</u> 9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry	Saturday 8/14 Sunday 8/15 Pentecost 12
6:30 pm - NA 7:00 pm - Support Team Meeting	8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
Wednesday 8/11 9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry 11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group 7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall	Holy Communion 11:30 am - Fellowship Hour - Downstairs Sunday School Ministry Meeting

Events This Week - August 8 - 15, 2021

2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Available for weekly dedications are Candles, Sanctuary Flowers, Bulletins, Wine & Anthems. Please sign your name next to the date and item on the chart you wish to have dedicated in the bulletin. For your convenience, flower /dedication envelopes are now available in the Narthex/Lobby. Please be sure to write your name on the date requested on the flower chart located in the Office Wing outside the Church Office. **Be sure to fill out the payment envelope with all the information for the bulletin**, **a week before (or sooner) your desired date, place it in the Offering plate or bring to the church office.** Thank you, Diana

Dedications

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Honor of Our 36th Wedding Anniversary Given by Charles and Ruth Bowden