PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 All Saints Sunday

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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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the @ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Shall We Gather At the River



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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 24

- ¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- ²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

- ⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
 - who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.
- ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD

and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸Who is this King of glory?

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The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
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- ¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
 - Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

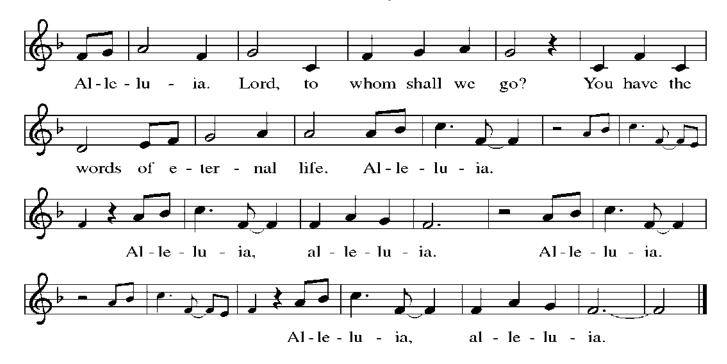
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL: John 11:32-44 The Gospel according to St. John, the elevenh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

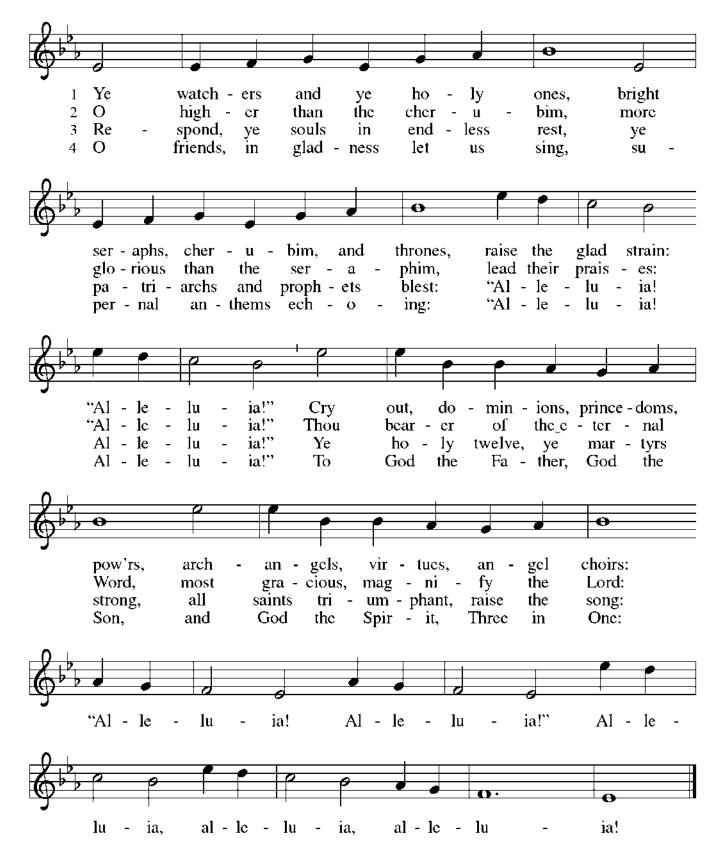
PEACE

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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Please stand on last verse



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

Saints for 2020-2021

Dottie Hammond

Betty Magoon

Owen Mathre

Joseph Edwards

Russ Snyder

Dave Wasgatt

Doris Forshey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away (*especially John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, Ludwig Nommensen whom we commemorate today*). Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our 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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

(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

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

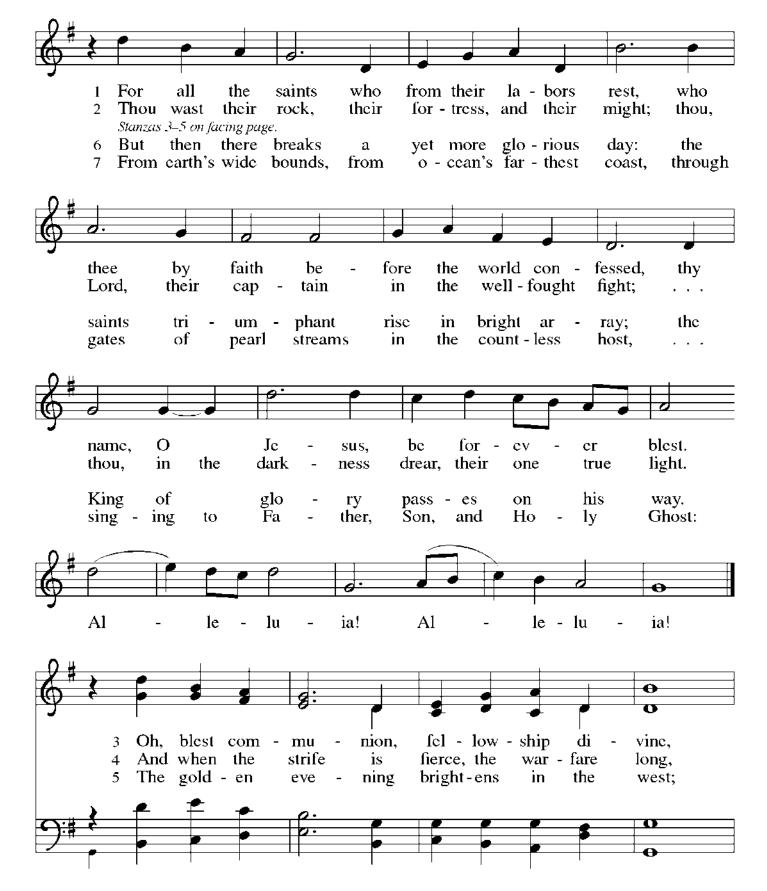
BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

