

Pentecost 16

September 12, 2021

Take up your cross
and follow me.



Mark 8:34

Grace Lutheran Church

Worship Service @ 10:15 am

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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.

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., MaryAnn T., Joyce B.

Family and friends: Tammy (Relative of Rene Pugliese)

Elliott, Gage, Virginia (friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); Cecilia, and Richard, and the friends and family of Maria and Nancy (friends of Welfields); Shirley & Carl (Parents of Debbie Kleuser); Jim, Vicki, (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); Timothy Gibson (cousin of Ruth Bowden)

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

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

Shores@Wesley Manor: Dot Crawshaw, Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore



Installation Service
for
The Reverend Althea Albright
as the pastor of
Grace Lutheran Church.
Sunday, September 12, 2021
10:15 am

We are honored to welcome
Bishop Tracie Bartholomew
as we share God's Word and Holy Communion.

WITH ONE VOICE

LITURGY

Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit

arr. by Bruce Greer

Vocalists: Corrine Rhodes and Scott Breiner

Please stand as you are able

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, All You People

ELW # 819

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our Creator, we come to you in worship, knowing that you are always with us.

You see all of our strengths and the places where we need to grow as people of God. Renew and refresh us so that we may know your love and be ready to serve you with all our mind and all our heart. **Amen.**

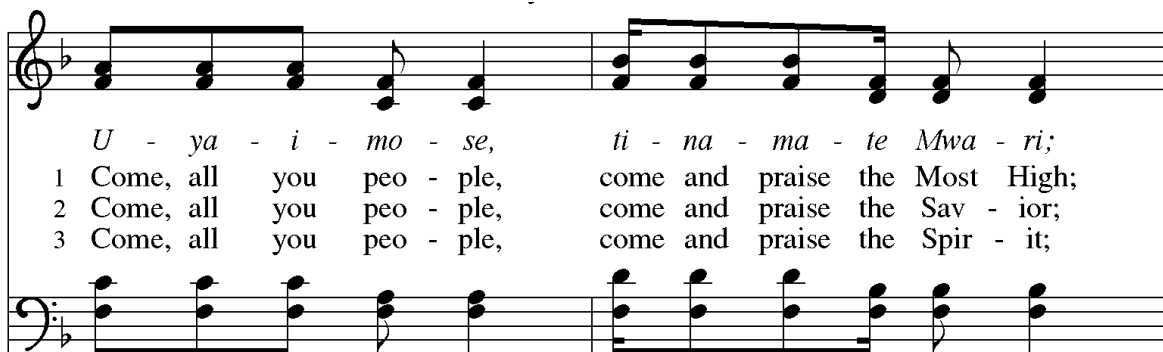
Let us come before God, with all our imperfections and shortcomings, ready to accept that we are human and need to be put back on God's path for our lives.

Merciful and Forgiving God,

We acknowledge that we are not perfect. We turn away from you and we do not always follow your path for our lives. We do not always treat one another with love. We are not always patient, nor kind to our neighbors.

We confide in you and we ask that you have mercy on us. Forgive us for what we have not done and for the things we have done which have hurt others. Renew our courage and strength so that we do not lose heart in following you. Lead us and refresh us so that you may show us new vision for loving one another and for our ministry together. Amen.

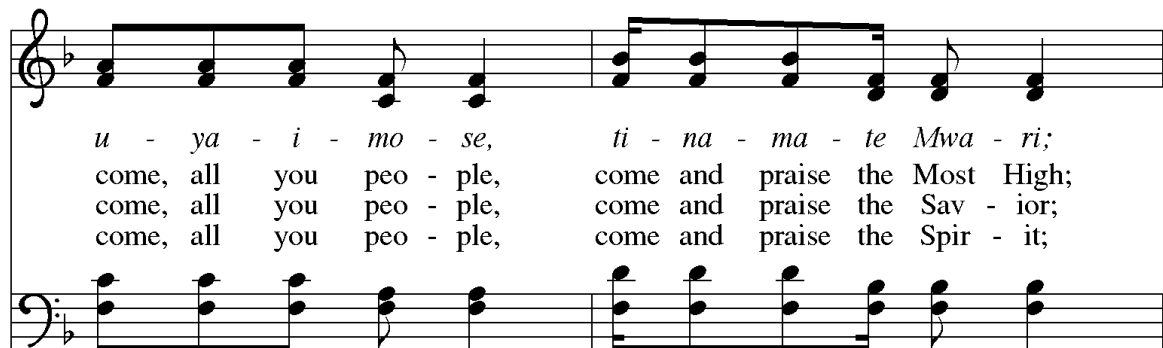
Christ came down so that God would know what it's like to be human. God is with us through all of life's joys and frustrations. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare that you are forgiven all of your sins, in the name of God, our Parent, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. May our God, uplift you and strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Jesus will continue to show you the way of love and everlasting life. **Amen**



