PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 2021 TENTH 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.



Speak O Lord



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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

PSALM 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.
²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.
²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,
²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸Ietting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.
²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND LESSON : Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

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

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the

food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven en and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Barbara Melosh

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.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with (*name/s and*) all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. 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.**

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P God invites you to this table of bounty.Come, the banquet is ready.
- C Alleluia! Come to the feast.

(please be seated)

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 Pastor 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 and juce made with grapes. Please Pastor know if you require gluten free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **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.**



Prayers for Week of August 1

TODAY we pray for:

Seth Weaver Family and friends of David Wasgatt as they mourn his passing Family and friends of Jack Little as they mourn his passing Pastor Tara's grandmother and family Ron Walker Gabby Schiavone Kristen Paul and Judy Freys Phil Calabrese and wife Marilee Gert Mike Goyda Jenny 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:

August; Bob Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; 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 AUGUST 1, 2021

Grace mourns the loss of our beloved Pastor Emeritus and founder David P. Wasgatt who died on July 19. A *Celebration of Life* service will be held at Grace on Tuesday, August 17 at 10:00am.

Funeral services for Pastor Jack Little will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 1:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran in Newark. Pastor Jack died on Tuesday, July 20.

St. Philip's Lutheran Church is once again doing the 25,000 meals project on August 29, 2021. All the food will be used to re-supply St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Food pantry and the Delaware Food Bank shelves and distributed to their clients. We have done this project 3 times before and it has been a great success. We'll be gathering at 8:40 am for a 9 am start and work together to make all 25,000 meals in under three hours (each year we've been done in 90 minutes or so . . . AMAZ-ING!!).

If you would like to be a part of this project, you are all invited to come (this is a great project for families too since there are jobs for young and old alike).

We do not need any money for this . . . we have that covered. But we'd love to allow all our churches to come together to get this done. If you or your church members would like to sign up, you may do so at the following signup genius link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DA5AB2BA7FE3-25000</u>





The Food Farmacy (yes, that is spelled right) is a collaborative effort of both LCS and Christiana Care and has been designed to address the needs of homebound individuals with chronic medical conditions. These patients receive both medical assistance and food assistance for six month program in their homes via the Food Farmacy van.

Because healthy eating is an essential component of improved health, the focus of donations is on nutrition. A suggested list of useful and currently needed food donation items follows.

Recipient individuals and families are also provided with fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat dairy and lean meats. LCS staff make those purchases each week. The list below reflects current needs. Thank you so much for supporting this new healthy initiative.

Please bring your food donations to Grace by Sunday, August 1st, before or after church service.

Or contact Laura Mackiewicz to coordinate a donation drop off (607) 765-0230.

Food Farmacy Wish List

No sugar added craisins No sugar added dried fruit/nut mix No salt almonds, walnuts, cashews Corn Flakes Quaker Cinnamon Oat Squares Cereal

Whole wheat flour tortillas Soft corn tortillas Whole wheat spaghetti No sugar added juice powder mix

++ For more information on this program: https://lcsde.org/service/food-farmacy

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