

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

November 10, 2024—November 17, 2024

25th Sunday of Pentecost 11/10/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship

8:45AM Adult Forum

10:15AM Traditional Worship

**Fellowship Hour Sponsored by
Facilities Committee**

4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 11/11/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/12/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

12PM WELCA Meeting

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 11/13/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge

6:00PM Alateen

7:00PM Support Meeting

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

7:30PM Compassionate Friends

THURSDAY 11/14/24

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry

12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

5:00PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00PM Grief Support Group

7:00PM Antique Club

7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 11/15/24

10:30AM Grace Stitchers

7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 11/16/24

No events.

26th Sunday of Pentecost 11/17/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service

8:45AM Adult Forum Group

10:15AM Traditional Worship

Joyful Noise Offering: CASA

4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

November 10, 2024 25th 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

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE

Meditation

by Felix Mendelssohn

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of Grace, **though you would guide us, we inform ourselves; though you would rule us, we control ourselves; though you would fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are lost. Now heal our confused minds with your Word, heal our divided wills with your Law, heal our troubled consciences with your Love, heal our anxious hearts with your Presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

17th Annual Christmas



Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 14th

9:00 am until sold out!



Also

Gently used

Christmas Decorations

FRESH
SCONES

Decadent Hot Cocoa



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COOKIE WALK HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of bakers for our 17th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk! If you are willing and able to bake for this, please sign up in the narthex before or after church so we know what we can expect. We need an excessive amount of cookies, as it usually sells out within the first hour!

If you have any gently used Christmas decorations or kitchenware you no longer need or want, we can use them for our white elephant table at the Cookie Walk.

Helpers are needed the day before the Cookie Walk to receive and organize trays of cookies and baked goods. Helpers are also needed the day of the event. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a vendor table, please let us know. Only \$25 per table!

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a vendor table, please contact Heidi Toth 609-233-4156 or Sandy Piskun 609-226-5591.

100th Anniversary Gala

December 15 at 12:30 PM-3:30 PM

Atlantic City Country Club

\$35 per person

Reservations and payment can be made by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office
609-927-3082.

*Reservations and payment are due by November 15.

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OPENING HYMN

As Saints of Old

ELW #695

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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through 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 146



¹ Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who hunger.

The LORD sets the ¹ captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the LORD ¹ loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah!**

READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

We thank all those serving in worship today:

Reader: Corinne Rhodes

The flowers and candles sponsor this week is: Roberta Blumenthal, in honor of her granddaughter, Rebecca on her 16th birthday!



Home Reading of the Week:

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Food Pantry Item for November:

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

These may be placed in the designated basket in the narthex.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

VERSES 1, 3, 5 ALL, VERSE 2 MEN, VERSE 4 WOMEN

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

POSTLUDE

Duke Street

by Robert J. Powell

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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***We Are an Offering***ELW #692****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**

A Song of Autumn
Please stand as you are able.

by James Kirkby

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

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, **you offered yourself in love for
the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with
your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the
stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

*Please be seated.***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our
neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *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 offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless
love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION**GREAT THANKSGIVING***white booklet page 3***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY***white booklet page 4***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

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new
creation.

COMMUNION HYMN*Lamb of God**white booklet page 4***COMMUNION HYMNS***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***ELW #712***Blessed Assurance***ELW #638****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*