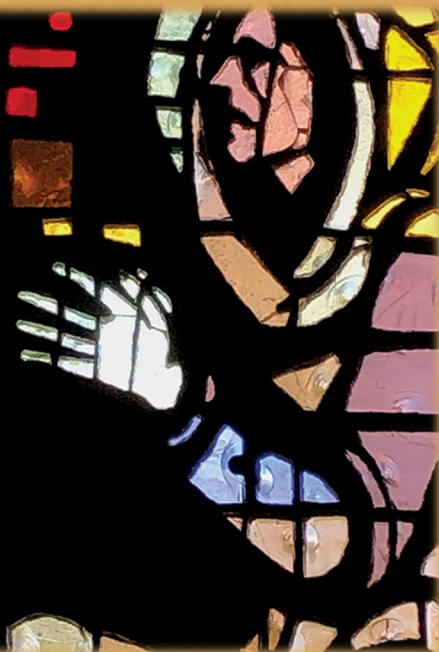


**11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2022**

Woman,
you are
set free
from your
ailment

LUKE 13:12



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

We thank those serving in worship today...

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

Worship Assistant/Leader: Shirley Blankenship

~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., Carole T., and friends and family of Lois R.

Family & Friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S., Virginia, Elliot, Pastor Inge, Kristi and Lily, Amanda , Cat & Diana S.; Eileen, Marie, Beverlee & Darlene; Mary Anna & Frank; (*Pastor Althea*); Payton (*Joyce Bianco*); Stephanie B. (*Roberta Blumenthal*); Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Jeanne, & Mc Cowan Family (*Bowdens*); Max S. (*Clare Brick*) 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 (*Diana McArdle*) Bernadette, Lou, Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Donny & Carol (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine, Sal & Ana (*Corinne Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Bob T. (*Brenda Traa*) Dottie C. (*Deborah Walker*); Jeff & Amanda (*Welfields*); **Those serving our country:** Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF; **At Home:** Robert & Mary Ellen Bartholomew, Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Reardon, Barbara Johnson, & Skip Uhrmann; **Shores @ Wesley Manor:** Eleanor Guire, Eileen Rumble & Catherine Krattenmaker; **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**)*

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Variations on “Foundation”

by Gilbert M. Martin

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW #858

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14

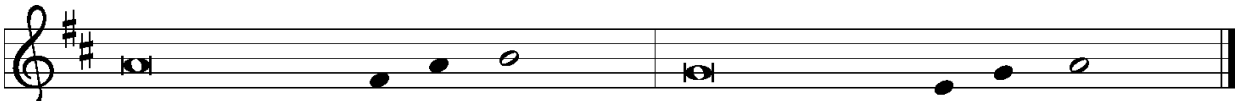
God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

13 If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own 5
interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the
holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your
own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride
upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of
the LORD has spoken.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 103:1-8

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,

“Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,

“There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.”

¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said,

“You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?”

¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELW #521

Verses 1 & 4 (All) Verse 2 (Women) Verse 3 (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.

Please be seated

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Our monthly special noisy offering for August is the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.

For more information about the mission please visit: acrescuemission.org

*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 *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake* by Richard Farrant

Please stand as you are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **WOV#732**

OFFERING PRAYER

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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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Trusting in God's extraordinary love...

A brief silence

Leader: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy...

Merciful God,

***Response to each petition:* receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your children...

***All respond:* Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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.**

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

SENDING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW #796

Verses 1 & 4 (All) Verse 2 (Women) Verse 3 (Men)

BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro

by Nikolaus Bruhns

edited by Gilbert M. Martin

DISMISSAL

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

DEDICATION

Today's sanctuary flowers are dedicated by Mary Goodman:



EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022 - AUGUST 28, 2022

Sunday August 21, 2022

Joyful Noise Offering

AC Rescue Mission

8:00 am Spoken Service

10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service

4:00 pm AA Group

Monday August 22, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

7:00 pm AA Group

Tuesday August 23, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

6:30 NA Group

Wednesday August 24, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

11:30 am Bayside Duplicate Bridge

7:00 pm NA Group

Thursday August 25, 2022

9:00 am - 11:30 am Food Pantry

5:00 pm Choir

6:00 pm AA Group-12 Steps

7:00 pm Al-Anon Group

Friday August 26, 2022

10:30 am Grace Stitchers

7:30 pm AA Group

Saturday August 27, 2022

No Events Today

Sunday August 28, 2022

8:00 am Spoken Service

10:15 am Liturgical Worship Service

4:00 pm AA Group

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(609) 927-3082

*Pastor is often around the office Monday-Thursday
and she is always available by appointment*

GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY

Pantry is closed the first FULL week of each month

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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Please note that
Lois Rahme's
funeral is
planned for
**Wednesday,
August 31st at
11:00 am**