HYMN

For All the Saints





SENDING

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers for Week of November 7

TODAY we pray for:

Zachary C. Miller Bruce Berentsen Juergen, Ursula, Frank Jim Dadey For the Magoon family as they mourn the passing of Doris Forshey Barbara, Mark, Carson, Paul Julia Knight Ed and Erika Burke Cleo Loftsgordon Chuck Loomis Seth Weaver

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Angie Wasgatt and family, Ron Walker, Will & Muretta; Gretchen; Linda & Bill; Paul & Judy Freys; Gabby Schiavone; Jenny; Claire; Ed Nagy; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Mike Goyda; Brian; Allen Whitley; Roger Camp; August; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Pat Kizuka; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021

TODAY

- Thank you for your continued support of our congregation, our local ministries, our Synod and beyond. The gifts you offer make a difference in so many different forms.
- As we celebrate All Saints this Sunday, we invite you to share conversation about those we remember today. There will also be light refreshments outside for those who like a treat with you conversation.
- This Sunday, with COVID numbers slowly going down again, we are also returning to bread and wine and grape juice. When it is time for Communion, members are invited to come forward and receive bread and get a cup of wine or grape juice. Please remove your mask, consume the elements of communion, replace your mask, place your cup in the return tray, and then return to your seat. I know there will be a little bit of a learning curve but Grace continues to live up to its name.

Love an International for Thanksgiving!

Many UD internationals are eager to experience Thanksgiving with an American family. But they have no one to host them. Would you welcome global guests to your Thanksgiving table? If you can help, please contact Rick Gray at 302-367-4994 or rick.gray@ruf.org. This year's deadline to register as a Thanksgiving host is Friday, November 19, 2021. Thank you for considering this unique way to

Family Promise Update

Beginning with Grace's Week on November 14th, Jane Teasley and Carol Lertola will be Grace's new co-coordinators for Family Promise. Grace will host Family Promise at the Jesus House beginning Sunday, Novembr 14th. Anyone who would like to prepare dinners for the families please contact Jane Teasley (484-401-5017) or Carol Lertola (302-540-5680)

TREAT THE TROOPS

Have leftover Halloween candy? Donate it to our troops serving overseas! There is a container in the narthex; I will send any donations along with my next monthly cookie packing through "Treat theTroops" (treatthetroops.org). The next packing is on Saturday, November 13th. If you would like to bake cookies, donate postage or other fillers, I will pick them up from Grace on Friday, November 12th at noon. Please feel free to contact me (lcluettgen@aol.com or 610-345-0989) if you have any questions or would like more information about this ministry. Thanks so much! Lynne Luettgen

Town Hall Meeting

November 21, 2021 9:45-10:45 pm In-Person and Virtual Please join us for our Fall Town Hall to hear about your ministries at Grace!



God's Work Our Hands Thanksgiving Food for the families of Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center

Grace is collecting food to fill Thanksgiving Day food boxes for needy families in Wilmington that are served by the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center.

Items needed:

Turkeys (frozen) • Instant mashed potatoes • stuffing mix • canned green beans canned corn • canned sweet potatoes • canned cranberry sauce

- brown or white rice canned or jarred gravy
 dinner rolls
 - pie crust/filling or non-perishable desserts canned fruit
 - seasoning (something that could be used for the holiday meal)

Monetary donations may be made towards purchase of food. Make donations to Grace – indicating it is for "Hilltop Thanksgiving".

Please advise Jane Foskett if you are making a donation.

Non perishable items can be brought in before or on November 21st. Look for the boxes in the narthex for food. Turkeys must be brought in on November 21st. ALL items should be at Grace by 10:00am on the 21st. The food is boxed up and taken directly to Hilltop that morning.

Thank you for your support of this ministry! Contact Amy Zunino or Jane Foskett with questions.

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Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor Jordan Irazabal, director of music Susan Wells Allen, office manager Louis Jones, custodian

8:30AM

Assisting Minister: Elinor Knodel Greeter: Julie Auger Usher: John Auger Reader: Peter Tuhy Nursery: Audrey Day, John Day Sound: Greg Munson

11:00AM

Assisting Minister: Sandy Betley Greeter: Karen Baumbach Usher: Jay Snyder Reader: Barb King Sound: Mark Maurer Counters: Bill Brizendine, Barb King