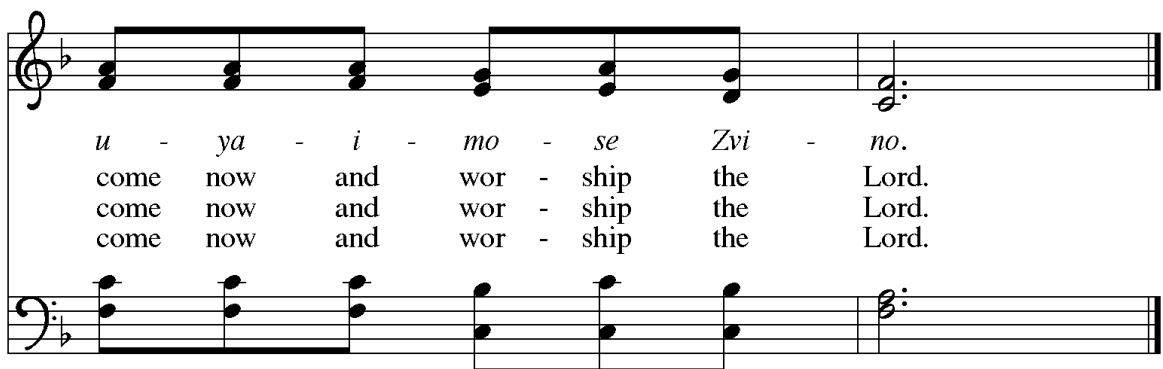
U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

ELW # 807



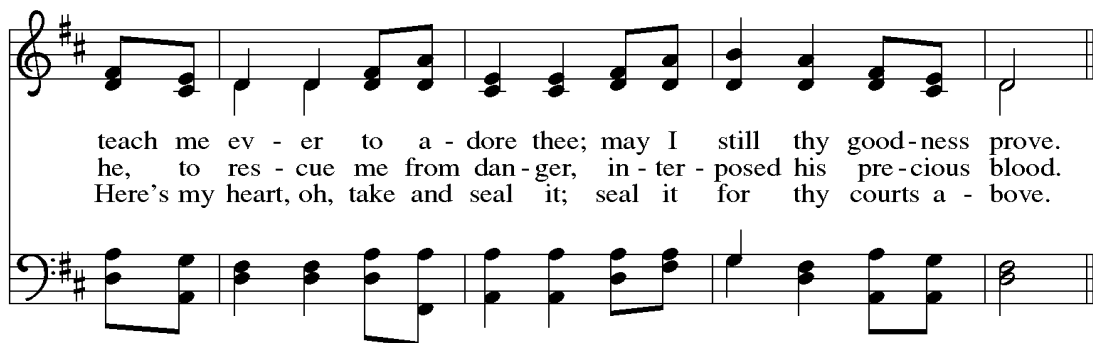
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.**

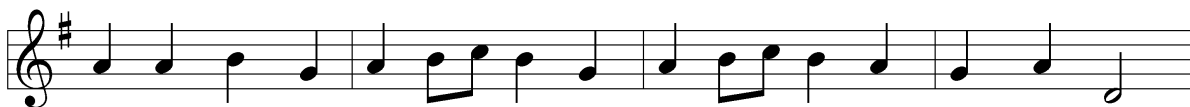
GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN



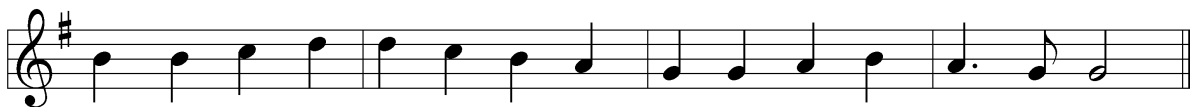
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
 Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
 Ho-ly One in faith we name you, throned on high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....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.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The 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.

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

⁶I 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.

