

Lent 5

April 3, 2022



Mary
anointed
Jesus' feet,
and wiped
them with
her hair

JOHN 12:3

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: Ruth Bowden

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

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 W., Gage, Donna L. *Pastor Althea*);

Payton (*Joyce Bianco*), Deb, Glen, Marilyn, 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*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim,

Vicki, (*Meg LaSpina*), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Danny (*Renee Pugliese*);

Catherine and Sal (*Corrine Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Dotte Currie, (*Deborah Walker*),

Wisdom Family (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN;

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.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Rathbun

By Charles Cooke

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*In the Cross of Christ I Glory***ELW # 807****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.**

Please turn to your hymnals.

KYRIE**ELW page 147****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor: Let us pray together....***God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

The LORD gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. The word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Return to the Lord, your God***ELW p 151****JOHN 12:1-8:***Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON**

Rev. Althea Albright
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HYMN OF THE DAY*Jesus Keep Me***ELW # 335****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 *When I Survey the Wonderous Cross*Arrangements by: *Gilbert M. Martin**Please stand as you are able***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS***Create in Me***ELW p. 188****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:* Renewing God, do a new thing in the church and in our congregation. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.*Leader:* Lord, do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.*Leader:* God of Peace, do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.*Pastor:* Life-giving God, provide healing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick especially all those on our hearts today... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.*Leader:* God, we ask that you grant us healing even in times of death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for our loved ones and all the saints who have gone before us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.*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:

Please turn to your hymnals.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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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.**

Please turn to your hymnals.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God invites us to this meal of food and drink for the journey.

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 pre-filled host and grape juice will be given.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb Of God

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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.

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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.**

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.*

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.**

Please see your hymnals.

SENDING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Please be seated for the postlude.

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

POSTLUDE

Rathburn

by David Cherwein

DISMISSAL

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

Week 1

**Lord God, by Your Word
Fill Me with a Spirit of
Repentance and Forgiveness**

Sunday	Psalms 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	Psalms 130

Week 2

**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	Psalms 62

Week 3

**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	Psalms 103

Week 4

**Lord God, by Your Word
Fill Me with a Spirit of
Love and Servanthood**

Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12
Monday	Mark 10:35-45
Tuesday	John 15:1-17
Wednesday	Romans 12:9-21
Thursday	Romans 13:8-14
Friday	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Saturday	1 John 4:7-21

Week 5

**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

Week 6

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

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

There are open dates for Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings.
Open dates for 2022 through May. **May 8, 22, 29**
Contact Diana McArdle or Michelle Allen in the Church Office
@ 609-927-3082 to add your name to a specific date. New assistants are welcome.

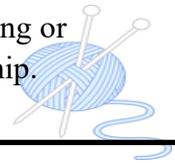


Helpers are needed weekly to set-up communion for Sunday services.
Contact Brenda Traa, Diana McArdle, Michelle Allen or Pastor Althea to
learn more about serving/helping with this vital part of our worship.



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.



SHORE DINER COUPON

There are coupons on the table in the
Narthex/Lobby for Shore Diner in North-
field who will give back to Grace Lutheran
a percentage of the cost of your meal. We
are thankful for their generosity. Or you
can clip the coupon below.



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
609-641-3669

NEED PRAYER?

Date: / /

CARD

CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD

Please use these cards to record your
attendance/communion and prayer requests.
Connection/Communion & Prayer Cards
are located in every pew.

Place the completed cards in the offering plates
or give to the usher. Thanks!

Grace Notes

16th Annual



**FOR
SHORE MEDICAL CENTER
FRIDAY, MAY 6th
@ 12 o'clock noon**
Hosted by
Grace Lutheran Church Women

**SHOWER GIFT IDEAS!
NEWBORN to SIZE 2 Outfits -
Receiving Blankets
Hand Crocheted or Knitted Items
Onesies - Bibs - Diapers
Wash Cloths and Towels**

**Unwrapped gifts for NEWBORNS
through size 2** can be brought to the Church
Office or left in the box located in the
Narthex (Lobby) by
Sunday, May 1st.

Representatives from Shore Memorial
Hospital will join us to accept the gifts,
then take them to the hospital for
distribution. These items will be given to
disadvantaged mothers when
they take their babies home.
The entire congregation is encouraged to
participate.



