

# 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

# <sup>2</sup> 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

# 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>: Betty N., John N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B. <u>Family and friends</u>: Gage, Donna, Virginia, Carol (*Pastor Althea*);

Payton (Joyce Bianco), Deb, Glen, Peggy, Jeanne (Bowdens); Annmarie, Kathy (Marlene Doer); The Foster Family, Carol, John D., Baby Stella (Claire Brick); Phyllis, Shawn (Carol Fry); Jody (Grings); Michael Ann, (June Jordan); Shirley & Carl (Debbie Kleuser);

Jim, Vicki, (Meg LaSpina), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, (Renee Pugliese); Karen (Sue Robinson); Dotte Currie, (Deborah Walker),

Anyah, Cecilia, Edward, Lauren, Marlando, Pauline, and Richard (*Welfields*); Eileen and Marie

<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 <u>Shores@Wesley Manor</u>: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble <u>Woodview Estates</u>: Lorraine Moore

# WITH ONE VOICE Bread of Life - Setting 5 Congregation responses in bold print.

# GATHERING

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

# WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Salzburg

By Charles T. Taylor

Please stand as you are able

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**  **<sup>4</sup>OPENING HYMN** 

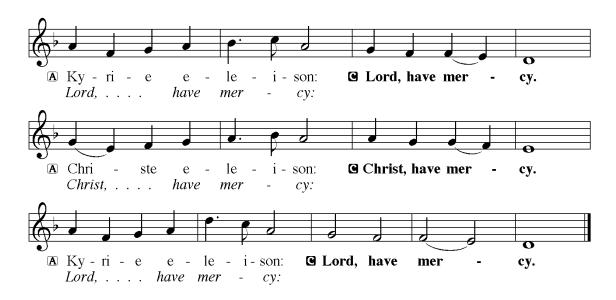
Let the Whole Creation Cry



# 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**





**GLORY TO GOD** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

# WORD

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

#### FIRST READING: First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [<sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

<sup>10</sup>Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

<sup>11</sup>Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup>until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup>Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak

whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



## PSALM: Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>|</sup> my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a-<sup>1</sup> bove all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you | answered me; / you increased my | strength within me.

- <sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,
- when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, / that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>|</sup> for the lowly, / perceiving the haughty <sup>|</sup> from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>|</sup> hand shall save me. <sup>8</sup>You will make good your pur-<sup>|</sup> pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;

do not abandon the works <sup>|</sup> of your hands.

# SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

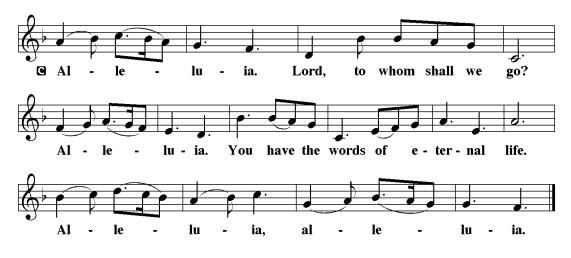
<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

# **GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11**

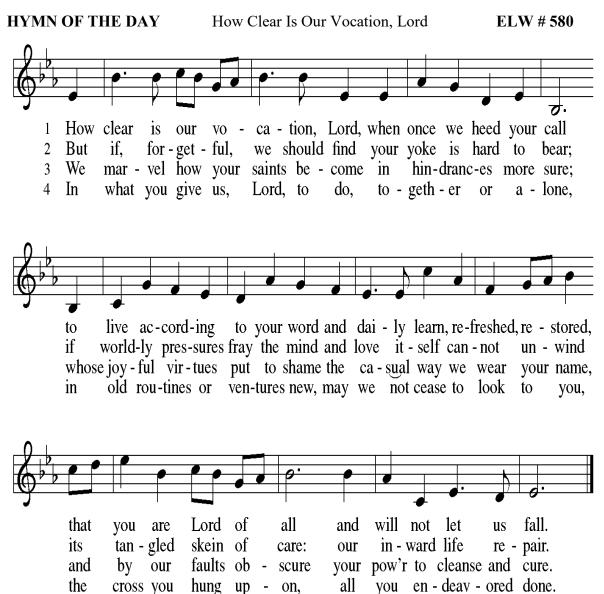
Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

### SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright



#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Today we welcome those members from Epiphany Lutheran who would like to join as a new members of our community of faith. When baptized, Christians are received into membership, they may mark the beginning of their participation in a new community of faith by making public affirmation of their baptism. Welcoming new members to Grace is significant to the growth of our ministry and the diversity of our fellowship with one another.

