

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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~Welcome~

Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in this bulletin. If you are visiting our church for the first time or have been away, welcome. Please sign our visitors book in the Narthex (lobby) or fill out a connection card located in the seating areas of the sanctuary.

Our Mission...

- 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, Clare, Marleigh and Nancy

~In Our Hearts and Prayers~

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

If you notice someone missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea by phone, Facebook, email or by calling the church office so we can lift their name in prayer next service. Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

Members of Grace: Jon N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B., Carol F., Mike D., and Carole T.

Family & Friends:, Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S., Virginia, Elliot, Pastor Inge, Kristi, Amanda, Cat & Diana S., Brian M. (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Ron, Bonnie & Bob (*Susan Johnson*); Annmarie, Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Car (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim & Vicki (*Meg LaSpina*); Janice and Pat (*Diana McArdle*) (Bernadette, Lou, Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Donny, Carol (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine & Sal (*Corinne Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Bob T. (*Brenda Traa*) Dottie Currie (*Deborah Walker*); Jeff & Amanda (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee and 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 Reardon, Lois Rahme & Skip Uhrmann

Shores @ Wesley Manor: Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble

Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

ELW Setting 10

Please refer to your brown Celebration Hymnals (CH) the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (ELW) The blue With one Voice Hymnal (WOV)

Day of Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God

by Margaret Vardell

Sansresk

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

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 the front section of the red ELW hymnals

KYRIE & HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 203-204

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked,

"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, ¹ they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return ¹ to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD en- dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hal- lelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry,

"Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 151

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

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹Jesus said to him,

"Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does His works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the

Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

All Children are invited to follow our Sunday school teachers downstairs for a children's lesson. Children return for Communion.

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW#504

Please be seated

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor: The following persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make a public affirmation of their baptism. As I read their names, I ask them to come forward and face the congregation.

Addisyn Lynn Wolak Lauren Diane Piskun Michael David Piskun

Pastor: Let us pray: Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Pastor Althea addresses the confirmands:

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God and the Father?

Confirmands and Congregation:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands and Congregation:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands and Congregation:

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.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I will, and I ask God to help me and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help us and guide us.

Parents of the confirmands are invited to join Pastor Althea in the laying on of hands

- Pastor: Almighty God, for the sake of Jesus, stir up in Addisyn Lynn Wolak the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirm her faith; guide her life; empower her in serving; grant her endurance during hard times and with worldly suffering, give her hope and encouragement in times of questioning or doubt, give her joy and comfort in her relationship with You, and bring her to + everlasting life.
- Pastor: Almighty God, for the sake of Jesus, stir up in Lauren Diane Piskun, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirm her faith; guide her life; empower her in serving; grant her endurance during hard times and with worldly suffering, give her hope and encouragement in times of questioning or doubt, giver her joy and comfort in her relationship with You, and bring her to + everlasting life.
- Pastor: Almighty God, for the sake of Jesus, stir up in Michael David Piskun the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirm his faith; guide his life; empower him in serving; grant his endurance during hard times and with worldly suffering, give him hope and encouragement in times of questioning or doubt, give him joy and comfort in his relationship with You, and bring him to + everlasting life.
- Pastor: Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for these confirmands. By your Word and Spirit, we pray that you would lead them forth in a life of faith and obedience to you. We give you thanks, through the water of baptism and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin and raise us to eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**
- Congregation: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come, Holy Spirit

by Allen Pote

Please stand as you are able

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- Pastor: Let us pray to God for the church, for all people in need, and for all of creation. Brief silence
- Leader: Holy Living One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Pastor: Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering especially those we name now or in our hearts...Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel. Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners like Grace Place Food Pantry and other organizations, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Leader: Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Pastor: Lord Jesus, you promised to be with us always and you sent your Holy Spirit to guide us our whole life long. Watch over and guide our youth throughout their lives. Today we pray for our youth who are affirming their baptism especially, Addisyn, Lauren, Michael, Mason, McKenna, Greg, and Peyton.
- Pastor: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 206

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you make yourself known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. **Come to us, Lord Jesus.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW p. 208

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

May Almighty God, our Risen Savior, and the Holy Spirit + bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW#382

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

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

spiritual arr. Fred Bock

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God!

