

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

October 13, 2024—October 20, 2024

21st Sunday of Pentecost 10/13/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship
 8:45AM Adult Forum
 10:15AM Traditional Worship
**Fellowship Hour Sponsored by
 The Trozzo Family**
 4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 10/14/24

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

TUESDAY 10/15/24

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

WEDNESDAY 10/16/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
 11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
 5:45PM Heather Croft HOA
 6:00PM Alateen
 7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

THURSDAY 10/17/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
 12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
 7:00PM Al-Anon
7:00PM Grief Support Group
7:00PM Church Council Meeting

FRIDAY 10/18/24

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

SATURDAY 10/19/24

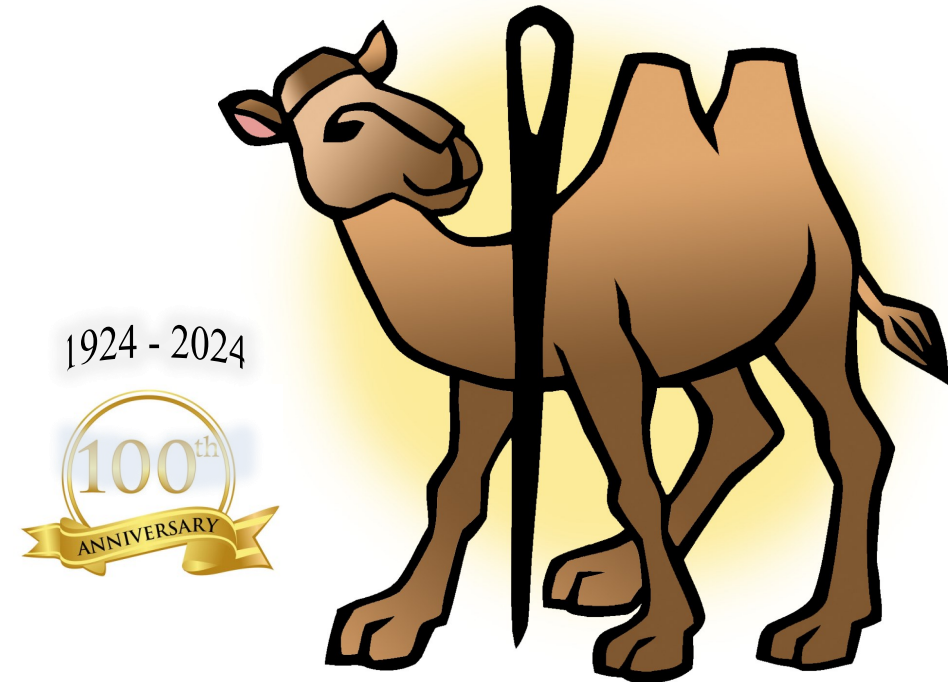
No Events

22nd Sunday of Pentecost 10/20/24

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

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

October 13, 2024 21st 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

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE *O Jesus, I Have Promised* setting by Aaron David Miller

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

Come, We That Love The Lord

ELW #625

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 and place your donations in one of the baskets.

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.

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.

Home Reading of the Week:

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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!

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

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

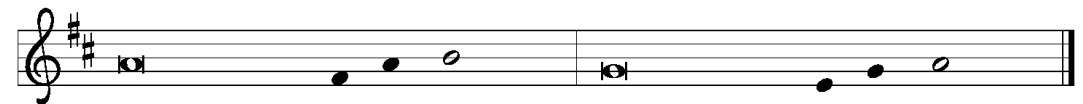
PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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 90:12-17



¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days

that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?**

Be gracious | to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us**

and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,

and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;**

prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

READING : Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW #810

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

POSTLUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude

by Johann Gottfried Walther

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: Edna Cordery



The flowers sponsor this week is: Roberta Blumenthal,
thanking God for another year of blessings!

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.**

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

COMMUNION HYMNS *We Come to the Hungry Feast* **ELW #479**
 Take My Life, that I May Be **ELW #685**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, 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. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing; as you kneel at the railing, cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a

camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

ELW #775

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: Lutheran Disaster Relief

OFFERTORY

Consecration

by Frederick Chatfield

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.**

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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