

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

October 20, 2024—October 27, 2024

22nd Sunday of Pentecost 10/20/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship

8:45AM Adult Forum

10:15AM Traditional Worship

Joyful Noise Offering:

Somers Point Police Sunshine Fund

4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 10/21/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

10:00AM Clergy Bible Study

11:00AM 100th Anniversary

Committee Meeting

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 10/22/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 10/23/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge

6:00PM Alateen

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 10/24/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

5:00PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00PM Grief Support Group

7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 10/25/24

10:30AM Grace Stitches

7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 10/26/24

No Events

Reformation Sunday 10/27/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service

8:45AM Adult Forum Group

10:15AM Traditional Worship

Installation of New Members

Fellowship Reception after Worship

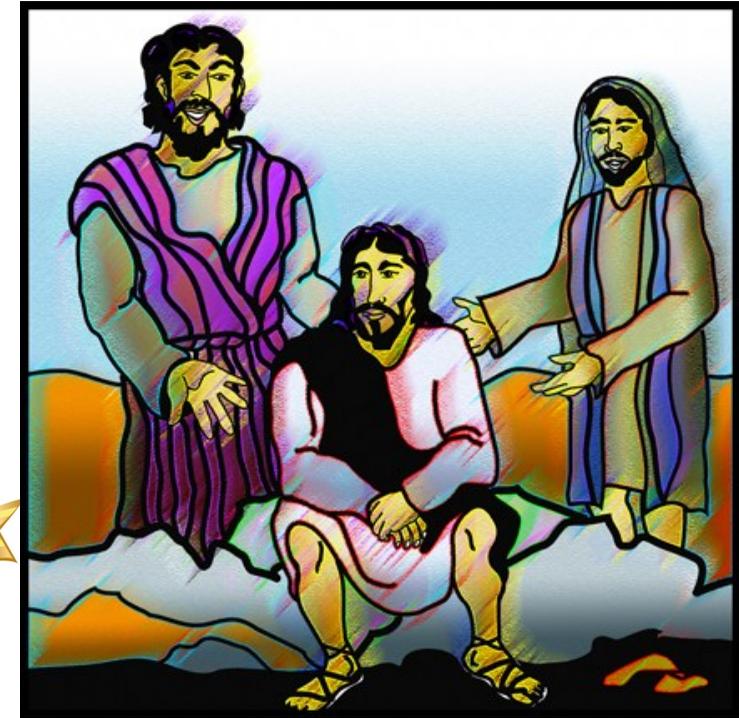
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Tues 10:00AM-3:00PM

Thurs-Fri 10:00AM-3:00PM

October 20, 2024 22nd Sunday of Pentecost



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.*

Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship red hymnal found in the pews.

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

WELCOME

Corinne Rhodes

PRELUDE

An Autumn Sketch by John Hyatt Brewer

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Food Pantry is asking for volunteers to help with receiving deliveries from St. Joe's on Saturday, November 9 at 10:00 AM.



COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 14, 2024

9:00 AM-12:00 PM or until sold out

Start gathering your favorite holiday cookie recipes, stocking up on those ingredients, and getting ready to bake, bake, bake!

We need cookies galore!

If you have any Christmas items you no longer need or want, you may donate them to be sold at the white elephant table at the Cookie Walk.

100th Anniversary Gala

December 15 at 12:30 PM at the Atlantic City Country Club

Reservations can be made by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office at 609-927-3082.

We will let you know the cost as soon as that is determined.

SHORE DINER
Present this bulletin on a Sunday and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace Lutheran Church. Present this on any other day, and we will donate 10%.
Shore Diner 6710 Tilton Road Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 609-641-3669

CAPE SHORE CHORALE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT GRACE:

Saturday, November 2 from 6:00-9:00 PM.

"A NIGHT ON BROADWAY"

A \$50.00 donation per person includes Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beverages and a night filled with musical entertainment!

for more information and to reserve,
contact Claire Theis @ (609) 214-5323
or clairetheis@hotmail.com

Mark your calendar for the South Jersey Shore "Walk to End Alzheimer's."

Team Thrivent (with host Glen Stewart) will "Walk with Purpose" on **Saturday, October 26** at the Ocean City Boardwalk as we walk in support of family, friends, co-workers, neighbors touched in some way by this disease.

Meet at the Ocean City Civic Center, 6th and the Boardwalk. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with the Walk beginning at 10:30 a.m. Free Parking in the 6th Street lot.

Sign up ahead of time to walk and donate: <http://act.alz.org/goto/thrivent>

Alzheimer's is more than just memory loss --it is a progressive and fatal disease that devastates families and bank accounts, 190,000 people are living with Alzheimer's...and more than 270,000 people are care givers.

Please gather after the Walk for refreshments and fellowship under the black Thrivent tent. We hope to see you there as we Live Generously and make a difference in our community.

OPENING HYMN Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW #659
VERSES 1, 3, 5 ALL, VERSE 2 MEN, VERSE 4 WOMEN

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.

Please be seated.

PSALM 91:9-16



⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,
¹⁰**no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge ¹over you,
to guard you in ¹all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will ¹bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹gainst a stone.**
¹³You will tread upon the lion ¹cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹and the serpent.

- ¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

READING : Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

- ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
- ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
- ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
- ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
- ⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,



**The flowers sponsor this week is: Carol Gallagher,
“Happy 35th birthday, Catherine!”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry Donation for the Month of October:

Knorr Packets

There is a basket in the narthex for your donations.

Grief Support Group

Grace Lutheran Church

2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm October-January

Free and Confidential Small Group Care

To reserve a spot, call the Church office at 609-927-3082 or email:
office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net

Feed The Northeast

Thrivent is sponsoring Feed the Northeast 2024!

If our congregation can gather 500 non perishable food items in the month of October, Thrivent will send the food pantry an additional \$500! What a great tool in our battle against food insecurity in our communities!

Christmas At Sea

The Christmas at Sea Donation Drive will take place during the month of October, and your donations are very much needed and appreciated! Please take a list of suggested items in the narthex.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

God almighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW #538

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE

Processional March

by Samuel B. Whitney

DISMISSAL Go in peace and follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

We thank all those serving in worship today:
Readers/Worship Leaders: Kevin Thomas & Corinne Rhodes
Guest Speaker: Brad Zabelski

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter. **Glory to you,
O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE Guest Speaker: Brad Zabelski from CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Speak to Us That we Might Speak* **ELW #676**

THE 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 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 the month of October is
The Somers Point Police Sunshine Fund.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *God So Loved the World* by John Goss
Vocalists: The Ehrhardt Family

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in me a Clean Heart* **WOV page 732**

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. **By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *Brief silence.*

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, “God of grace,” please respond with “Hear our prayer.”

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**