

# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## May 19, 2024—May 26, 2024

### PENTECOST SUNDAY 5/19/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship  
 8:45AM Adult Forum Group  
 10:15AM Traditional Worship  
**Joyful Noise Offering:**  
**Funny Farm Animal Rescue**  
 4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### MONDAY 5/20/24

9:00AM -11:30AM Food Pantry  
**7:00PM Grief Support Group**  
 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### TUESDAY 5/21/24

Food Pantry 9:00AM -11:30AM  
 6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous  
 7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY 5/22/24

9:00AM -11:30AM Food Pantry  
 11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge  
 7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

### THURSDAY 5/23/24

9:00AM -11:30AM Food Pantry  
**2:00PM Grief Support Group**  
 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00PM Al-Anon

### FRIDAY 5/24/24

10:30AM Grace Stitchers  
 7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### SATURDAY 5/25/24

*No events*

### THE HOLY TRINITY 5/26/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service  
 8:45AM Adult Forum Group  
 10:15AM Traditional Worship  
 4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

### 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%.

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## May 19, 2024

## Pentecost Sunday



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo, Pastor † Scott J. Breiner, Music Director  
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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.*

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## GATHERING

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

### INTRODUCTION

*Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.*

### WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

### PRELUDE

*Come Down, O Love Divine* by Mark Sedio  
*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.**

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.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

# CAPE SHORE CHORALE

presents

Cantata # 106

"Gottes Zeit  
 ist die Allerbeste Zeit"



guest tenor Robert Laird

with  
 period instruments

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## BROADWAY

Sunday, June 2nd @ 3 P M, 2024

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

30th & Bay Avenue

Ocean City, N. J.

Scott J. Breiner, director



Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Cape May County Board of County Commissioners through the Cape May County Division of Culture & Heritage



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Shore Memorial NICU Baby Shower sponsored by WELCA and the Grace Stitches! Your donations were very much appreciated!



Our Grief Support Groups will continue to meet every other Monday at 7:00 PM and Thursday at 2:00 PM through the month of July. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. The dates for June and July will be printed in the June newsletter.

Request from the Facilities Team:

Please flatten any boxes before putting them in the blue recycling dumpster, and please do not park in front of that dumpster. Thank you.

**June Community Event**  
in honor of  
**Our 100th Anniversary!**  
**June 9, 2024**

12:00 PM—2:00 PM in the Social Hall

Join us for:  
**Socializing**



**Food**



**Musical Entertainment**

Please pick up your free tickets in the narthex or by calling the church office at 609-927-3082. Please bring a non perishable food item for our Food Pantry!

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**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**      *Come Down. O Love Divine*

**ELW # 804**

**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.**

**KYRIE**

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**THIS IS THE FEAST**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.*

**DRAMATIC READING**

*"The Fire, the Wind, the Water: A dramatic reading for Pentecost"*

by Doug Porter at ReformedWorship.org.

This reading interweaves several Old Testament stories, including the burning bush, tower of Babel, and giving of the 10 commandments with the New Testament stories of Jesus' sacrifice and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

*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 John the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.*

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

**ELW #400**

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

**POSTLUDE** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. by Fred Bock

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Share the good news! **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:  
Reader: Meg Markkanen**



**The flowers sponsor this week is: Kathy Wopatek-Nigsch, wishing her dad, Wally Wopatek, a happy heavenly birthday!**

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you make yourself known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**      *Lamb of God*      *white booklet page 4*

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVERYONE IS INVITED to come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you are unable to come to the altar, you may remain seated and the pastor will bring you communion after everyone has come forward. Children may come forward to receive a blessing.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*    **ELW #403**

### 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 May is Funny Farm Animal Rescue in Mays Landing, NJ.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**     *Holy, Heavenly Love*     *by Mark Browse*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *Brief silence.*

A: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. We pray for all who suffer in any way *especially all those we name aloud now or in our hearts...* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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