

Pentecost 5

July 10, 2022



“I will put  
my SPIRIT  
within you,  
and you  
shall LIVE...”

Ezekiel 37:14

**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Church Secretary:** Michelle Allen

## ~Welcome~

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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/Leader:** Stephen Gring

**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 and Lily, Amanda , Cat & Diana S. (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Jeanne, Mc Cowan Family (*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

*All text in **bold** is to be read aloud*

*Please take part in our service by referring to the  
red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals (**ELW**) or  
the blue With One Voice Hymnals (**WOV**)*

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Scott invites you all to sing along for this special celebration of Ezekiel*

### GATHERING

**WELCOME**

Rev. Althea Albright

**PRELUDE**

*Days of Ezekiel*

by Robin Mark

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose steadfast love 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 have not**

**followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best  
seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often  
passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

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

**OPENING HYMN**

*A New Commandment*

**WOV #664**

**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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD****PROPHET SERIES – EZEKIEL****FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 34:11-17

<sup>11</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. <sup>17</sup>As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats.



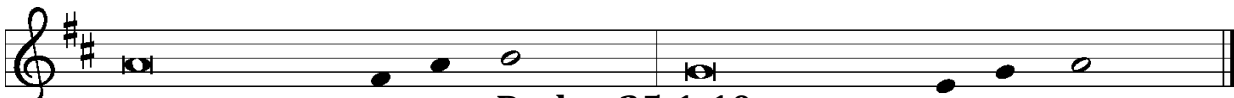
<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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





### Psalm: 25:1-10

*Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.*

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame |  
who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me  
according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,  
O LORD.

*Please be seated*

### **SECOND LESSON:** Colossians 1:1-14

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of  
the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in  
heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel  
<sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole

world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 tenth chapter.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and<sup>8</sup> with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.”<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”<sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Rev. Althea Albright

**SERMON**

Rev. Althea Albright

*Please stand as you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

**WOV #716**



## 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

*Teach Me, O Lord*

by Dave & Jean Perry

*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

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*Pastor:* Let us turn our hearts to pray for the church, creation and all in need.  
*A brief silence*

*Leader:* Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. We also pray for all victims and families which have been affected by gun violence. Help us find peaceful solutions in the midst of controversial issues. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness *especially those in our hearts and those that we name now*, God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. 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.**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING****ELW P. 206**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in 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

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*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 for give 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.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able*

## BLESSING

God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, will bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*O Day of Peace*

**WOV #762**

## POSTLUDE

*Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier*  
(Variation #3)

*by Johann Gottfried*  
*Walther*

## DISMISSAL

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

## DEDICATIONS



*In honor of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
(ceremony held here), the sanctuary  
flowers are dedicated to  
Norman and Nancy Thinschmidt*

# Grace Notes



July 10, 2022

*Grace Lutheran Church*

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# The Messenger 14

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. **If you are a member and you do not see your copy or your mailing information is incorrect please contact the church office at (609)927-3082.**

## YARD SALE SIGN UP SHEET

Do you have a bunch of old stuff you no longer need? Well, don't forget to reserve a table for our annual yard-sale.

Call or visit the office to sign up.

ONLY A \$25 Donation.

For more details call **(609)927-3082**

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

**July 17 August 14, 21, 28**

**September 11, 18, 25**

## **20 YEARS OF MINISTRY OBSERVED**

On June 30, 2022, we said "good-bye for now" to our now retired church secretary, Diana Mc Ardle. We had a small gathering of members of council, and staff. Pastor Althea and some members of council presented her with a very generous parting gift. It was a bittersweet occasion. We will all miss her dearly, she will forever be an integral part of our church ministry.

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 PLACE FOOD PANTRY

OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
(CLOSED THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH)

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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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 THIS WEEK

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### **Sunday, July 10, 2022**

8:00 am Spoken Service  
8:45 am Adult Sunday School  
10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service  
Prophet Series-Ezekiel

### **Monday, July 11, 2022**

9:00 am -11:00 am "Grace Place"  
Food Pantry  
10:00 am South Shore Pericope  
Meeting  
7:00 pm AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

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

### **Wednesday July 13, 2022**

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

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Monday - Friday**

**(except holidays) Pastor Althea**

**is available by appointment as well.**

**Please contact our office for availability.**

**(609)927-3082**

### **Thursday, July 14, 2022**

9:00 am-11:00 am "Grace Place"  
Food Pantry  
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm AA Meeting 12 Steps

### **Friday July 15, 2022**

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

### **Saturday July 16, 2022**

No events today

### **Sunday July 17, 2022**

8:00 am Spoken Service  
8:45 am Adult Sunday School  
10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service  
**PROPHET SERIES-NOAH**

