

**June 12, 2022**  
**Holy Trinity Sunday**

**The Spirit of  
truth will  
guide you  
into all  
the truth**

JOHN 16:13

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ~Welcome~

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the 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.

- ◆ 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: June Jordan

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., (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Ron, Bonnie & Bob (*Susan Johnson*); Annmarie, Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*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

*Please refer to your brown Celebration Hymnals (CH)  
the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (ELW)  
and the blue With One Voice (WOV)*

## Holy Trinity Sunday



### GATHERING

**WELCOME**

Rev. Althea Albright

**PRELUDE**

*O Trinity, O Blessed Light*

*by Robert Buckley Farlee*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us  
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the  
fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free  
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your  
will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his  
sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the  
church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire  
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN***Come, Join the Dance of Trinity***ELW #412****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****ELW p. 203****HYMN OF PRAISE****ELW p. 204****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**WORD****FIRST READING:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

<sup>1</sup>Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.<sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with

water. <sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil.<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup>when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup>then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup>rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 8

<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord, / how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of  
in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe | and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the  
stars you have set | in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle, / even the wild beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord, / how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-5

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able*

*Please to your red hymnals to the front section, as we will now sing the Gospel Acclamation*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELW p. 205**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** John 16:12-15

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

Jesus said,<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Althea Albright

*Children's Sunday school is taking a break for the summer.  
Sunday School will return in the Fall. Thank you to all our dedicated  
"Grace Friends" teachers for all your work and time with our youth.*

**SERMON**

Rev. Althea Albright

**HYMN OF THE DAY***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***ELW #414****INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Today we welcome, Norman and Nancy Thinschmidt 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, Norman & Nancy, 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.**

## **NICENE CREED**

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

## JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

*Monthly special offering for our very own, Grace Place Food Pantry.*

*Our Third-Sunday usher team takes a few extra minutes before our regular weekly offering to collect this special offering of coin donations.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Prayer to the Trinity*

*by Michael Bedford*

*Please stand as you are able*

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

**WOV#732**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Pastor:* United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all who are in need.

*Brief silence*

*Leader:* One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving Redeemer, you call us to love one another. Move the hearts of local and world leaders to seek safety for future generations, seek wisdom for the good of all, speak truth when needed, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Abiding Comforter, you call out to all people who need you. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, illness, or grief especially all those we name now or in our hearts...  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Holy Three-in-One, you are in and among our community and you create communities throughout the world. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in  
splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

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:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

ELW p.207

### 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.

In 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and  
nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of  
Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim  
your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able*

## BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

**ELW#413**

## POSTLUDE

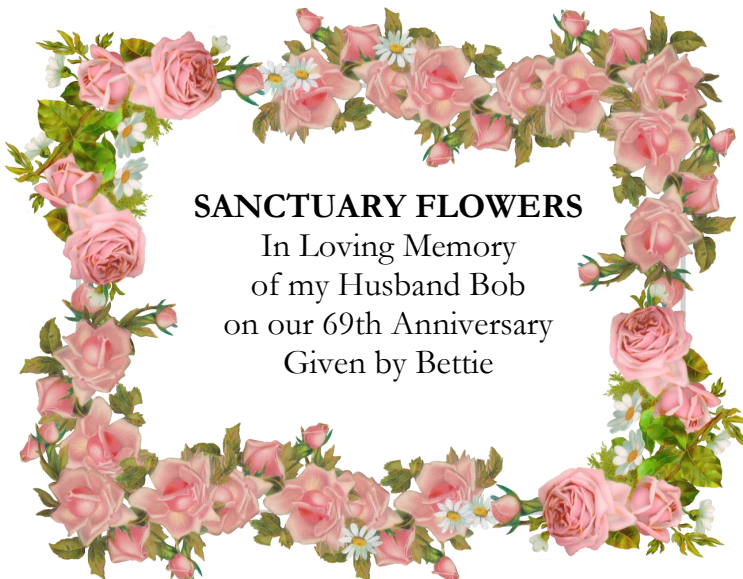
*Pomp and Circumstance*

*by Edward Elgar*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

## DEDICATIONS



# Grace Notes



June 12, 2022

*Grace Lutheran Church*

11 East Dawes Ave,  
Somers Pt., NJ 08244

Congratulations NICE GOING!<sup>14</sup>  
GREAT! Way to Go!  
Yea! FELICITATIONS  
CHEERS Take A BEST  
BOW! WISHES!

## **Congratulations 2022 Confirmands!**

*Pastor Althea would like to congratulate*

*Addisyn Wolak,*

*Lauren Piskun & Michael Piskun*

*(and our friends at Reformation Lutheran Church)*

*Congratulations! This is a beautiful day of commitment, celebration, and joy. I hope nothing but the best for you as you continue your spiritual journey. May God bless you and keep you always.*

**Worship Assistants needed  
for the following dates:**

June 19th (Father's Day),  
June 26th and through July and  
August. Please contact the  
office to volunteer.

**We congratulate the class of  
2022, may God bless you all  
in your future endeavors.**



**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!

# NEED PRAYER?

Date: / /

CARD

# CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD



## 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.



## FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

### SHORE DINER COUPON

There are coupons on the table in the Narthex/Lobby for Shore Diner in Northfield 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 ↓

# SHORE DINER

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

### 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's Sunday School is taking a break for the Summer. Please stay tuned for a return date for the Fall. Thank you to all who volunteered as Sunday school teachers this year. Have a great Summer!

# EVENTS WITH GRACE

## June 12, 2022 - June 19, 2022

### Sunday, June 12, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service  
 8:45 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:15 am Liturgical Worship  
**Joyful Noise Offering**  
**Grace Place Food Pantry**  
 Welcome New Members  
 3:30 pm AA Group

### Monday, June 13, 2022

9:00-11:30 am -Food Pantry  
 7 pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday, June 14, 2022

9:00 am-11:30 am Food Pantry  
 6:30 pm NA Meeting  
 7-9:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, June 15, 2022

9:00 am-11:30 am Food Pantry  
 11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge  
 7:00 pm -NA Meeting

### Thursday, June 16, 2022

9:00 am-11:30 am Food Pantry  
 5 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6 AA Meeting 12 Steps  
 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting

### Friday, June 17, 2022

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

### Saturday, June 18, 2022

No events today

### Sunday, June 19, 2022

#### Fathers Day

8:00 am Spoken Service  
 8:45 am Adult Sunday School  
 10:15 am Liturgical Worship  
**Baptism Ceremony for**  
**Mila DiStefano**  
 3:30 pm AA Group

Happy  
 Father's  
 Day



~CHURCH OFFICE HOURS~

10:00 AM—3:00 PM  
 (OR BY APPOINTMENT)  
 OFFICE # (609)927-3082



## 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 provide us with some fun tunes to add to our weekly themes too!