

PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

THIRTEENTH 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.



HYMN

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

♩ = 110

VERSE

C

F/C

C

Dm/C

C

C/E



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly

6 F C/E Dm G^{SUS} G E/G[#] Am Am/G F



- deem - er and — Friend; — Who would have thought that a Lamb
 long to em - brace; — You of - fer hope when our hearts
 lov - ing Your — own; — Here in our weak - ness You find

12 C/G G^{7sus} E/G[#] Am F F/A C/G



could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, — You res - cue the
 have hope - less - ly lost the way. Oh, — we hope - less - ly
 us fall - ing be - fore Your throne. Oh, — were fall - ing be -

CHORUS

18 Fmaj⁷/G G⁷ F/C G/C C G/B Am Am/G F



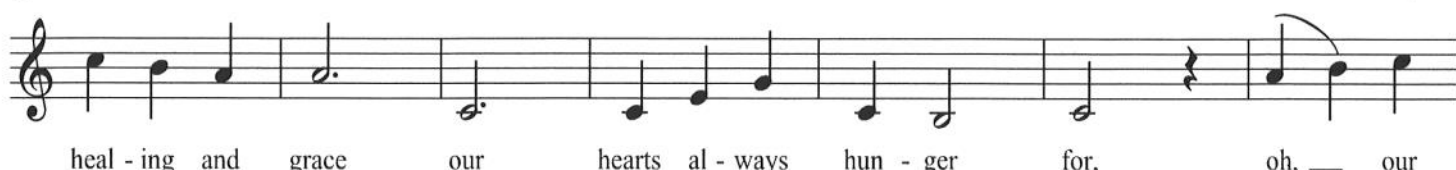
souls of men. — You are the One that we praise, —
 lost the way. —
 -fore Your throne. —

24 G E/G[#] Am Am/G F G E/G[#] Am



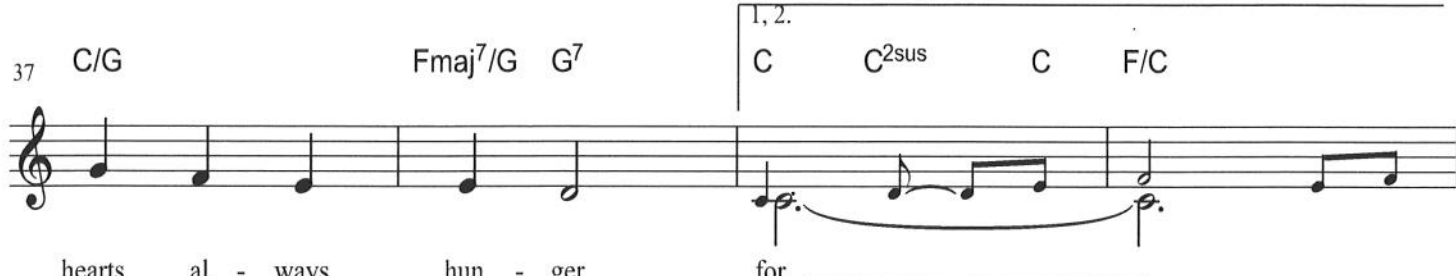
— You are the One we a - dore. — You give the

