

## Grace Lutheran Church

8:00 am: Spoken Service & 10:15 am: Liturgical Service

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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.

## Serving in Worship Today

Worship Assistant: Corinne Rhodes

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

Sound/Video Technician: Jim Foreman, 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., MaryAnn T., Joyce B.

**Family and friends:** Family of Regina, (relative of Marlene Doer); Elliott, Gage, ( friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); Cecilia, and Richard (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.), Carol Waters (friend of Claire Brick).

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

## **IN MEMORY**

Pam LaSpina

# WITH ONE VOICE

#### **LITURGY**

## Congregation responses in bold print.

## **GATHERING**

**WELCOME** Rev. Althea Albright

**PRELUDE** Variations on Jesu Meine Freude by I

by F. W. Zachau

Please stand as you are able

#### 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.

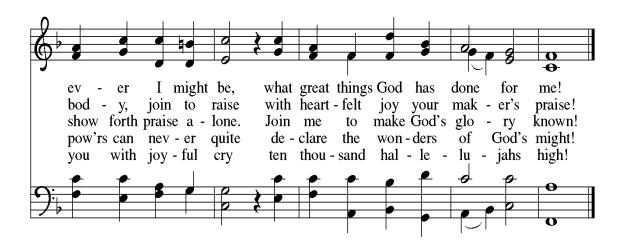
Merciful and Forgiving God,

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** 

Verses 1, 3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men





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Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

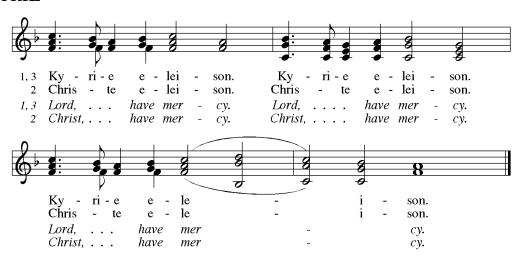
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#### **GREETING**

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**



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

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



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

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: PSALM: 90:12-17**

<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord, / how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens

out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,

human beings that you should | care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine; / with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

 $^6$ You have made them rule over the works  $^{\mid}$  of your hands;

you have put all things un- | der their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle, / even the wild beasts | of the field,

 $^{8}$ the birds of the air, the fish  $^{\dagger}$  of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, / how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-14**

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

## GÖSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



#### 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.

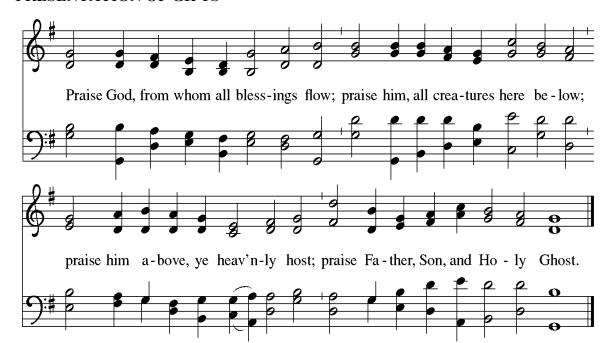
**OFFERTORY** 

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

by Orlando Gibbons Edited by John Morehen

Please stand as you are able

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



#### OFFERING PRAYER

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

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: As children of God and heirs of God's promise, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in any kind of need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Leader: Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

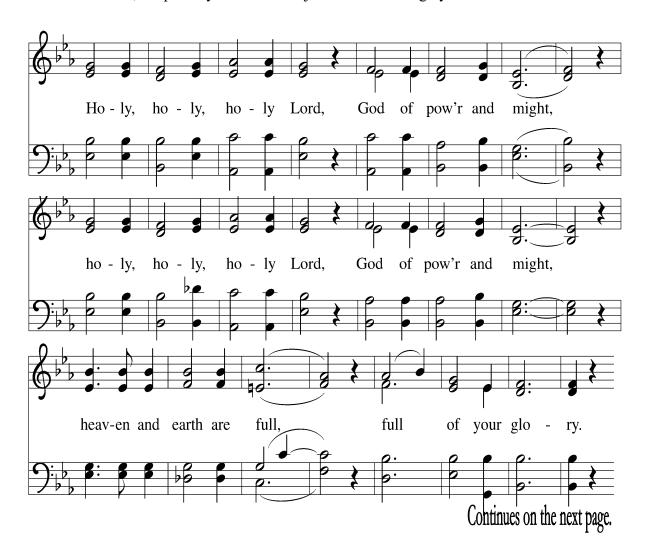
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who through his dying and rising opened the way to everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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#### 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.

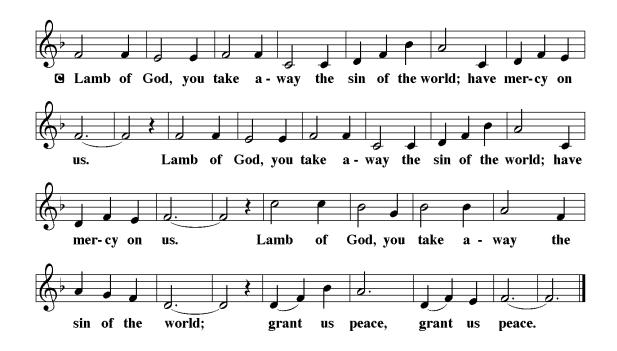
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### IF YOU CHOOSE TO COME FORWARD:

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.

#### 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

God of Grace and God of Glory **Music located on the next page** 

**ELW # 705** 

Please be seated for the postlude.

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Jesu, Meine Freude Variation #8 by Johann Gottfried Walther

#### DISMISSAL

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

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932



Psalm 90:12

## Sunday 10/10 Pentecost 20

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

Grace Friends Sunday School

4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

## Monday 10/11

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

## Tuesday 10/12

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

7:00 pm - Support Team Meeting

## Wednesday 10/13

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

7:30 pm - Compassionate Friends

## Thursday 10/14

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm - Antique Collectors Board Mtg. CR

7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

7:00 pm - Antique Collectors Mtg. - FH

## Friday 10/15

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

## Saturday 10/16

## Sunday 10/17 Pentecost 21

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge

8:45 am - Adult Sunday School

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Baptism: Tyler Joseph Ruffenach

Holy Communion

Grace Friends Sunday School

## 3:00 pm Cape Shore Chorale Concert Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, O.C.

4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

6:30 pm - Confirmation Class

## **Dedications**



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thanking God for His many blessings. Given by Roberta Blumenthal

## **WINE**



In Honor of Michael and Shelly Traa's Wedding Anniversary

