

**PRAYER SERVICE
JANUARY 24, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God loves you all the time
And all the time God loves you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

OPENING DIALOGUE

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sack-cloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;**

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel from the book of Mark beginning at the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do	a la	o - ri - lla,	no has bus -
1	You	have	come down	to the	lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full well	what I	have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my hands,	my ex - haus - tion,		work - ing
4	You	who	have fished	oth - er	wa - ters;	you, the



ca - do	ni_a	sa - bios	ni_a	ri - cos;	tan só - lo
nei - ther	the	wise	nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor	wea - pons	for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the	rest of the	wea - ry—		a love that's
long - ing	of	souls that	are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



quie - res	que	yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for	me	to	fol - low.
fish nets	and	will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to	go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have	come	to	call me.



Se - ñor,	me has	mi - ra - do	a los	o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you	have	looked in - to	my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



has	di - cho	mi	nom-bre.	En la	a-re - na	he	de - ja - do	mi
you've	called out	my	name. . . .	On	the sand	I	have	a-ban-doned



bar - ca;	jun - to	a ti	bus - ca - ré	o - tro	mar.
small boat;	now	with you,	I	will	seek oth - er seas.

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 into hell.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief (*especially*), that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

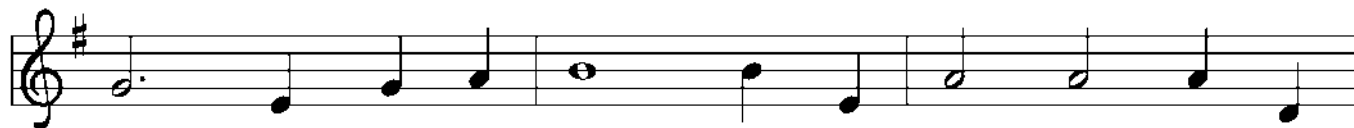
God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Prayers of the Faithful for Week of January 24

TODAY we pray for:

Connie—mother of Karen Ehemann

Ben

Family of Nancy Miller—grandson Chase, his parents Julie and Zach and sister Alexa.

For all those suffering with Covid-19

Brian

Pat Kizuka

Polly Gillis

Allen Whitley

Christina

Stacy Dambaugh

Sue, friend of JoAnne Deaton

Roger Camp

Krisida Alberto

Diane Kiefer daughter of Margie Betley

- all in our hearts and minds today.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Louise Ench, Kathy Long, Gener Ernst, Barbara Hewlett, Russ & Joan Snyder, Clare Schoening, Scott; Chris, Denise, Clare Benz and Lynda Martinez, Barbara Lynn Grabher; daughter in law of Erika and Ed Burke, Kyle, Bill Smith; step-father of Rebecca Koreck, Lena, Leslie, friend of Diane Teig, Jack Baskow, Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff, The Fenner family, John Worrell—brother in law of Bill Baur, Mike Goyda, Lis Verbeck, Lois Snyder

David & Angie Wasgatt, John Deaton, Joan Sandstorm, Delores Sipe, Doug Price, Bob Waller, Kent Hardel, Gretchen Platz, Ellen Hall, Nanci Hunsinger, Betty Magoon, Claire Schoening, Tyler, Bill Howerin, Marcia Burton, Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Barbara Melosh

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference;

For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

For all of our global neighbors, stricken by the covid-19 virus.

**To request a prayer, or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481)
or email office@glcde.org.**

Town Hall Meeting at 10:00am

While we have passed into a new year, we do begin with some of the same challenges. Although we missed the opportunity to update the congregation in the Fall on what is going on in the life and ministry of Grace, at least the highlights, we will have a Zoom Town Hall on **Sunday January 24th** in place of Coffee and Connect and Adult Education. This Zoom meeting will use the same link as Coffee and Connect. Come and hear ministry and finance updates on this amazing congregation we call Grace.