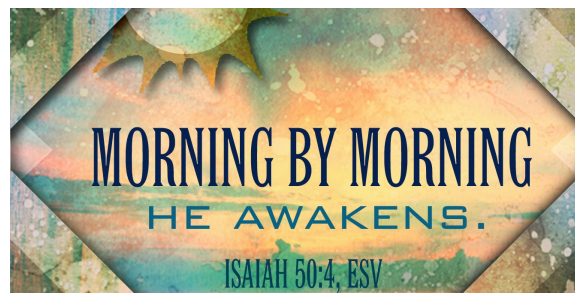
⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

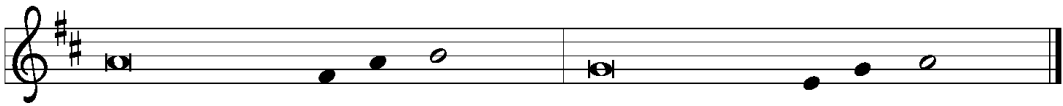
⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





PSALM: PSALM: 116:1-9

- ¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, / and listened to my | supplication,
²**for the LORD has given | ear to me / whenev- | er I called.**
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
 I came to | grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: / “O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**
⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous; / our God is full | of compassion.
⁶**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;**
 I was brought low, | and God saved me.
⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul. / for the LORD has dealt | well with you.
⁸**For you have rescued my | life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;
⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD / in the land | of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For 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. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or 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. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And 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. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

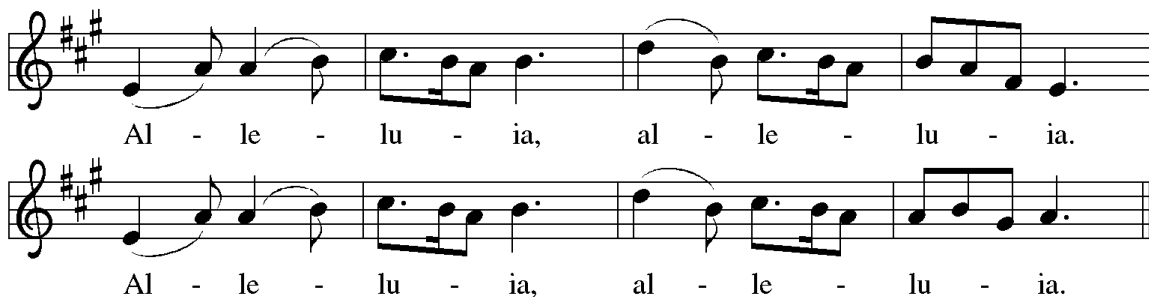
¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs?

No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Mark **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: 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.

²⁷Jesus 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?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then 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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But 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."

³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those 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. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Bishop Tracie Bartholomew

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Little Light of Mine

ELW # 677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

INSTALLATION OF THE REV. ALTHEA ALBRIGHT

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation

Having been authorized by the church to install The Rev Althea Albright, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Grace Lutheran Church, have called The Rev. Althea Albright as pastor.

I present her and this letter certifying the call.

Please be seated

Address and Questions

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.
(1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Pastor Althea, in the presence of this assembly
 will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,
 in the confidence that this ministry comes from God through the call
 of the church?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures
 and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in *America*?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures
 and in your use of the means of grace?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,
 nourish them with the word and sacraments,
 and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world,
 that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Pastor: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
 graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Congregation: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

People of God,
 will you receive Pastor Althea as a messenger of Jesus Christ
 sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
 Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the
 mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her,
 help and honor her for her work's sake,
 and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

Pastor Althea, the office of pastor is now committed to you
 in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
 make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
 working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;
 through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Piskun Family (representing all families and youth);
 You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

Jill Welfield (representing the Call Committee);
 You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

Stephen Gring (representing Church Council):
 You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

Congregation may offer acclamation with applause.

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

A Place in the Choir

arr. By Janet Wheeler

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Please stand as you are able

Choir sings verses 3 and 4

Choir Sings
Choir Sings

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, are his, he
is for - ev - er sure; his, laud, and bless his
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and at all times the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Please be seated

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You are our Creator and bless us with all that we have. We are thankful for many things in our lives. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Bless our time, our talents, and all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Coming together as people of God, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water
and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence
is experienced and shared. Bless our faith community that we may continue to be a
blessing to others in our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation
to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters
especially Haiti and Louisiana. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all
who are in danger especially all those in the midst of the crisis in Afghanistan.
Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide
care and compassion as they face trauma themselves.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that
in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep
our disagreements civil, strengthen us in serving others, and increase our joy in
working together.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

