PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 18TH 2021 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Grey Scale Print = Leader **Bold Print** = Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.





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.**

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

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

PSALM 23

¹The Lord¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

- ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND LESSON : Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

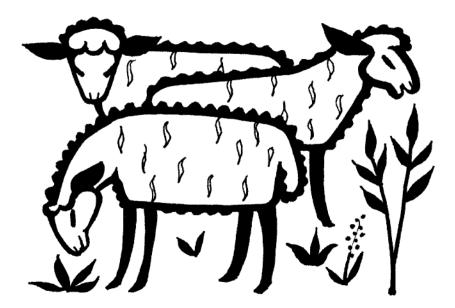
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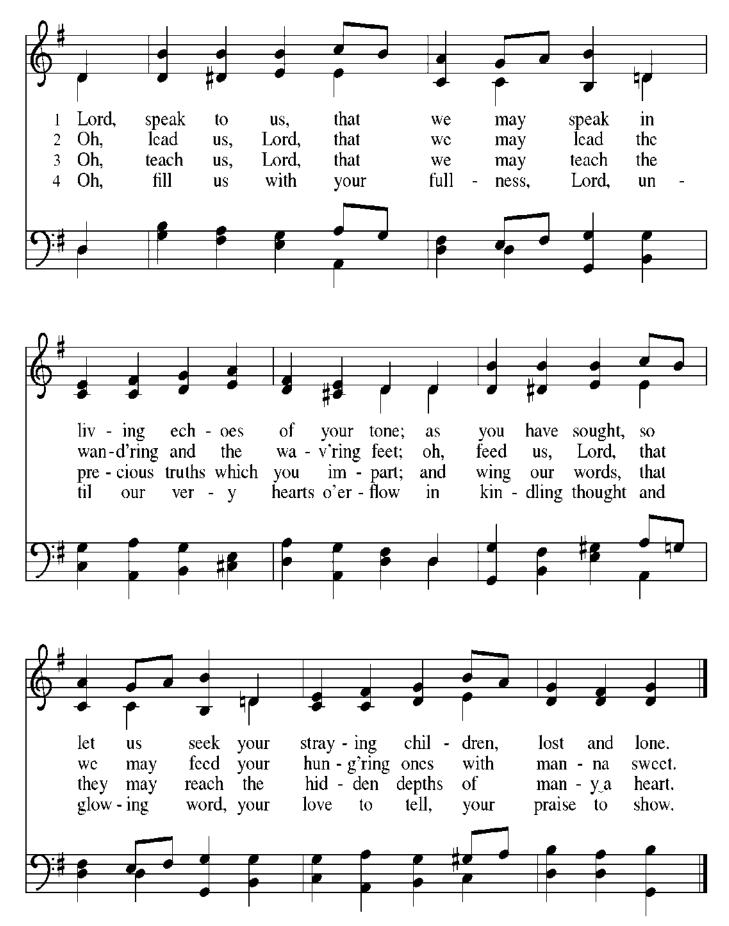
MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

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





APOSTLES' CREED

Let us profess our faith with the words of 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 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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints (*especially*). As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the Sound room and worshippers may make their way to me at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements and proceed out the doors for Fellowship.

> *Elements at in-person worship are wine & juice made with grapes. Please let Pastor know if you require 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.**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



Prayers for Week of July 18

TODAY we pray for:

Ruth Janet Enslen Paul and Judy Freys Phil Calabrese and wife Marilee Connie Bill for successful surgery and recovery Bob and Mae Lee; parents of Will who passed away. Gert Mike Goyda **Bob Ench** Bill Jenny David & Angie 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:

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 Koreck; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; The Fenner family; John Worrell; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; Angie Wasgatt; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR July 18, 2021

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today is the Annual Meeting for Grace. We are planning on having the annual meeting as a hybrid meeting after the service around 11. You can connect with the meeting via the Zoom invitation below.

