

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

September 22, 2024—September 29,

18th Sunday of Pentecost 9/22/24

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

MONDAY 9/23/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
10:00AM Clergy Bible Study
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 9/24/24

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

WEDNESDAY 9/25/24

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

THURSDAY 9/26/24

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

FRIDAY 9/27/24

10:30AM Grace Stitchers
5:00 Oktoberfest 2024
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 9/28/24

No Events

19th Sunday of Pentecost 9/29/24

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
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any other day, and we will donate 10%.

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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 we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE

Bourrée from Handel's Water Music

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.**

OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oktoberfest 2024 will take place at Grace Lutheran Church on **Friday, September 27 from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM**, featuring the German band "Not Another Oompah Band"!

Tickets are on sale today in the narthex: \$30 for adults, \$15 for youth, and children 5 and under are free. You may also call the church office to purchase tickets. Invite family, neighbors, and friends!

Oktoberfest Food Prep Needed

If you are able to 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.

New Member Orientation

There will be a New Member Orientation on **Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 AM** in the Church Lounge. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member here at Grace, please let Pastor Wendolyn or Corinne know.

Blessing of the Animals

Pastor Wendolyn will offer a Blessing of Animals on **Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 PM**. You are invited to bring your beloved pets for special blessing. Please share this invitation with family and friends!

Home Reading of the Week:

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.



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

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, 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 54



¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,

those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

READING : Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

POSTLUDE *Hornpipe* from Handel's Water Music

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:

Reader: Meg LaSpina

The flowers, candles, wine, and bulletins sponsor this week is:

Bettie Cross, in loving memory of her mother, Louise Johnson.

“Happy heavenly birthday, Mom!”



Food Pantry Donation of the Month

This will begin in October.

There will be a basket in the narthex for people to place their donations in.

The food pantry item collected for the month of October will be:

Knorr Packets

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

Pavane by Maurice Ravel
 Clarinet: Andrew Ehrhardt

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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.
Brief silence.

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "Hear us O God," please respond with "Your mercy is great."

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. **Amen.**