Paul reminds us of the importance of each of our gifts as the Body of Christ. In First Corinthians, chapter 12, Paul writes:

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many... <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## We welcome you into the family of Grace Lutheran Church. We are thankful for your presence. We look forward to serving our Lord together and we welcome your family and friends to join us in worship and service anytime.

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. Amen.

# Our service continues as we confess our faith together with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Old French Melody arr. by Gustav Holst Transcribed by Vally Lasker

Please stand as you are able

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,

and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;

unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence,

and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

# **OFFERING PRAYER**

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

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God,

You are Creator of all that is in heaven and on earth. We rejoice that we have many blessings to be thankful for in our lives. You have changed our lives forever with your Word made flesh. Grant us courage to change the lives of others with your Good News. Bless our congregation, this community, 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:* The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us; so let us be bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

### A brief silence.

*Leader:* Equip your church to proclaim the good news of the forgiveness and grace through Jesus Christ. Send us out as apostles, sharing the hope of your salvation with a waiting world. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Holy are you, O God, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Reveal your splendor in fiery sunsets and in deep blue twilights. Teach us to recognize you in the beauty of our natural world. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

*Pastor:* Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon those who look to you for hope and healing. Bless doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and all caregivers. Draw near to those who are scared, sick, or in pain especially all those we name now or in our hearts... God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

*Pastor:* Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

### Amen.

MEAL

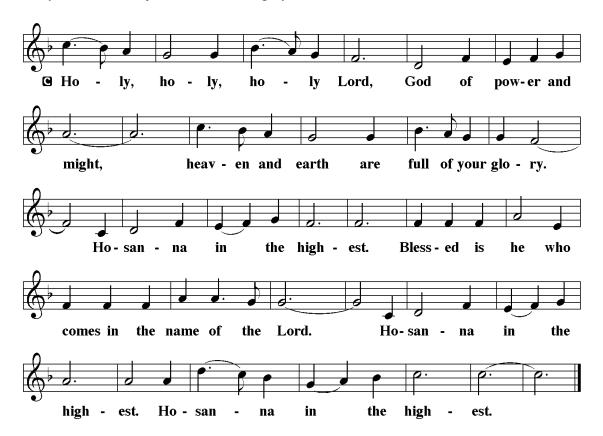
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# 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.

### PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and 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

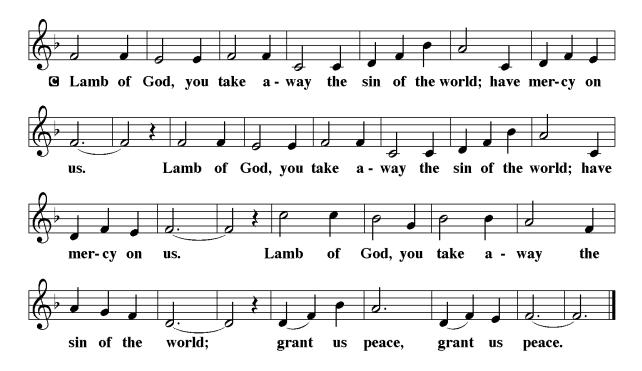
# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

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 together... Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

# SENDING

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.* 

Pastor: May God bless you and hold you close.

May Christ's presence guide you in all you do. May the Holy Spirit shine in you and bring others closer to God's love and + give you everlasting hope. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN	In Christ Called to Baptize	ELW # 575
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# There will be a 10 minute break before the Congregational Meeting begins

# ANNUAL MEETING

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# Events This Week - February 6 - 13, 2022

Sunday 2/6 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service Holy Communion Grace Friends Sunday School ANNUAL MEETING 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Monday 2/7 Food Pantry Closed 7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

<u>Tuesday 2/8</u> Food Pantry Closed 6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 2/9 Food Pantry Closed 11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Duplicate Bridge 7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall 7:00 pm - Support Team Meeting 7:30 pm - Compassionate Friends <u>Thursday 2/10</u> Food Pantry Closed

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday 2/11 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

# Saturday 2/12

Sunday 2/13 8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge 8:45 am - Adult Sunday School 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service Baptism: Shane Joesph O'Neill Holy Communion Grace Friends Sunday School 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge No Confirmation Class tonight

# Dedications

# SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Loving Memory Of my Mom, Kay Given by Kathy Nigsch

