

# PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30

## HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**





- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **OPENING DIALOGUE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen, Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

<sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

The Gospel according to St. John the third chapter..

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not

believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

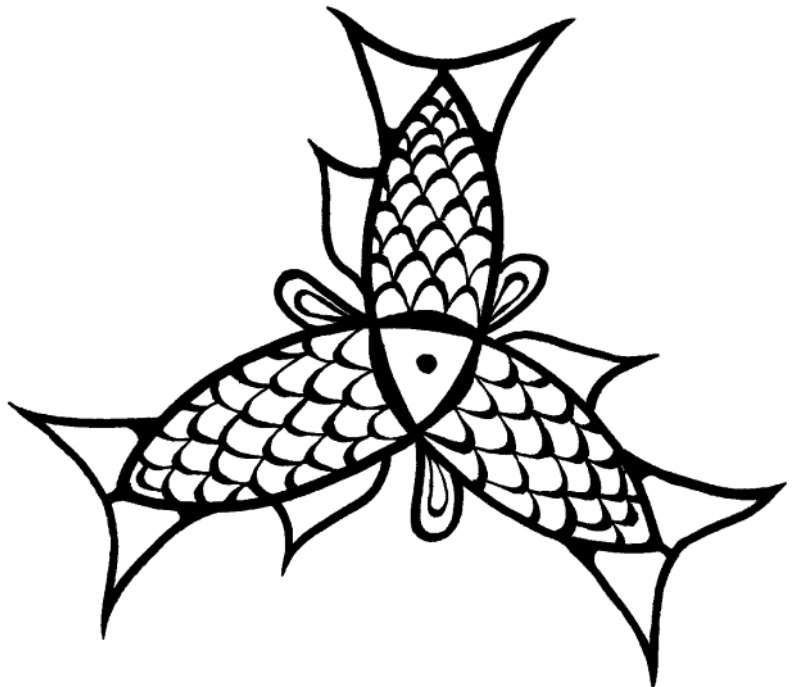
## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

### PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with  
you always.

**And also with you.**



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

## NICENE CREED

Let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for (*nations currently experiencing war or turmoil may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this worshiping community (*congregation/community may be named*), that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY 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.**

## COMMUNION

*Communion is received at the very end of the worship service.*

*The Pastor will come to your seat.*

*Worshippers are encouraged to receive the bread and wine, to eat and drink,  
and leave as you are comfortable.*

*Elements at in-person worship are wine & juice made with grapes and gluten free bread.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise**

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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
And by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus 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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **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**

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

## **SENDING**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## **Prayers for Week of May 30**

### **TODAY we pray for:**

Bob Ench  
Bill  
Jenny  
David Wasgatt  
August—cousin of Mandy Munson  
Vera Wagenfuhr  
Claire  
Ron Walker  
Ed Nagy  
Debbie  
Ben  
Nancy Miller  
Brian  
Allen Whitley  
Roger Camp  
Krisinda Dielemans

- all in our hearts and minds today.

### **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Stacy Dambaugh; Pat Kizuka; Polly Gillis; Louise Ench, Kathy Long; Gener Ernst, Barbara Hewlett, Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher, daughter in law of Erika and Ed Burke; Kyle; Bill Smith, step-father of Rebecca Kreck; 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 Harel; Gretchen Platz; Ellen Hall; Nanci Hunsinger, Claire Schoening; Tyler, Bill Howerin; Marcia Burton; Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl  
For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers  
For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Wells 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.

