



July 17, 2022 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears...

I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind.

Grace Lutheran Church

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~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: Meg Markkanan

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 list 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*); Stephanie Braglie (*Roberta Blumenthal*) 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.

ELW Setting 10

*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**)*

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People by Craig Phillips

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, 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.

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. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ,
 your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN*When Morning Gilds the Skies***ELW #853***Verses 1, 3 & 5 (All) Verse 2 (Ladies) Verse 3 (Gentlemen)***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.**

Please be seated

WORD—NOAH**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 6 & 7**

The Lord sees the wickedness of humankind but sees hope in Noah

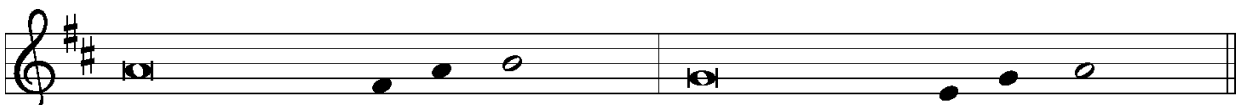
Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its

mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their⁵
kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain
on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made
I will blot out from the face of the ground.” And Noah did all that the LORD had
commanded him.

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on
the earth. And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives went into the
ark to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals and of animals
that are not clean and of birds and of everything that creeps on the ground,
two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had
commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.
The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up
the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and
increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

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



Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle? Who may abide upon your |
holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who |
fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
a- | gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be |
overthrown.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Our third reading today comes from Genesis, the eight and ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THIRD READING: Genesis 8 & 9

We finish the flood narrative from Noah's story with these verses.

God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made... Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the

bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me

and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

DUET

Noah Was Safe in the Ark

by Grace McIntyre

PERFORMED BY:

Marliegh McShane & Scott Breiner

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

HYMN OF THE DAY

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

ELW #519

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.**

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Monthly special offering for a designated local, national and international ministry. Our Third-Sunday usher team takes a few extra minutes before our regular weekly offering to collect this special offering of coin donations.

This month we are supporting Habitat for Humanity.

For more information about this organization visit www.habitat.org.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

by Michael Larkin

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: Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples and those suffering in our nation and in nations ravaged by war.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit *especially those we name aloud or those we name in our hearts...* Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshipping community, Grace Lutheran Church, to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of our teachers, our musicians, and Bible study leaders. 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

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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

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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

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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

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

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia

*from J.S. Bach's Cantata #29
arrangements by Homer Whitford*

DISMISSAL

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

DEDICATIONS

**Todays sanctuary flowers are dedicated to all seeking
peace in turbulent times. May the peace of the Holy Spirit
guide you.**



Grace Notes



July 17, 2022

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The Messenger¹⁴

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

Have some junk to get rid of that may be someone else's treasure?

Need to clean your garage? We invite you to rent a table at our yard sale to sell your items! Please note you are responsible for your table, making change, and to take home any items which are not sold. You keep all the profits from the sale of your own items. Proceeds from church items sold, table rentals and the bake sale, will benefit the ministry of our church. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church. You may ask Pastor Althea or an usher for assistance or call **609-927-3082 during our office hours 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

Monday - Friday. ONLY A \$25 Donation

(checks preferred made payable to Grace Lutheran Church).

Bake Sale Sign-Up

LET'S KEEP IT SIMPLE!

Let us know if you are willing to bring something to sell at the church Yard Sale (September 17)

We do not need to know what you are making or quantity. Cookies will be bagged to sell in small quantities. Pies would be sold as a whole. Other items may also be bagged individually. A sign up sheet is in the back of the church please notify an usher or Pastor Althea if assistance is needed.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for dedicated individuals for the following ministries:

- ✝ Food Pantry Assistants ✝ Greeters ✝ Altar Guild
- ✝ Sunday School Teachers ✝ Ushers for 10:15 Service ✝ Worship Assistants
- ✝ Financial Secretary/Counters ✝ Congregational Care
- ✝ Acolytes ✝ Choir ✝ Communion Bread Bakers

We will accept all applicants. If you are retired or between jobs this is a wonderful opportunity to serve your community. (Any volunteer work looks excellent on college applications) Any questions can be directed to Corinne Rhodes @ cdsmrhodes@icloud.com or the church office 609-927-3082.

Special note: We have an individual who needs a ride to and from our Sunday 10:15 am service. If you are interested in volunteering to assist please contact the office at 609-927-3082 or contact Pastor Althea at pastoralthea3@gmail.com

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This weekly class is taking a break.

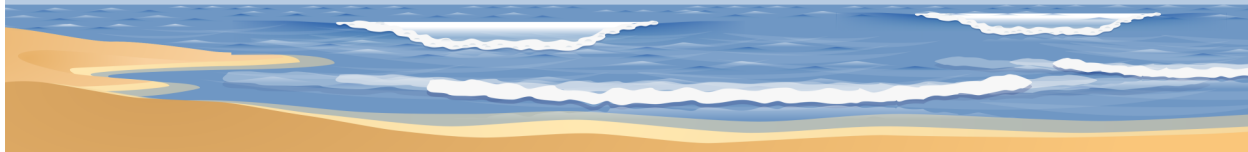
Please stay tuned for announcements for a return date in the fall.



"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.

Have a great summer!



EVENTS THIS WEEK

July 17, 2022-July 24, 2022

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service
10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service

PROPHET SERIES-NOAH

Monday, July 18, 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 19, 2022

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

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
609-927-3082

Wednesday July 20, 2022

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

Thursday, July 21, 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 22, 2022

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

Saturday July 23, 2022

No events today

Sunday July 24, 2022

10:15 am Spoken Worship Service

