

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

July 7, 2024—July 14, 2024

7th Sunday of Pentecost 7/7/24

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

MONDAY 7/8/24

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

TUESDAY 7/9/24

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

WEDNESDAY 7/10/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM Alateen

7:00PM Financial Support Meeting

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 7/11/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 7/12/24

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

SATURDAY 7/13/24

No events

8th Sunday of Pentecost 7/14/24

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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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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July 7, 2024

7th 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

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE *America & Battle Hymn* arr. By Stanley, Smith and Hustad
Stephen Gring: Piano

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Right in our own backyard...

Did you know that Atlantic City is home to the LARGEST organ in the world? That’s right! Built in 1929-1932, with over 33,000 pipes, it was designed by state senator Emerson Richards. Scott, our director of music, has celebrated 10 years of playing for noon concerts and special occasions, including Stockton graduations. The organ can be heard at noon, Monday through Friday. Scott will be playing on the following dates:

7/11	8/9
7/15	8/21
7/26	8/23
7/29	8/30



Home Reading of the Week: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

July 14 at 11:30 am (following worship)
Potluck Meal And Ministry Brainstorming

Join us for a fun session of dreaming up ideas big and small to share the Gospel through Fellowship, Outreach, and Using the Resources around us!

Please sign up on the form in the narthex or call the church office. All are welcome!

**LET GOD BE YOUR GUIDE
AND LIGHT YOUR WAY TO
CAMP FIRELIGHT!**

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

Where: St. John Lutheran Church
1001 Central Avenue
Ocean City, NJ

When: Monday, July 29th – Thursday, August 1st

Time: 9am – 12pm Each Day

Who: Kids ages 4 years old to 6th Grade

**→→REGISTER←←
ONLINE TODAY**

For More Information:
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FUN & FREE



Gracious God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy name, Amen.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

OPENING HYMN

This Is My Song

ELW #887

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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

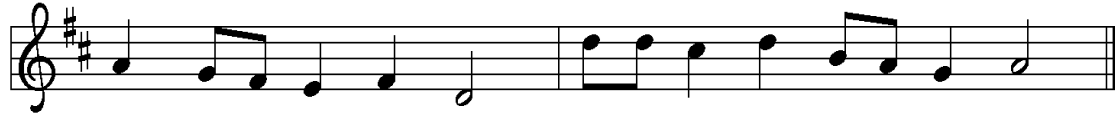
GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

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 stand as you are able.



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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 6:6b-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

^{6b}Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Please be seated.

READING : Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888

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

POSTLUDE

National Hymn

arr. by William Thomas Best

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **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: Ruth Bowden



The flowers and candles sponsors this week are: Jim and Wendy Dolan, in celebration of their anniversary!

The wine sponsor this week is: Mary Goodman, in loving memory of Vince. "Happy heavenly birthday!"

The memorial service for Bob Carlson will be on

Thursday, July 18 at 11:00 AM

at Grace Lutheran Church.

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! **Amen.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN Spirit of Gentleness **ELW #396**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. For the month of July, we are going to try out what is called “continuous communion.” It will look almost the same as what we have been doing; we have been going to the altar railing in groups and being blessed before returning to your pew. Now, the ushers will invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. Once you have received the wafer and the wine/grape juice, you will place your empty cup in the tray and return to your pew. As places open up, worshippers will fill them in so that communion is a continuous process. The choir will go to communion first to show you the pattern.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

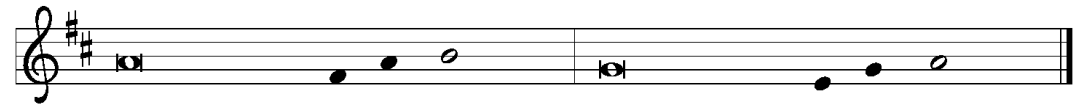
BLESSING

The Lord Bless you and keep you; The Lord’s face shine on you and

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

PSALM 123



¹ To you I lift ¹ up my eyes,
to you enthroned ¹ in the heavens.

² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand ¹ of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show ¹ us your mercy.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O ¹ LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough ¹ of contempt,

⁴ **too much of the scorn of the in- ¹ dolent rich,
and of the derision ¹ of the proud.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* **ELW #519**

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY I Lift My Eyes Unto the Hills by Mark Schweizer
Please stand as you are able.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *Brief silence.*

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "In your mercy," please respond with "Hear our prayer."

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for your Son, who in the night in which he was betrayed, 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. **Amen.**

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