Grace Lutheran Church
presents

At His Name

By Joel Raney

Performed by
Grace Consort
Scott J. Breiner, Director

**GOOD FRIDAY
Worship Service
April 15, 2022
@ 7:00 pm**

This music reflects on Jesus's
ministry and life on earth, and looks at the
monumental effect his name has had on
history. Told through six choral anthems with
narration this work traces Jesus' life from his
first preaching to the final momentous events
of his passion.

Wonderful Counselor

JESUS Redeemer

Light of the World

Prince of Peace **MESSIAH**

Lord of All Lamb of God Emmanuel

Man of Sorrows

Alpha and Omega True Light

THE GREAT I AM CHRIST

Cornerstone Good Shepherd

Rose of Sharon Jehovah

King of Kings Savior

Bread of Life Son of Man



Visitors Welcome!!

Please sign the visitors book located in the Narthex/Lobby on the podium or sign a Connection Card, located in the pews, to let us know who you are.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 8:45 am.

Conference Room

This adult class consists of videos, Bible study, current event discussions, and other faith related topics.

Anyone and everyone is welcome!

“GRACE FRIENDS”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children will leave for their classes with their teachers following the children’s sermon.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- ⇒ Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard
- ⇒ Crackers, Chef Boyardee cans
- ⇒ Beets, Spinach
- ⇒ Bread, dairy products, Eggs, brown gravy, juice.
- ⇒ Toiletries—shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tissues, napkins, paper towels, ETC.

OPEN Mon, Tue, Wed and Thurs from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Pantry is closed the first full week of every month.

MOVING WITH GRACE

WALKING TOGETHER

The newly formed walking group “Moving with Grace” will meet on

Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm and

Saturdays @ 4:00 pm

We will meet in the Lounge for check-in, devotion, and prayer before walking.

If weather conditions are poor we will be walking in the gym or as the group

decides. Invite family and friends to join us.

Come to one or come to both

WEEKLY BULLETIN CHANGES

The hymns & sung liturgy are no longer inserted into the bulletin. We are going back to using the hymnals for the hymns. Only the LARGE PRINT bulletin will have printed hymns.

UPCOMING Groups & Events-

TBD

Grief Support Group-Losses & Scars

Pastor Althea is planning a new support group for those struggling with grief/loss.

Please notify the office of your interest.



Fall Yard Sale being planned, stay tuned...

A big thank you for making all your donations, We appreciate your support of our mission through Christ.

Thursdays in Lent

@ 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Bread

SOUPS, SALADS AND BREAD IS NEEDED EVERY WEEK.

Tell Scott Breiner what you will bring to share for dinner soup, salad or bread. Thursday, 6:30 PM: Video and Discussion on selected episodes from “The Chosen” Series



HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday, April 10

Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Soup, Salad, & Bread @ 6:00 pm

We will have this meal in the upstairs Social Hall.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary @ 7:00 pm,

Good Friday, April 15

Worship Service @ 7:00 pm

Special cantata - *At His Name* by Joel Raney

Sung by Grace Consort

Easter Sunday, April 17

Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:15 am

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Events This Week **April 3 - 10, 2022**

Sunday 4/3 LENT 5

8:00 am - Spoken Service
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

Monday 4/4

Food Pantry - **Closed**
Normal hours 9 -11:30 am
7:00 pm - AA Meeting - Social Hall

Tuesday 4/5

Food Pantry - **Closed**
Normal hours 9 -11:30 am
2:00 pm Moving with Grace Walking
Together
6:30 pm - NA Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 4/6

Food Pantry - **Closed**
Normal hours 9 -11:30 am
11:30-3:30 - Bayside Duplicate Bridge
7:00 pm - NA Meeting -Social Hall

Thursday 4/7

Food Pantry - **Closed**
Normal hours 9 -11:30 am
5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm **Bread and Broth Supper**
Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - Al-Anon - Lounge

Friday 4/8

10:30 am - Grace Stitches
7:30 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Saturday 4/9

4:00 pm Moving with Grace Walking
Together

Sunday 4/10 Palm Sunday

8:00 am - Spoken Service
8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
10:15 am - Liturgical Worship
Service
Holy Communion
Grace Friends Sunday School
3:30 pm - AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm—Catechism Class at Grace

