

JUNE 26, 2022

Pentecost 3



Foxes
have holes,
and birds of the air
have nests...

LUKE 9:58

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: Linda Rihl

Altar Guild: Brenda, Clare, Marleigh, and Nancy

~In Our Hearts and Prayers~

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: Jim C., Jon N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Carol F., Mike D., Kathy K., 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, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Ron, Bonnie & Bob (*Susan Johnson*); Bob & Kim (*Jim Foreman*) Annmarie, Michael Ann (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Kleuser*); Bob & Lou (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim & Vicki (*Meg La Spina*); Janice and Betty (*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; Mary Anna & Frank.

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 at Wesley Manor:** Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble **Woodview Estates:** Lorraine Moore

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Andante Grazioso

by Henry Smart

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.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but
delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN*Will You Come and Follow Me***ELW #798**

{Verses 1, 3 & 5 **All**}
 {Verse 2 **Women** Verse 4 **Men**}

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**

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING:** 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

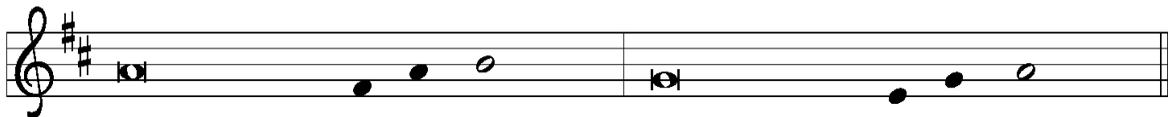
In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?"

²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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



PSALM: 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you; I have said to the LORD,
“You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

³But those who run after | other gods shall have their troubles | multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup; it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; indeed,
I have a | rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me; because
God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the | path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beloved, God’s Chosen

ELW #648

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

by Harold W. Friedell

Please stand as you are able

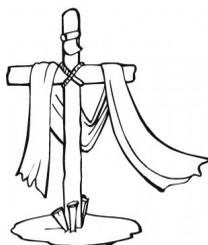
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Create in Me a Clean Heart

WOV #732

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Leader: God of faithfulness, set the eyes of your people and your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. Be with all the firefighters who worked countless hours to extinguish the Wharton State Forest fire and serve our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying *especially* those we name aloud or in our hearts... Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or struggle to find shelter. Attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of every time and place, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 us all, with your body and blood. May all honor and glory be yours O Lord, 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

All are welcome at the table of Christ. Come and be fed. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW p.208

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.



SENDING

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

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

ELW #818

POSTLUDE

Sortie Festivo

by Ludwig Boslet

DISMISSAL

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

DEDICATIONS

*Wishing my beautiful daughter Sara Blumenthal
a very happy birthday! With Love, Mom*



Happy
Birthday

*In honor of my husband,
Charlie Phelps and our
67th Wedding Anniversary
All my love,
Phyllis*

TAKE A JOURNEY WITH PASTOR ALTHEA
AS WE STUDY AND CELEBRATE
THE PROPHETS THIS SUMMER...