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

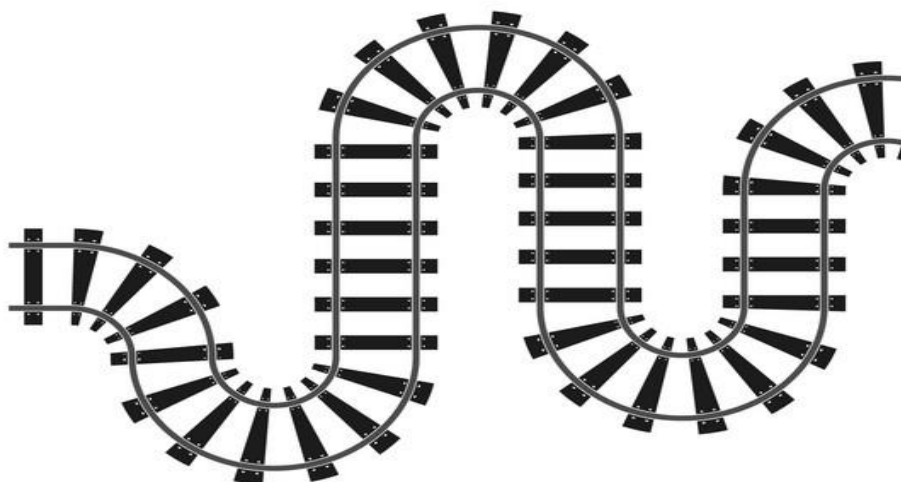
## Registration Now Open for Grace VBS

July 19-23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



All aboard the Rocky Railway VBS train! This fun free program welcomes all Preschool and Elementary children in our community to join Grace Lutheran Church for a fun week of VBS adventures. The program will be virtual for the first four days and close-out with a Friday in-person family gathering at Grace. Register before June 30th to guarantee your VBS cargo box. Visit our VBS page to learn more and register today <<[<https://www.glcde.org/pages/vacation-bible-school>](https://www.glcde.org/pages/vacation-bible-school)>>.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Kevin in [kevmackiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:kevmackiewicz@gmail.com) or (302) 545-3731 to learn more about how to get involved.



## Serving the Community

The big news from the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center this month is about an event which hasn't happened yet. At least it hasn't happened as of the writing of this missive in mid-May.

On Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, in line with all Delaware Department of Health and Center for Disease Control guidelines, the Center is hosting, or has hosted, a Family & Community Day! This is big news! After a year of seclusion, Zoom learning and Zoom relationships, the COVID tide is turning and social gatherings are coming back. This is especially great news for kids of all ages who have been separated from friends, some extended family members, and classmates since March of last year. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh, says the event "will include carnival/field day activities, take home dinners for over 50 families, and the distribution of 150 literacy kits to inspire reading and literacy comprehensions."

Fingers crossed, if this Family & Community Day was held, we'll bring you pictures on the church's social media outlets.

Speaking of meals, the Family & Community Day isn't the only locale for distribution of meals by the Hilltop Center. Brandon also reports that food and individual meal distribution at the Center continues despite decreased attendance at the Center, although you'd never know it, based on the numbers. During April (the most recent monthly figures available) "we claimed 3,838 total meals through the Child and Adult Care Food Program; 2,528 free meals for the Early Childhood Education children, and 1,310 free meals for school aged children." This is a fantastic service to persons in need in the Hilltop area of Wilmington.

Again, with the loosening of COVID restrictions, Hilltop is preparing for a summer camp this year. Last year's was severely downsized, but this year holds out hope for a much more, although not totally traditional camp. Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams informs us that "Staff is planning for both virtual and in person activities/events. I have let staff know that summer camp needs to be 'as close to normal as possible' for the participants this year due to the overwhelming amount of stress that virtual learning has created." We hope and pray for God's guidance in this important endeavor at the Hilltop Center.



Finally, with or without a COVID pandemic, the Hilltop Center is committed to keeping its students healthy. That's why tobacco education programs continued this spring. While we hear a lot about the impact of smoking on our lungs and heart, the Hilltop children also learned about an eye disease prevalent among some smokers. Center Youth Services Director, Teresa Allen explains that "they learned about and experienced the effects of Macular Degeneration on your eyes."

"In the activity," Teresa explains, "the youth were given googles to wear that mimicked the effects of the disease. They were then asked to perform several tasks. Tasks included tracing a line and tossing objects into a pail held by their partner."

"Although the youth did surprisingly well," Teresa concluded, "they spoke about the difficulty of completing the tasks with the impairment. Some said they had to concentrate 'really hard.' Others said they cheated by looking into the center instead of through the lenses. All agreed that it was not easy and that they do not wish to experience it as a real condition." Let's hope all the children take this lesson to heart.

Happy Summer!

*Eric F. Mease*

*Member, Board of Directors*

*Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center*



**Today** is the beginning of the summer schedule at Grace. We will worship every Sunday in person, outdoors at 10:00am.

**We congratulate this year's confirmation students. Niah Breslin and Abby Ehemann. The confirmation service will be available for view on Sunday, June 6.**

**Monday, May 31 is Memorial Day and the church office is closed.**

**Grace's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18.**

Submissions for the **Annual Report** are due Sunday, June 6th. Please send to Dipti Pitta at drdiptivet@gmail.com with copy to office@glcde.org.



**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

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