30 C/G F C/G G^{7sus} E/G[#] Am F F/A



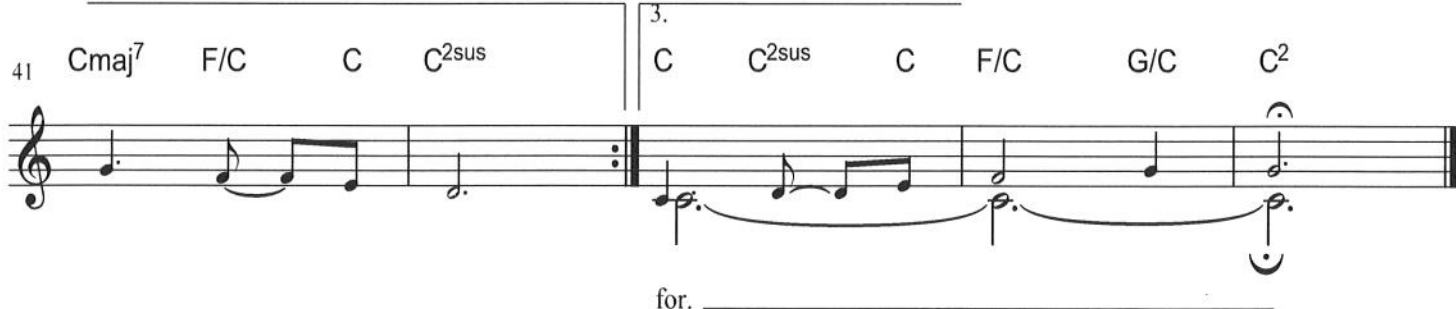
heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, — our

37 C/G Fmaj⁷/G G⁷ 1, 2. C C^{2sus} C F/C



hearts al - ways hun - ger for. —

41 Cmaj⁷ F/C C C^{2sus} 3. C C^{2sus} C F/C G/C C²



for. —

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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:15-22

- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**
- ¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**
- ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.
- ²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**
- ²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- ²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND LESSON : Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

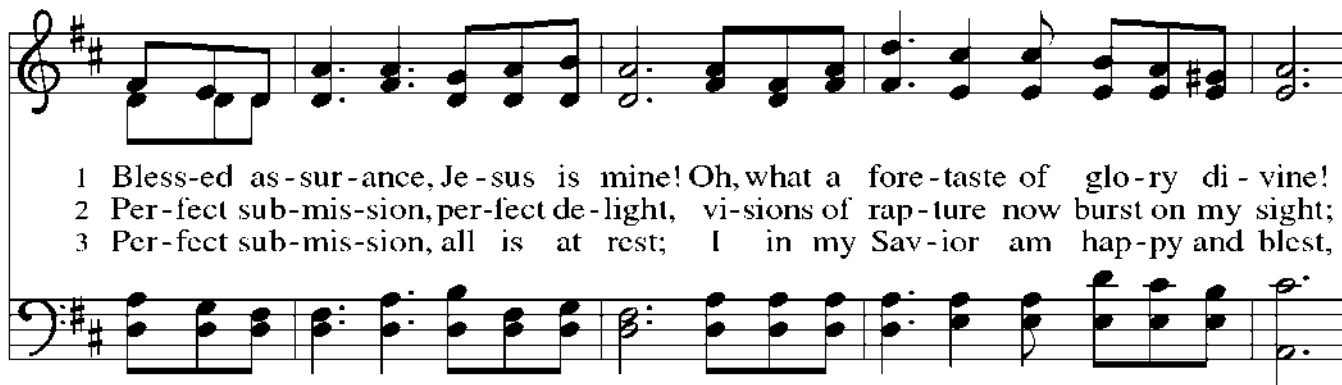
MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

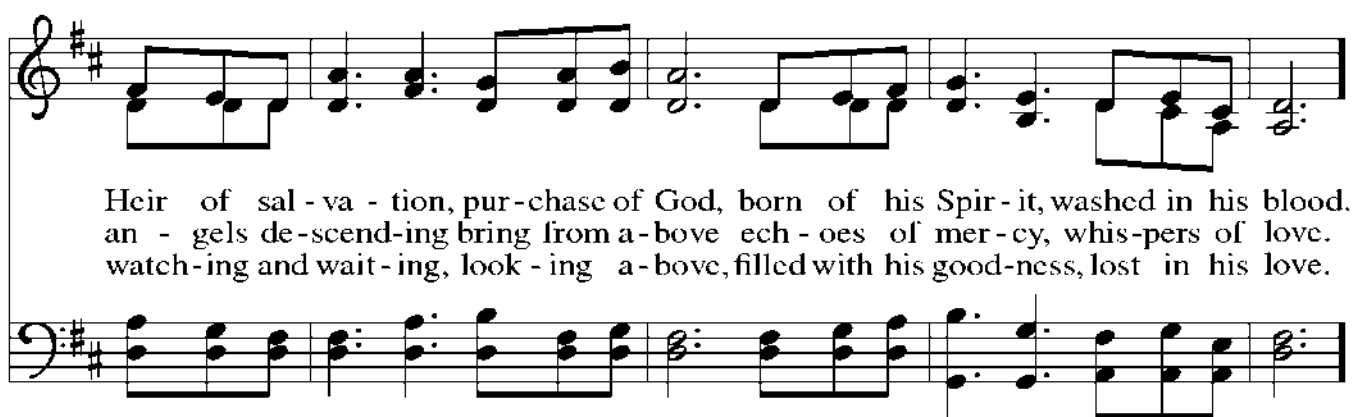
PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