July 3, 2022 - Moses

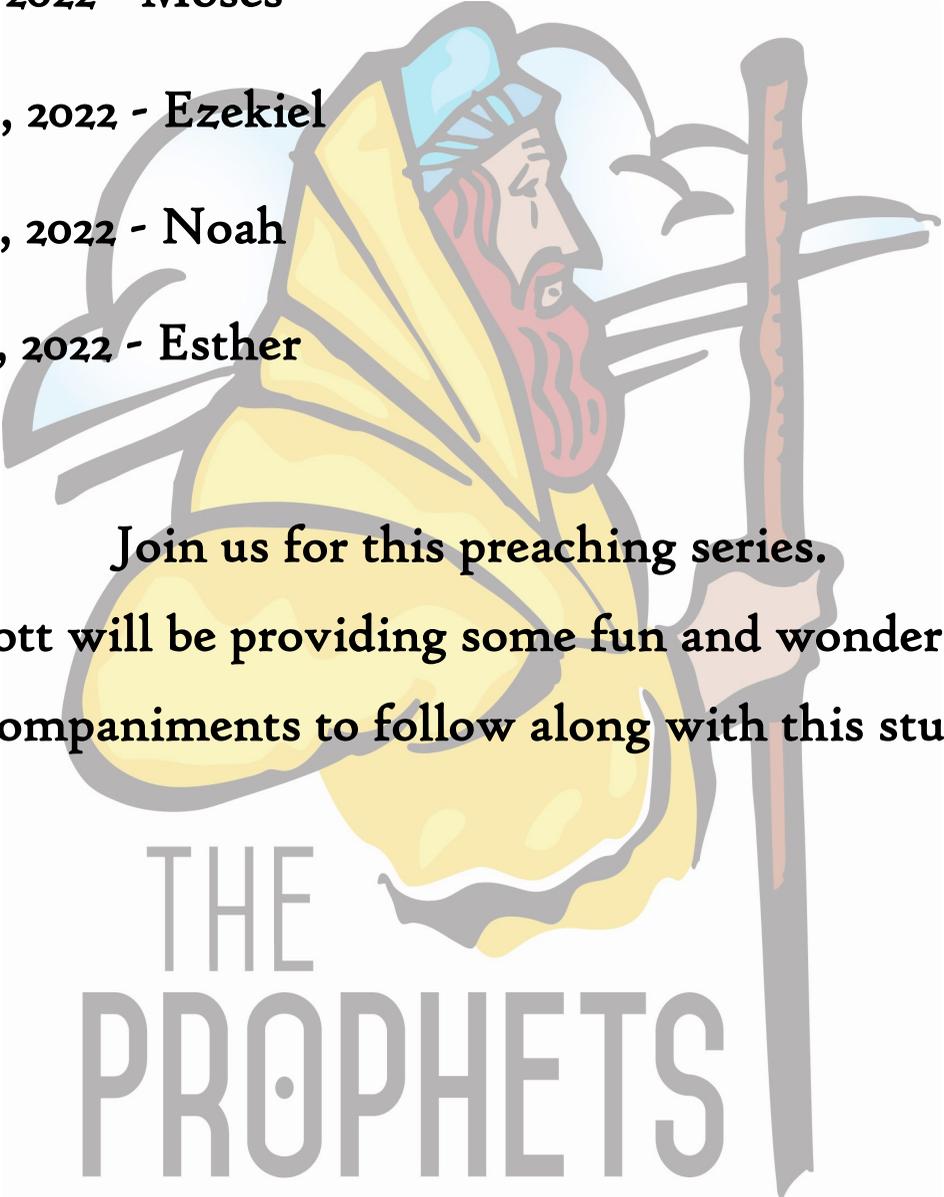
July 10, 2022 - Ezekiel

July 17, 2022 - Noah

July 31, 2022 - Esther

Join us for this preaching series.

**Scott will be providing some fun and wonderful
accompaniments to follow along with this study.**



**THE
PROPHETS**

Grace Notes



June 26, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church

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Thank you for all your help
and donations for the St Joe's Food Drive.

Please stay tuned for our quarterly newsletter, The Messenger, for important news and information for upcoming events here at Grace Lutheran.

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

July 10, 17, 24

August 14, 21, 28

September 11, 18, 25

Please contact the office to volunteer.

NEED PRAYER?

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!

CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD

GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY

OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 - 11:30 AM
(CLOSED THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH
NEXT CLOSURE JULY 3, 2022-JULY 9, 2022)

PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

→ CONDIMENTS → CRACKERS/CHIPS/CRISPS → BREAD
→ DAIRY PRODUCTS → EGGS → JUICE → POWDERED
DRINKS → TOILETRIES-SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/SOAP



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 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%.

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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 THIS WEEK

June 26, 2022 - July 3, 2022

Sunday, June 26, 2022

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

Monday, June 27, 2022

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

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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

Thursday, June 30, 2022

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

Friday, July 1, 2022

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

Saturday, July 2, 2022

No Events Today

Sunday, July 3, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service
8:45 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Liturgical Worship
PROPHET SERIES—MOSES
3:30 pm AA Group

DEDICATIONS

A special weekly donation made for dedications for memories, anniversaries and celebrations.

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

~CHURCH OFFICE HOURS~

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

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Monday, July 4, 2022

**Church Office and Food
Pantry Closed in observance of
Independence Day**