Sunday, January 24 USE LINK FOR TOWN HALL MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184540007?pwd=VW5Vb25JanJNdjdRK2hkRnZQZVpKdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 8454 0007

Passcode: Connect

Join C&C next week (1/31) at 10:00am

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Passcode: 5655226

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcONF1jp4H>



COFFEE & CONNECT
starts at 10:00am on Zoom

Adult Education Opportunity

Next week, the study of **1 Peter “God’s Own People”** from the Book of Faith initiative through Augsburg Fortress. Pastor Tara will be leading the study which begins January 17 at 11 AM on Sunday mornings.

You can participate through the “Coffee and Connect” link in this newsletter.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS OPPORTUNITY

COOKIES FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Remember all the way back in November when we sent cookies and treats to our troops and we postponed providing cookies to fire fighters in honor/ memory of Jerry Fickes?

Well the time has come to show our love and appreciation to the Hockessin, Wilmington and Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company (Newark) fire companies. You can bring homemade cookies to **Grace on Friday, January 29th or Saturday, January 30th by noon** - and remember that any cookies baked in your oven are considered homemade! I will be at church - wearing a mask and social distancing - from 10 -12 on Saturday. Then I will divide them into three boxes for delivery. In addition to the cookies we will also collect cards or pictures to thank our firefighters - a great chance for your kids to be involved! I will also have some cards available for signatures if you would like when you drop off cookies. There will be a table set up in the library area with the cards, a basket to leave cards and a container for you to leave the cookies. Please let me know if you are planning on making cookies (lcluetngen@aol.com or 610-345-0989) so I know if we will have a good amount for the project. Also if you would be interested in delivering the boxes to the fire stations let me know. It is a great thing to do as a family or individually. Thank you for supporting this project and our firefighters. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Love, Lynne Luetngen

FROM OUR TREAT THE TROOPS PACKING IN NOVEMBER

Hi Lynne, We have received your care packages!! Thank you so much, the homemade cookies were a hit over here. We all love them and had plenty for everyone to have some and pick their favorite cookies. Here are some photos for you to share with the families that helped you to bake and send us these cookies. Please let them know we are very grateful and they were delicious and yummy. :D Karina Reyes, TSgt, USA

*Thank you so much! I really appreciate you all and what you do.
Very Respectfully, OLUFUNMILAYO ONYECHI 1st Lt, USAF*

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Grace Lutheran Church's Shoebox Float Parade

You're invited to join the virtual parade of Bible stories! This is your chance to transform a shoebox into an historic scene depicting one of your favorite stories from the Bible.

Who: Anyone who has a favorite Bible story is invited to decorate a shoebox to be featured in the virtual parade.

What: A Shoebox Float Parade of Bible Stories. *Step 1:* Choose your favorite Bible story (keeping it G/PG); *Step 2:* Decorate your shoebox in a way that symbolizes the story you have chosen. Please include the scripture verse somewhere on your float (eg: Genesis 1); *Step 3:* Once your shoebox float is finalized, take 3 pictures of your creation (see below for directions); *Step 4:* Email your shoebox float pictures to Kevin Mackiewicz at kevmackiewicz@gmail.com. Also, in your email, please include the names (first and last) of everyone who helped create the shoebox float so that we can show your names on-screen during the virtual parade presentation. And, provide 1-3 sentences about your shoebox float/favorite Bible story.

Where and When: Please send your pictures to Kevin Mackiewicz (kevmackiewicz@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 7th. Once the parade presentation has been created, you will receive a link to view the parade online of everyone's shoebox floats.

Directions for emailing your 3 pictures of your shoebox float: Take the pictures of your shoebox float in front of a solid color background (preferably not the same color as your float). One picture should be a side view; the other picture should be a front view; and the last picture should be a close-up view. **Please see below for an example of what a shoebox float looks like (remember though, this is just an example from another themed parade. Have fun being creative!).*

Side View



Front View



Close-Up View