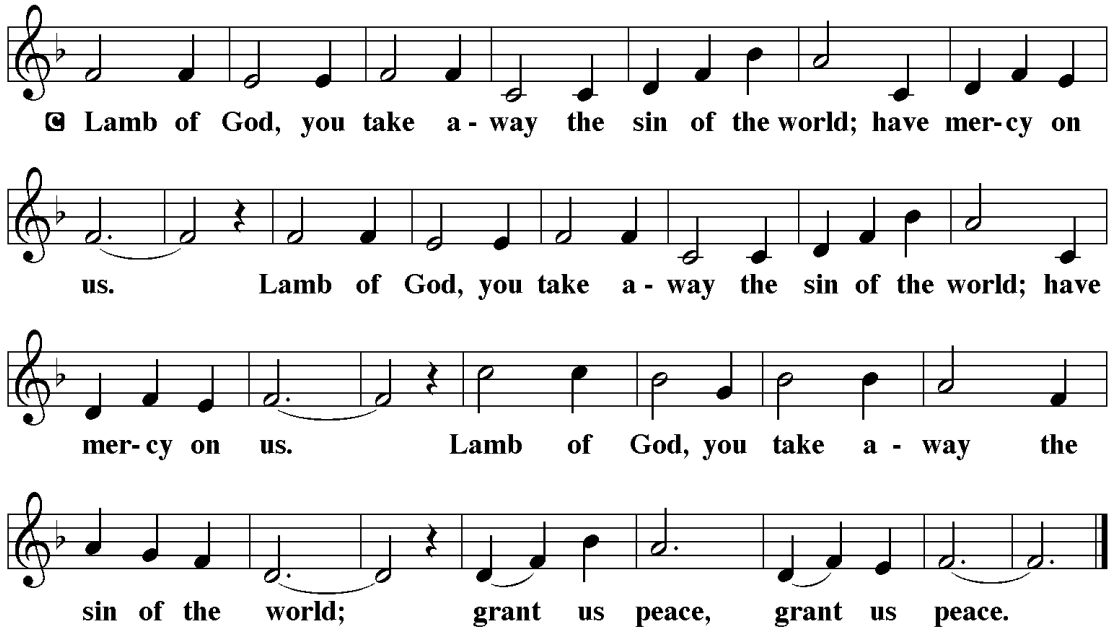
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOR THOSE PRESENT:

Prepare your prepackaged cup and wafer and wait for direction so that we may all partake of communion together.

IF YOU ARE JOINING US ONLINE:

Prepare your elements and wait for direction to partake of communion at the same time as those present at Grace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

As we have experienced Christ, our Savior, in this meal, may Almighty God continue to nourish you and encourage you as you continue your journey in faith. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer
darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your
people. Send us forth now as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING *We are blessed and encouraged as we depart from our gathering.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW # 674



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy;
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Please be seated for the postlude.

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

POSTLUDE

Toccata

by Charles - Marie Widor

DISMISSAL Go and be God's hands and feet in the world! **Thanks be to God!**

*Thanks,
Everyone!*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you all so much for all the time and effort you have made to make me feel welcome this year. I am especially thankful that so many great leaders have dedicated their time to plan this special day!

I am grateful for the service of Diana, Scott, the Call Committee, our Church Council, Hospitality Team, and our Support Ministry Teams. It was very obvious that the Holy Spirit was moving when I first met the people serving on Call Committee. I'm glad God pulled us all together to do great ministry as the Body of Christ.

In addition, I extend appreciation to the great friends we have visiting in our choir: H. Ray Hunsicker, Pat Angarano, Ginny Coco. You are always welcome here and we are glad you are our brothers and sisters in Christ!

With sincerest gratitude,

Pastor Althea



VISITORS:

Welcome to Grace.

Please sign the visitors book located in the Narthex/ Lobby on the podium or fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEED PRAYER?

Date: / /

CARD

CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD

New

**Connection/Communion
& Prayer Cards**

Are located in the Narthex/ Lobby & at the Social Hall entrance. Please begin using these cards to record your attendance/ communion and prayer requests. Place the filled cards in the offering plates.

Thanks!

**FOOD
PANTRY NEEDS**

- ⇒ Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard
- ⇒ crackers
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee cans
- ⇒ Beets, Spinach
- ⇒ pudding cups
- ⇒ brownie mi, cake mix & frosting
- ⇒ Bread
- ⇒ dairy products, Eggs
- ⇒ brown gravy
- ⇒ juice.

NOW OPEN THURSDAYS

Thank you to members of Christ Episcopal Church for volunteering their time to Grace Food Pantry so we can open the pantry again on Thursday's 9:00 to 11:30 am.

**GRACE PLACE FOOD
PANTRY—OPEN**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Pantry is closed the first full week of every month.

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35



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.



**NEW 12 STEP
GROUP
AL-ANON**

For Families &
Friends of Alcoholics
Thursday's @ 7:00 pm
Church Lounge



Adult Sunday School is coming back!

(also known as Adult Forum)
Starting Sunday

September 19, 2021 at 9:00am

we will go back to our regular schedule of having Adult Sunday School between our worship services. This adult class consists of videos, Bible study, current event discussions, and other faith related topics. Anyone and everyone is welcome!



Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, September 26, 2021

All school age kids are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed. during the Children's Sermon this week. Teachers are also welcome to come forward to receive a blessing for their school year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL to be known as
"GRACE FRIENDS" will begin Sunday,
September 26th.



CALLING ALL YOUTH! JOIN US AT THE TABLE! Friday, November 19, 2021 at 6:30pm

We will have pizza in the Fellowship Hall and then spend some time in the sanctuary on all the ins and outs of taking **FIRST COMMUNION**. This is a chance to join with everyone in taking Holy Communion with the whole Body of Christ and to know what it means to receive a sign of God's love for us.

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.

✂ Clip the coupon →



FOR THOSE EXPLORING GRACE

New Member
Orientation

We have come up with a date and time that should suit most people for our orientation.

Friday, October 8, 2021 at 7:00pm will be our New Member Orientation at Grace. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall downstairs and get to know one another. Pastor will go over some basic Lutheran faith theology as well as our current programs. Then one of our leaders will give a little history for everyone of Grace. Please note: Attending this orientation does not obligate you to join our congregation. This is just a great opportunity to get to know more people and think about what it means to be part of the family and faith community at Grace.

For members of Epiphany, Pleasantville -

We will hold the official installation of Epiphany members until the spring or summer next year when everyone is finished voting on critical matters of closing/merging.

SHORE DINER

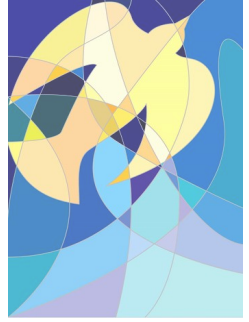
Present this bulletin on a Sat or Sun
and Shore Diner will donate 20% to
Grace Lutheran. Present this on any other day,
and we will donate 10%.

6710 TILTON ROAD,
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ
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Spirit, Lead Us:

Grace's Ministry Retreat Series

Join Us on Sunday
October 10th & November 14th



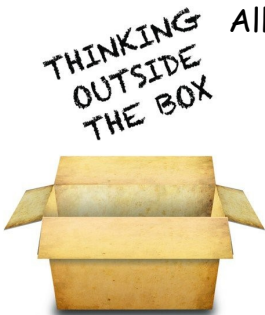
I woke up this morning, saw a world full of trouble now...
I thought, how did we ever get so far down?
And how's it ever gonna turn around?
So, I turned my eyes to heaven,
I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"
He said, "I did. I created you."
If not us, then who? If not me and you?
Right now - It's time for us to do something.
*Lyrics adapted from the song,
"Do Something" by Christian artist Matthew West.*

Calling all friends and family of Grace! Come one! Come all!
Our spirit-led visioning and strategic planning retreat is back!

God has been calling us to "do something" in Somers Point for many years. Now it's time to take a look at our calling in 2021-2022 and beyond. Just like the disciples would gather to support one another and rekindle their mission, so we also will gather, discuss, and refresh our mission in Somers Point and beyond.

In October and November, we will be gathering on Sunday right after 10:15am worship to enjoy a light lunch, have discussion, and do some purposeful planning for our future ministry.

It is helpful if you are able to read (or skim through) the book "Growing Young" ahead of time. Pastor will be using this book, some Bible verses, and other resources to lead our discussion and planning sessions.



All Pastor Althea requires of you ahead of time is to
come with your prayerful ideas,
come with an open mind,
and come prepared to
think outside the box!

Events This Week - September 12 - 19, 2021

<p><u>Sunday 9/12</u> Pentecost 16</p> <p>10:15 am</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Installation of Rev. Althea Albright</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Liturgical Service Holy Communion</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Luncheon</p> <p>4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge</p> <p><u>Monday 9/13</u></p> <p>9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry</p> <p>7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall</p> <p><u>Tuesday 9/14</u></p> <p>9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 pm - NA</p> <p><u>Wednesday 9/15</u></p> <p>9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry</p> <p>11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group</p> <p>7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall</p>	<p><u>Thursday 9/16</u></p> <p>9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge</p> <p><u>Friday 9/17</u></p> <p>10:30 am - Grace Stitchers</p> <p>7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge</p> <p><u>Saturday 9/18</u></p> <p><u>Sunday 9/19</u> Pentecost 17</p> <p>8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge</p> <p>9:00 am - Adult Sunday School - Conf. Rm.</p> <p>10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Holy Communion</p> <p>4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge</p>
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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

CANDLES, BULLETINS, WINE & MUSIC
SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thanking God's Blessing
for sending The Rev. Althea Albright to us.

Given with Love,
The Congregation of Grace