DEDICATIONS

The sanctuary flowers were dedicated by Michele Becker Zelig & John McElhenny in memory of Martha "June" Becker's birthday.



Pastor Althea and the Congregational Council congratulate Addisyn, Lauren and Michael on this special day in their faith life! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



All are invited to join the confirmands and their families for cake and light refreshments in the gymnasium following the 10:15 worship service.



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MANY THANKS

Pastor Althea and the Dream Team want to thank everyone who came out to help move things on Friday and/or Saturday, and help our Dream Team realize its vision for our upcoming Yard Sale. There will be more opportunities to volunteer in the near future. Thank you again for all the hard work and none of this would be possible without your efforts.

If you want to volunteer for any of our ministries, please feel free to contact the church

secretary, Michelle Allen, at 609-927-3082 or by email at:

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED

Saturday, June 25th at 10:30 am help is needed to unload food from St. Joe's Food Drive. Contact Jim Cordery at 609-927-9982 or by email: ecordery@comcast.net.

Grace Place Food Pantry will be closed this week as scheduled (food pantry is closed the first full week of every month). The office is open to accept donations, between the hours of 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Grace Place will reopen on Monday, June 13th.

The Food Pantry needs the following: Condiments, crackers, canned goods, produce, dairy products, eggs, meats, and personal hygiene products.

We thank you for your support and donations to this wonderful ministry.

Please use the yellow and blue **Connection/Communion & Prayer Cards**

that are located in every pew. These are used to record attendance and regular attending members only need to complete a card once per year or with new contact information. Please fill it out completely. Place the completed cards in the offering plates or give to the usher.

Cape Shore Chorale is holding a special,

Vive La France

performance today, at 3:00 pm

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 30th & Bay Ave., Ocean City

Light refreshments will be served

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.

Grace Stitchers

The Grace Stitchers meet every Friday at 10:30 am until noon. This is one of Grace's longest running ministries. The members provide handmade knitted items for those in need in our community and beyond.

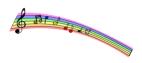
All skill levels welcome.

Dedications are provided for our members by making a request one week prior to desired date. Payment envelopes are near the church office.



Flowers \$30 Candles \$10 Wine \$10 **Bulletins \$15** Anthem/Music \$50





THIS WEEK AT GRACE

June 5, 2022 - June 12, 2022

Sunday, June 5, 2022 Day of Pentecost

8:00 am Spoken Service 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Liturgical Worship

Confirmation of Our Youth

Reception following 10:15 service (light refreshments and cake will be served) 3:30 pm AA Group

Monday, June 6, 2022 Food Pantry Closed

10:00 am Clergy Bible Study 7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 Food Pantry Closed

6:30 pm NA Meeting

Church Office hours:

10:00 am—3:00 pm Office # 609-927-3082

Email: office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net Pastor Althea is typically in the office most

afternoons and always available by appointment.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 Food Pantry Closed

11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge7:00 pm Support Team Meeting7:00 pm NA Meeting7:30 Compassionate Friends

Thursday, June 9, 2022 Food Pantry Closed

5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps 6:00 pm Antique Collectors Board Meeting 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2022

10:00 am Grace Stitchers 7:30 pm AA Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2022

No events today

Sunday, June 12, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service 8:45 am Adult Sunday School 10:15 am Liturgical Worship Installation of New Members 3:30 pm AA Group



COMING THIS

SUMMER TO GRACE: PROPHETS!

Pastor will be preaching a summer series on some of the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament. Stay tuned for dates to hear all about their callings and prophecies from the Lord! Scott will