All Saints' Sunday

November 7, 2021



Grace Lutheran Church

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

Sound/Video Technician: 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.

<u>Members of Grace</u>: Jim C., Betty N., John N., John S., MaryAnn T., Joyce B., Ruth T., Carol F.

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). Dotte Currie, (friend

Tami (friend of Brenda T.), Carol Waters (friend of Claire Brick), Dotte Currie, (friend of Deborah Walker), Karen Gubilo (daughter of Sue Robinson); Ruth Alburger (mother of Ruth Bowden).

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

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

Shores@Wesley Manor: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore In Memory - Dot Crawshaw - 10/25/2021

WITH ONE VOICE LITURGY Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

God Shall Wipe Away All Tears Duet: Ruth Bowden and Scott Breiner by Caro Roma

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

⁴OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints Verses 1 - 4 ELW # 422



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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



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....Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

⁸ WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it, / the world and those who | dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it up- 1 on the seas / and established it up- 1 on the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain $\hat{}$ of the LORD, / and who may stand in $\hat{}$ God's $\hat{}$ holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and puri-¹ ty of heart,

who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false. ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD

and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,

- of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R
- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors, that the King of glory ¹ may come in.
- ⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- y in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹lasting doors, that the King of glory ¹ may come in.

¹⁰Who is this ^TKing of glory? / Truly, the LORD of hosts is the ¹King of glory.

A reading from Isaiah.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation. Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them:

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-45

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you. O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright





Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Lift Up Your Heads by Joh

by John L. Hopkins

Please stand as you are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here bel-ow; Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world.

Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

Leader: Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

- *Leader:* Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- *Leader:* God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- *Pastor:* God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

- *Leader:* God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dish washers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- *Pastor:* God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**



TIME FOR HEALING AND ANOINTING

During this time for healing and anointing, you are all invited to come forward as you are able for brief prayer with Pastor Althea and anointing with oil.

<u>We request that you wear a mask as you come forward</u>. Pastor will be using disposable cotton q-tips for anointing.

Do not feel rushed. Please take your time and come forward allowing space between people of each household as we maintain distancing precautions. Please let an usher know if you would like prayer where you are seated. Pastor will come to you.

MEDITATION

Please meditate or pray quietly at your seat while others receive prayers in the front of the church. When all who wish to have prayer and anointing have come forward and then are seated again the service will continue below.

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

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

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. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

SENDING

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God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

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

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, +bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

SENDING HYMN For All the Saints ELW # 422 Verses 5 - 7 Music located on pages 4 & 5

Please be seated for the postlude. Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.

POSTLUDE

Sine Nomine

by Arthur Hutchings

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Presents



By ROB LANDES

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 AT 7:30 PM

Claude Bolling "Favorites"

featuring

Pamela Whitman & her Playmates



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Events This Week - November 7 - 14, 2021

| <u>Sunday 11/7</u> All Saints' Sunday | Thursday 11/11 Veterans Day |
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| 8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge | 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry |
| 8:45 am - Adult Sunday School | 5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service | 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge |
| Holy Communion | 1 0 0 |
| Grace Friends Sunday School | Friday 11/12 |
| 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge | 10:30 am - Grace Stitchers |
| | 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge |
| <u>Monday 11/8</u> | |
| 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry | Saturday 11/13 |
| 7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall | |
| | Sunday 11/14 PENTECOST 25 |
| Tuesday 11/9 | 8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge |
| 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry | 8:45 am - Adult Sunday School |
| 6:30 pm - NA | 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service |
| 7:00 pm - Support Team Meeting | Holy Communion |
| | Grace Friends Sunday School |
| Wednesday 11/10 | 11:30 am - Visioning Meeting & Lunch |
| 9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry | 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge |
| 11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Bridge Group | 6:00 pm - First Communion Class and |
| 7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall | Confirmation Class - @Grace |
| 7:30 pm - Compassionate Friends | |

Dedications



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Memory of our mother Dorothy Crawshaw With Love from her family

In Loving Memory of Family and Friends Given by Mary Goodman **BULLETINS** In Celebration of my daughter Cynthia B. Espinoza's Birthday Given by Gay Blohm