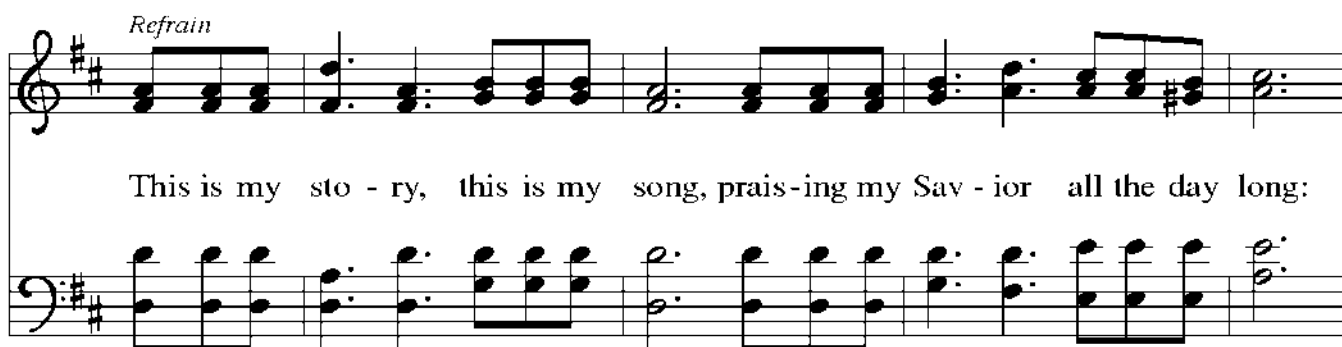


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community (*especially*). Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us (*especially*). Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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.

Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes.

Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.

After the elements have been consumed, please replace your face mask.

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.



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.

SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers for Week of August 22

TODAY we pray for:

Ed and Erika Burke
Cleo Loftsgordon
Chuck Loomis
Seth Weaver
Angie Wasgatt and family
Ron Walker
Gabby Schiavone
Kristen & family
Paul and Judy Freys

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Jenny; Claire; Ron Walker; Ed Nagy; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Gert; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Mike Goyda; Brian; Allen Whitley; Roger Camp; August; Bob Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Pat Kizuka; Polly Gillis; Louise Ench; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst, Barbara Hewlett, Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; The Fenner family; John Worrell; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; 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 22, 2021

The frequency of Community Transmission (cases per 100,000 persons) of SARS-CoV2 in New Castle County has risen dramatically, reaching the Substantial level according to CDC metrics. In accordance with the latest CDC guidance, the Grace Gathering Task Force & Grace Council recommends that all persons -- regardless of vaccination status - wear masks while indoors.

Please remember to wear your mask while in the Sanctuary and Narthex.

All are reminded to maintain at least 3-feet social distancing during the service and while entering and exiting. Please use outdoor spaces for much needed catch-up and conversation before and after services.

Thank you for your consideration of the safety of all who come to Grace for worship and fellowship. The Gathering Task Force will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic in our community and make further recommendations to Grace Council and appropriate Ministry Teams.



Looking forward, Grace Worship Schedule will move into Fall on September 5 with two services. Worship Services will begin at 8:30am and 11:00am. The liturgy will be the same for both services. Education for all ages will begin on September 12.

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Susan Wells Allen, office manager
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