

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

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. Members of Grace: Betty N., John N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B. Family and friends: Donna, Gage, Donna, Virginia, Carol (Pastor Althea); Payton (Joyce Bianco), Deb, Glen, Peggy, Jeanne (Bowdens); Baby Stella (Clare Brick); Annmarie, Kathy (Marlene Doer); Phyllis, Shawn (Carol Fry); Jody (Grings); Michael Ann, Rod (June Jordan); Shirley & Carl (Debbie Kleuser); Jim, Vicki, (Meg LaSpina), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, (Renee Pugliese); Catherine and Sal (Corrine Rhodes); Karen (Sue Robinson); Dotte Currie, (Deborah Walker), Anyah, Cecilia, Edward, Lauren, Marlando, Pauline, and Richard (Welfields); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene **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: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

ELW Setting 4 Congregation responses in bold print.

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GATHERING

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

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Sojourner

By Raymond Henry

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: As we come before God this Lent, let us pray together.

Almighty God, you know us from before we are born.

You never leave our side.

You know our joy and our sadness.

You know our outward successes and our innermost failings.

We come before you now wanting to worship you.

Forgive us when we stray and bring us closer to your Spirit once again. Amen.

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

Pastor: God of mercy,

We confess that we have not always stayed in close relationship with you, God. We often let worry and fear consume us.

We do not always follow your call for us.

We do not always treat our neighbors with love.

For the sake of your Son, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may return to you again and glorify your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God is merciful and just. Christ suffered, was crucified, and died for us and for all our sins. As a minister of the church of Christ, I declare to you that God forgives all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Return to the Lord your God with a new spirit, ready to accept God's gift of grace. Amen. GATHERING HYMN

4 The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW # 320



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APOSTOLIC 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





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together....O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him,

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"Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. The word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of [|] the Most High, who abide in the shadow of [|] the Almighty—

²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold,

my God in whom I | put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge, / and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰no evil [|] will befall you, / nor shall affliction come [|] near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge [|] over you, / to guard you in [|] all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will | bear you up, / lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. ¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who [|] cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will [|] answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them, / and show them | my salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b}"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

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'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright Rev. Althea Albright

SERMON



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.

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days OFFERTORY

by Dana Mengel



Please stand as you are able

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Sovereign God,

We rejoice that we are able to give back our blessings to you for your holy work. You have changed our lives forever with your mercy and grace. Give us opportunities to change the lives of others with your Gospel message. Bless our congregation, this community, and everything we give back to you for mission and ministry, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Drawn close to the heart of God this Lenten season, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Brief silence.

- *Leader:* We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
- *Leader:* We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
- *Leader:* We pray for the nations of the world. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and grant them compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us. Merciful God, receive our prayer.
- *Pastor:* We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with chronic illness and be with all who are sick especially all those we name now... Merciful God, **receive our praver.**
- *Pastor:* Accept the prayers we bring to you, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **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, 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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:



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.**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

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



Please be seated

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

After experiencing the love of Christ in this holy meal, may he continue to strengthen you and hold you close. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together... Sustaining God, as you have been present with us at this table, form us and encourage us to share your life-giving word and grace with all people. Amen.



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.*

SENDING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, we are living in difficult times. As we have worshiped with you this day, you have refreshed us with your Word and given us hope. Send us as witnesses of your Gospel message, that we may be light for the world, as we continue through this season of Lent. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Pastor: May Almighty God bless you and keep you. May Christ's mercy and forgiveness remind you to go and sin no more. May the Spirit guide you and keep you safe from the evil in the world. And finally may God's love bring you comfort and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMNO Lord, Throughout These Forty DaysELW # 319Music on page 18

Please be seated for the postlude.

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

POSTLUDE Forty Days and Forty Nights By H. Alexander Matthews

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in the love of Christ and serve others with kindness! Thanks be to God!

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SENDING HYMN



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Daily Bible Reading for Lent

<u>Week 1</u> Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Repentance and Forgiveness

Sunday	Psalm 51
Monday	Matthew 6:5-15
Tuesday	Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday	Luke 15:11-32
Thursday	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Friday	1 John 1:5-10
Saturday	Psalm 130

<u>Week 2</u> Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Hope and Trust

Sunday	Genesis 12:1-9
Monday	Genesis 22:1-19
Tuesday	Isaiah 51:1-16
Wednesday	Luke 12:22-34
Thursday	Romans 4:13-25
Friday	Hebrews 6:13-20
Saturday	Psalm 62

<u>Week 3</u> Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Sunday	Luke 17:11-19
Monday	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:6-20
Wednesday	Philippians 4:1-9
Thursday	Colossians 3:1-17
Friday	1 Chronicles 16:7-36
Saturday	Psalm 103

<u>Week 4</u> Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Love and Servanthood

Matthew 23:1-12
Mark 10:35-45
John 15:1-17
Romans 12:9-21
Romans 13:8-14
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
1 John 4:7-21

<u>Week 5</u>

Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Discipleship and Commitment

Sunday	Luke 5:1-11
Monday	Luke 9:22-27
Tuesday	Matthew 10:16-33
Wednesday	Matthew 10:34-42
Thursday	John 15:18-27
Friday	2 Timothy 2:1-13
Saturday	2 Timothy 3:10-17

<u>Week 6</u>

Lord God, by Your Word Fill Me with a Spirit of Obedience and Humility

Sundar	John 12.1 20
Sunday	John 13:1-20
Monday	Philippians 2:1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 22
Wednesday	Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Thursday	Luke 22:39-71
Friday	Luke 23:1-56
Saturday	Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Events This Week - March 6 - 13, 2022

Sunday 3/6 LENT 1

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 - Fellowship Hall

<u>Monday 3/7</u> PANTRY CLOSED 7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 3/8 PANTRY CLOSED 6:30 pm - NA

Wednesday 3/9 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 Mtg.

Thursday 3/10

PANTRY CLOSED
5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm - Antique Collectors Board Mtg Conference Room
6:00 pm - Bread and Broth Supper Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - Lenten Study Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge
7:30 pm - Antique Collectors Mtg. Social Hall

<u>Friday 3/11</u> 10:00 am - Grace Stitchers 7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

<u>Saturday 3/12</u> All Day Floor Cleaning



Sunday 3/13 LENT 2

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 - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm - CateChism Class @ GraCe