

PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

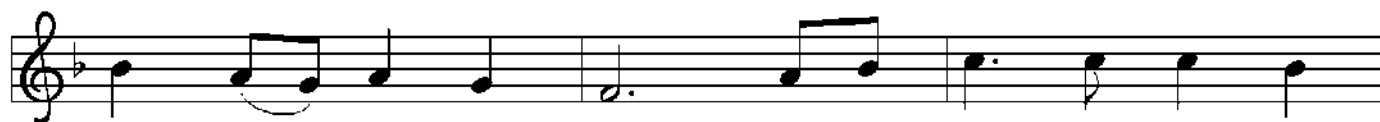
Amen.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithful-ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND LESSON : James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.

Please stand on last verse

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. 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

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

(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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

SENDING

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.



The TGIF Bible Study Group plants a tree in memory of Pastor Dave Wasgatt on August 27.

Prayers for Week of September 19

TODAY we pray for:

Beth Fenner and family on the loss of her mother
Barbara, Mark, Carson, Paul
Julia Knight
Tos family: *Amber, Jon, Mia & Max* on birth of *Mlo and Matteo!*
Allen and family
Ed and Erika Burke
Cleo Loftsgordon
Chuck Loomis
Seth Weaver
Angie Wasgatt and family
Ron Walker

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Paul & Judy Freys; Gabby Schiovone; 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 Magoon, 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.**

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
at the University of Delaware**



We hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and well during these challenging days, in spite of storms, the continuing pandemic, and seemingly constant change!

During this season, we welcome your prayers for LCM:

For God's guidance and direction in our continued search for a new Office Administrator

For blessing and joy for our new students and continuing students

For a continued warm, invitational welcome to students, and a grace-filled community

We are happy to share that we've resumed Tuesday evening dinners! Thanks to a new back patio, a bright blue pavilion tent, and lovely lights, we're able to offer a pleasant outdoor eating area. If you'd like to team up with a few others from your congregation and volunteer to bring a meal to share with our student group, all November Tuesdays (except Thanksgiving Week) remain open, as of the writing of this article. Please contact me at the email address below to confirm a date and/or to obtain details. Thank you!

We are deeply grateful for the continued financial support and prayer support we've received in recent months. As we navigate ongoing changes and the continued influence of COVID-19, it's a blessing and gift to know that folks are holding our students, our volunteers, and our staff in their prayers. Your contributions are truly a blessing to our ministry!

May God bless and keep you, and may this autumn hold unexpected joys and gifts!

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service †

Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry

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Happy 10th Birthday Rejoicing Spirits!!

Rejoicing Spirits celebrates the 10th anniversary of this joyful worship service on Saturday, September 18th on Zoom.

Rejoicing Spirits is an inclusive, meaningful Christian worship and fellowship community that welcomes, embraces, values and celebrates the gifts of all people.

We invite you to join us each 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 PM to worship and enjoy fellowship with friends and neighbors of all ages and faiths, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The monthly Rejoicing Spirits service is sponsored by [Mosaic of Delaware](#) and led by volunteers from Grace Lutheran Church.



Wrapping up a Summer of Fun



School opens next week with visions of summer camp dancing in the heads of many students who attended the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center camp this summer. Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams, says campers really appreciated the live learning. “The students loved that they were able to interact with students from the other groups. They also liked that they had hot meals prepared by the cook instead of the cold park lunches.” But, Center Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen says it was the field trips that the kids enjoyed the most.

“Campers attended field trips to DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC), Sesame Place, Dorney Park, and Christiana Skating Center. At DEEC the campers were able to interact with nature through the following activities: Marshy Adventures, Fantastic Fish, and Nature Photography.” Teresa says experiments included “making warm snow, ice cream, marshmallow towers, invisible messages, chemistry, and physics experiments.” Did someone say, “ice cream?” Where do I sign up for next summer?!

But it’s back to reality as the opening of school waits in the wings. Center Deputy Director Brandon Furrowh reports that Hilltop “will coordinate a Back-to-School event to take place in collaboration with the City of Wilmington’s annual youth-centered block parties. This... event will include school supply giveaways, refreshments, and entertainment.” In addition, Brandon says the Center is working with schools and other community centers as they continue to navigate the lingering impact of COVID. “(Hilltop) continues to participate in weekly Learning Pod Collaborative Meetings hosted by the United Way of Delaware. These meetings connect organizations to resources and informational updates regarding the pandemic’s impact on the school system and community-based organizations.”

Speaking of the pandemic, working around it has placed quite a bit of stress on everyone involved, especially early learning teachers such as those at the Hilltop Center. Over the summer Brandon says the tension was relieved a little with a “West Side Movie Series on the 7th Street Bridge in partnership with West Side Grows Together. The event included water ice and snacks, while playing the movie *Shrek* for the enjoyment of families and community members.”



We don’t say it enough, so here’s a huge “THANK YOU” to the staff and administration at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center for all that you do.

*Eric F. Mease
Member, Board of Directors
Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center*



LCS helps individuals and families address food, housing, and other essential needs with dignity and respect. LCS has been serving low-income families in Wilmington and New Castle County, Delaware since 1959. Below are services that we provide for our community.

GOLF EVENT—Monday, October 4 at 12:30pm
Bidermann Golf Club
601 Adams Dam Rd
Wilmington, DE 19807
For more information visit
the lcsde.org website.



From October 2-10, 2021, peace-loving people across our state will celebrate Peace Week Delaware—a statewide series of events and actions raising awareness and hope for peace in our communities, nation, and world.

What is Peace Week Delaware? It is nine days of free statewide events highlighting creative solutions and pathways for Delawareans to experience more peace.

Visit the peaceweekdelaware.org website to get the list of events that will spark your interest to be part of the solution—Peace.

TODAY

Education for all ages begins at 9:45am.

Adul Education Racial Justice Bible Study

Please join us during the Grace Hour for series of videos and dialogue around racial justice. The videos were prepared by our Synod's Racial Justice Team and are well done and very thought provoking as we begin to understand our role as Lutheran Christians in understanding racial justice and how we best respond. The class will be led by Nancy Goyda, Bill Brizendine and John Auger. We look forward to seeing you and beginning the dialogue on this critical topic.

REMiNDER! Please wear your mask as you enter the building.

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.



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Jordan Irazabal, director of music
Susan Wells Allen, office manager
Louis Jones, custodian

8:30AM

Assisting Minister: Elinor Knodel
Greeter: Jane Foskett
Usher: Jim Foskett
Reader: Peter Tuhy
Sound: Jeremy Magoon

11:00AM

Assisting Minister: Beth Fenner
Greeter: Amy Zunino
Usher: Jay Snyder
Reader: Lynda Martine
Sound: Rolf Eriksen
Counters: Jane Foskett, Sue Eriksen