

# HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

## June 23, 2024—June 30, 2024

### 5th Sunday of Pentecost 6/23/24

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

### MONDAY 6/24/24

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

### TUESDAY 6/25/24

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

### WEDNESDAY 6/26/24

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

### THURSDAY 6/27/24

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

### FRIDAY 6/28/24

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

### SATURDAY 6/29/24

*No events*

### 6th Sunday of Pentecost 6/30/24

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%.

Shore Diner  
6710 Tilton Road  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234  
609-641-3669

June 23, 2024

5th Sunday of Pentecost



1924 - 2024



## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

11 East Dawes Avenue, Somers Point, NJ 08244

**Church Office:** 609-927-3082 **Food Pantry:** 609-927-9982

**Website:** [www.gracelutheranspnj.org](http://www.gracelutheranspnj.org)

**E-mail:** [office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@gracelutheranspnj.comcastbiz.net)

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo, Pastor † Scott J. Breiner, Music Director

Corinne Rhodes, Administrative Assistant

Alison Toth, Social Media Consultant

**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

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

### WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

**PRELUDE** Variations on *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* by F. W. Zachau

*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.

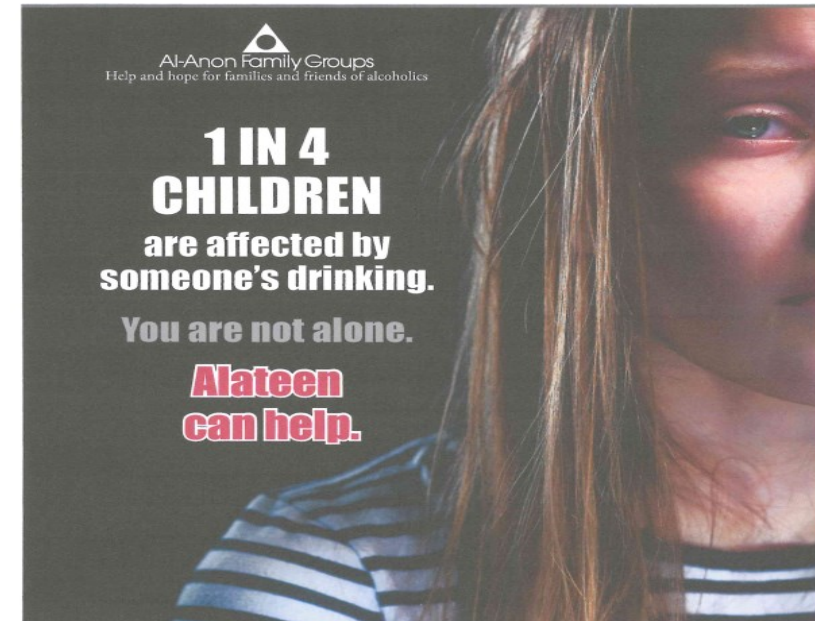
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have**

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Members of the Committee express their appreciation for the overwhelming response that was generated by the questionnaire. The Committee has tallied the responses and used the information to complete the required MSP- Ministerial Site Profile.

The Call Committee completed this document recently and presented it to Council for review. Once approved, the document will be sent to the Synod and the next steps in the search process begin. A meeting with the Bishop will occur and the Bishop's Office will begin advertising for applicants.



Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM (beginning 6/26/24)  
Grace Lutheran Church (in the Lounge room)  
11 East Dawes Ave., Somers Point, NJ 08244

**1-888-4AL-ANON • [al-anon.org/teen-info](http://al-anon.org/teen-info)**

---

**SENDING**


---

**BLESSING**

May the blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**     *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*     **ELW #763**

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

**POSTLUDE**     *Jesu, Priceless Treasure*     by F. W. Zachau

**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:** Jim Ehrhardt

**The flowers sponsor this week is:** Roberta Blumenthal,  
“in honor of my daughter, Sara, on her birthday.”  
Love, Mom

**The candles sponsor this week is:** Roberta Blumenthal,  
in memory of her parents, John and June Stieska.



**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**     *Jesu, Priceless Treasure*     **ELW #775**

**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**     *white booklet page 1*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, 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.*

---

**WORD**


---

**FIRST READING : Job 38:1-11**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation,*



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *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: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

---

## HOLY COMMUNION

---

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*white booklet page 3*

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

*white booklet page 4*

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of 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.

<sup>27</sup>**They staggered and | reeled like drunkards,  
and all their skill was of | no avail.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from | their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm | to a whisper  
and silenced the waves | of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when | it grew calm,  
when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.

<sup>31</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;  
in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah!

### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

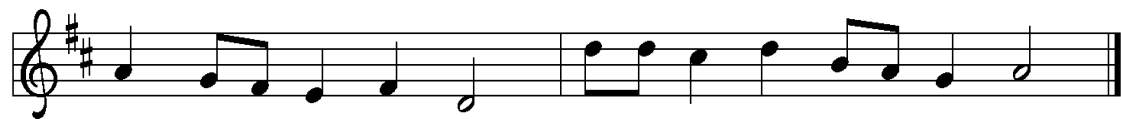
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*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 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW #773

### 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 *Give to the Winds Your Fears* by Robert J. Powell

*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.*