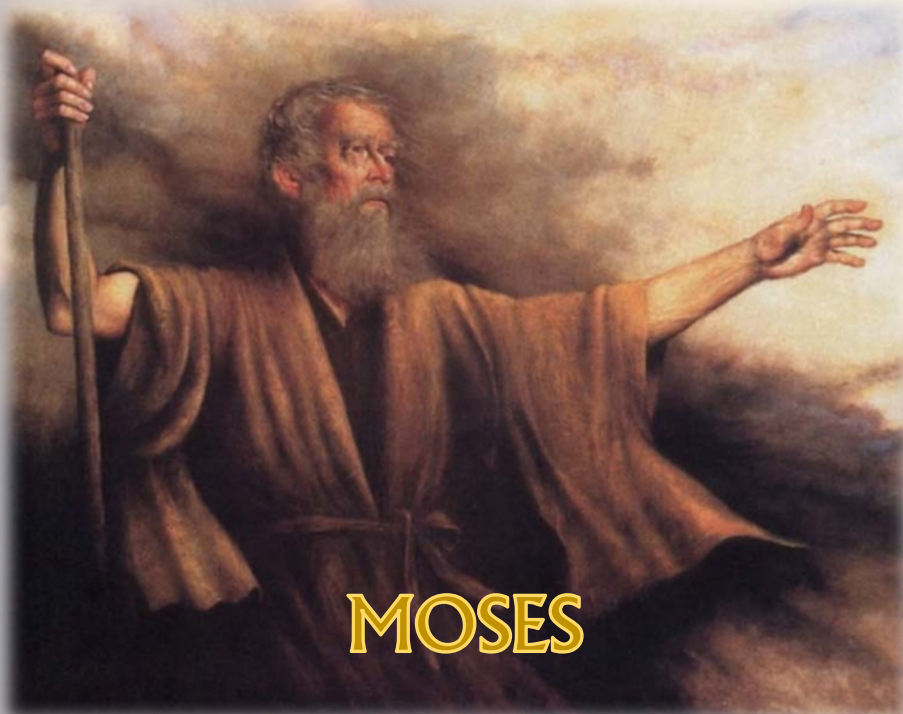


July 3, 2022

Pentecost 4



MOSES

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Shore Road @ Dawes & Meyran Aves.

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Music Director: Scott J. Breiner

Church Secretary: Michelle Allen



~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: Ruth Bowden

Altar Guild: Brenda, Clare, Marleigh, Nancy and Ruth

~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

*the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (ELW)
and the blue With One Voice (WOV)*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please note that there is a special Offertory Hymn,
Scott invites you all to sing along for this special celebration of Moses*



GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Finlandia

arr. By Diane Bish

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*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies***ELW #888****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**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**PROPHET SERIES – MOSES****FIRST LESSON:** Exodus 2:11-15

One day after Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, he saw two Hebrews fighting, and he said to the one who was in the wrong, “Why do you strike your fellow Hebrew?”

He answered, “Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses.

Exodus 2:22-23

So Moses fled from Pharaoh. He settled in the land of Midian and sat down by a well. After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery.

Exodus 3:1-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

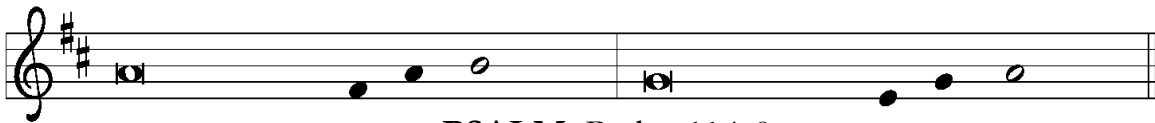
Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

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





PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands; be joyful, | all the earth.

²**Sing the glory | of God's name; sing the glory | of God's praise.**

³Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds! Because of your great
strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows | down before you, sings to you, sings | out your name."**

⁵Come now and see the | works of God, how awesome are God's deeds |
toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter
on foot, and there we re- | joiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸**Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

Please be seated

SECOND READING: Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205

Our special reading today continues from Exodus into

Deuteronomy, chapters eight and ten. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THIRD READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-3

“The entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

“So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer.

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

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

Please stand as you are able

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

Please turn to the blue With One Voice Hymnals

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

WOV #670

Verses 1, 4,& 6, **All**; Verse 2, **Women**; Verse 3 **Choir**; Verse 5, **Men**

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

We Know That Christ is Raised

arr. By Hall H. Hopson

Congregation: please join in singing **Hymn ELW #449**

Verses 1, 2 & 4, All; Verse 3, Choir

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.**



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

A brief silence.

Leader: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. We pray for missionaries who accompany your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves, but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty and hunger. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving *especially those we name aloud or in our hearts*. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, 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

When Peace Like a River

ELW # 785

POSTLUDE

Onward, Christian Soldiers

arr. By Lani Smith

DISMISSAL

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



Grace Notes



July 3, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church

11 East Dawes Ave,
Somers Pt., NJ 08244

**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.

PROPHET SERIES CONTINUES

July 10, 2022 - Ezekiel

July 17, 2022 - Noah

July 31, 2022 - Esther

Please join us each Sunday
as we study the prophets,
and enjoy the musical accompaniments.

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.

The Messenger

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Please pick up your copy of the
quarterly newsletter,
The Messenger, for important news
and information for upcoming
events here at Grace Lutheran.
Please note each member has their
name printed on the newsletter,
please see the usher for assistance.

20 YEARS OF MINISTRY OBSERVED

On June 30, 2022, we said
“good-bye for now” to our now re-
tired church secretary, Diana Mc
Ardle. We had a small gathering of
members of council, and staff. Pas-
tor Althea and some members of
council

presented her with a very generous
parting gift. It was a bittersweet oc-
casion. We will all miss her dearly,
she will forever be an integral part

NEED PRAYER?

Date: / /

CARD

CONNECTION

Date: / /

CARD

GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY

OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 - 11:30 AM

(CLOSED THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH)

PANTRY WILL REOPEN NEXT WEEK JULY 13-JULY 16

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

July 3, 2022 - July 10, 2022

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



Monday, July 4, 2022

Church Office and Food Pantry

**Closed in observance of
 Independence Day**

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED

6:30 pm NA Meeting

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

(OR BY APPOINTMENT)

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DEDICATIONS

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

Sanctuary Flowers **\$30**

Wine **\$10**

Anthem/Music **\$50**

Candles **\$10**

Bulletins **\$15**

Messenger **\$50**

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED

11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge

7:00 pm -NA Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022

FOOD PANTRY CLOSED

5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps

7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, July 8, 2022

10:00 am Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm AA Meeting

Saturday, July 9, 2022

No Events Today

Sunday, July 10, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service

8:45 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Liturgical Worship

PROPHET SERIES—EZEKIEL

3:30 pm AA Group

