

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

August 18, 2024–August 25, 2024

13th Sunday of Pentecost 8/18/24

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

MONDAY 8/19/24

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

TUESDAY 8/20/24

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

WEDNESDAY 8/21/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
 11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
 6:00PM Alateen
 7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 8/22/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
 12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 8/23/24

10:30AM Grace Stitchers
**11:00AM 100th Anniversary
 Committee Meeting**
 7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 8/24/24

No Events

14th Sunday of Pentecost 8/25/24

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

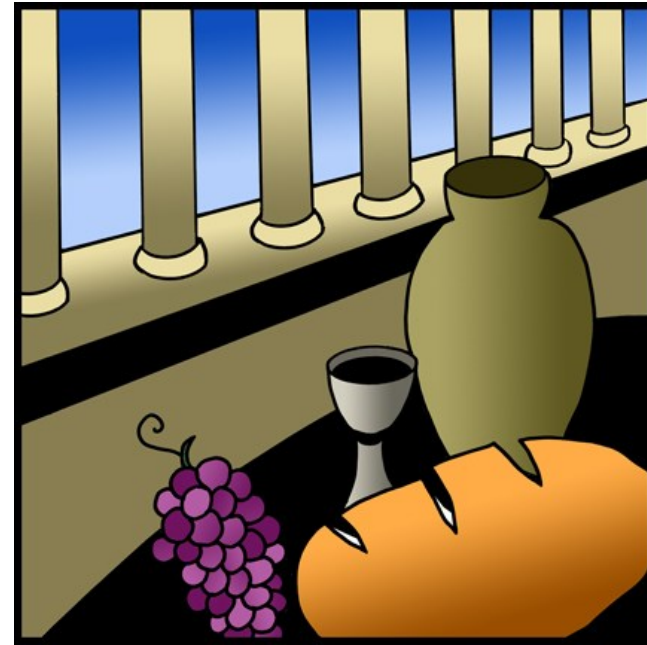
Thurs-Fri 10:00AM-3:00PM

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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August 18, 2024 13th Sunday of Pentecost



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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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

WELCOME

Corinne Rhodes

PRELUDE

Meditation from the Opera Thais

by Jules Massenet

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.

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**

Oktoberfest Food Prep Needed

If you are able to donate a red cabbage or help prepare food for the Oktoberfest, please pick up a recipe in the narthex for what you would like to make and sign up on the sign-up sheet to let us know what you are making and how much. If you would like to contribute but do not have the time to make something, monetary donations are certainly appreciated, as well.

Oktoberfest 2024

We hope you will join us for our 2nd Annual German Festival of fun, food and music on

Friday, September 27

5:00 PM—8:00 PM

Featuring: **“Not Another Oompah Band”**

Invite family! Invite friends! Invite neighbors!

Tickets will go on sale September 1 in the narthex:

Adults: \$30

Youth: (ages 6-12): \$15

Children 5 & under: Free

There is a limited number, so the sooner you buy, the better!



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Join us on September 21 at 6:30 pm for an evening of entertainment and fun with The Playmates!



This will be a benefit concert for the **Ocean City Humane Society** and the **Beacon Animal Rescue**. Checks can be made out to either organization or to Grace Lutheran Church for distribution. Meet and Greet with light refreshments following the concert.

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, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Around you, O Lord Jesus*

ELW #468

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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

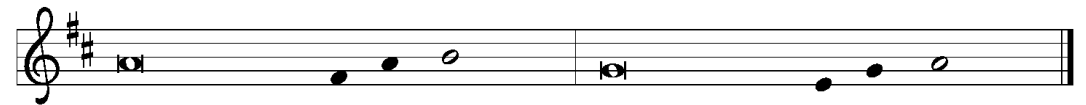
PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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 34:9-14



⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

READING : Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Church Directory is in progress! We would like to add a page or two of pictures of the different committees and ministry groups here at Grace. If you would like to have a picture of your ministry group in the directory, please take and submit those pictures by August 30 to:

gracelutheranmedia24@gmail.com.

If you have not yet had a personal/family picture taken or submitted a picture, this would be the very last call for you to submit that, as well.

Mark your calendars for:

*Wednesday, August 21 at noon
Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City*

*Concert featuring two amazing musicians from
Grace Lutheran Church:
Scott Breiner and Andrew Ehrhardt*

If you are able to help at the Good Old Days Festival at Kennedy Park on **Saturday, September 7**, please sign up in the narthex for a time that works for you. This is a great opportunity to get our name out there, hand out items, fliers, and advertise our 100th Anniversary and Oktoberfest!

SENDING HYMN

I am the Bread of Life

ELW #485

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

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major

by David N. Johnson

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:
Kevin Thomas

The flowers, candles, and wine sponsor this week is: Gay Rowland,
“Thanking God for all his blessings he has bestowed on me!”

The bulletins sponsor this week is: Clare Brick, in celebration of
Kayleigh’s 2nd birthday!



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 John the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: **John 6:51-58**

In John’s gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true “bread of life.” Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church’s celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

Please be seated.

COMMENTARY READING*Please stand as you are able.*

Corinne Rhodes

HYMN OF THE DAY*We Eat the Bread of Teaching***ELW #518****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 August is Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Atlantic County.***OFFERING****OFFERTORY***Come to the Feast*

by Hyun Kook

*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:** Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *Brief silence.**At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "Merciful God," please respond with "Receive our prayer."***P:** We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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 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**The Lord Bless you and keep you; The Lord's face shine on you and 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.**