Join Grace Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184540007?pwd=VW5Vb25JanJNdjdRK2hkRnZQZVpKdz09

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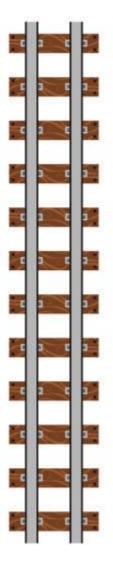
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Important Updates for the Church Picnic/ VBS Family Night on July 23rd

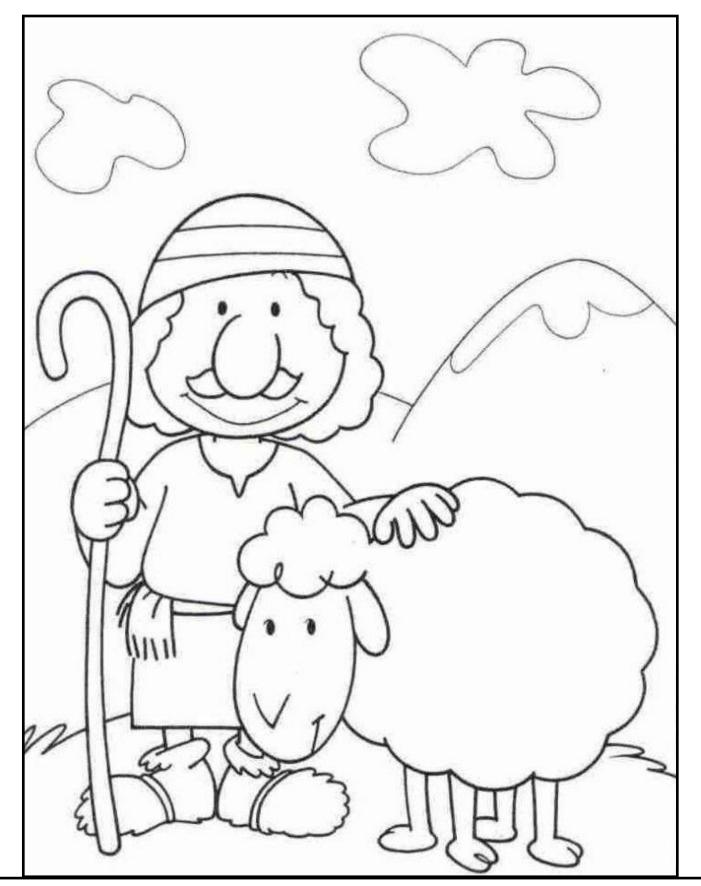
It's not too late to RSVP <u>here</u> for Grace's Church Picnic/ Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School Family Night that will take place next **Friday, July 23, at 5:30 pm**! We hope that everyone at Grace will join us for an outdoor, socially-distanced meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, pre-packaged sides, dessert, crafts, and the Rocky Railway VBS Wrap-up Show. If you are interested in supporting the event, you can sign up to volunteer or donate through the same link. Rain date is Saturday, July 24th, at 5:30 pm.

Some important details: Bring your own chairs or picnic blan**kets** to eat a socially-distanced meal spread out in the parking lot and on the hill. The setup will be similar to outdoor church; there will not be any tables for eating, and folding chairs will be provided to those who don't have any. All activities will take place outside; access to the church itself will be limited to the bathrooms off of the Narthex. We will be taking many precautions to ensure no transmission of any sort of illness happens via the food, and we ask all attendees (vaccinated and unvaccinated) to wear masks when inside the food tents. Out of love and compassion for vulnerable attendees, unvaccinated persons are strongly encouraged to wear masks outdoors and indoors unless eating or drinking. Social distancing is also strongly advised. Please remain at home if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to anyone with COVID disease or symptoms. We look forward to picnicking with you next Friday!

Questions? Or to RSVP, call Audrey Day (302 - 559 - 4476).







Grace Lutheran Church Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor

Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor Rev. David Wasgatt, Pastor Emeritus Jordan Irazabal, director of music Susan Wells Allen, office manager Louis Jones, custodian Assisting Minister: