

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2022**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CONFESSION AND FOREGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**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 have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

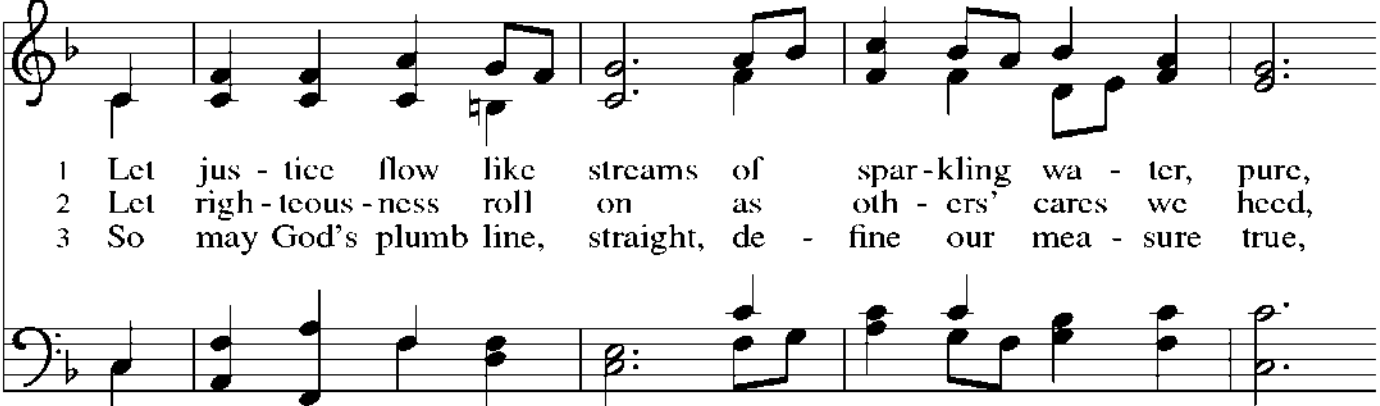
In ✚ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

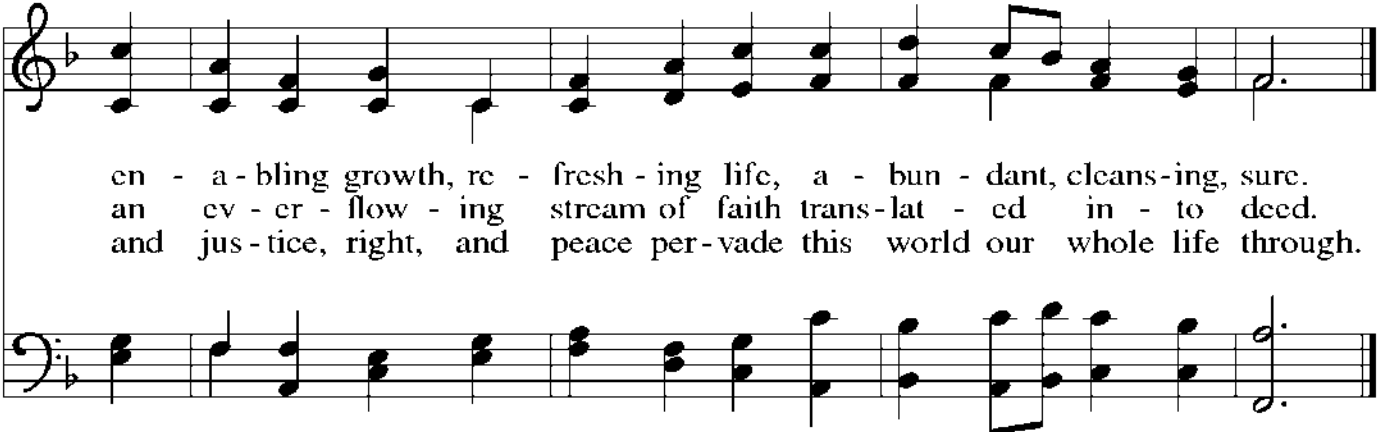
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**





1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

**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.**

**KYRIE**

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup>and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup>If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-226

The holy gospel of Luke, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Barbara Melosh**

**PEACE**

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



Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



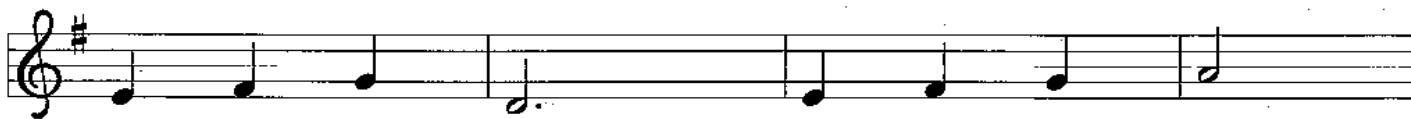
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.  
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light.

**Amen.**

## 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

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✚ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**Amen.**

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*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## SENDING

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

## **Prayers for February 13**

### **TODAY we pray for:**

Harry Zunino  
Mike Goyda  
Dorothy Dzuris

### **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

All who have COVID; Margie and Andy Betley, John, Lena, Jurgen, Rich, Debbie, Ursula, Frank; Bruce Berentson; Zachary C. Miller; Cleo Lofsgordon; Ed and Erika Burke;; Chuck Loomis; Angie Wasgatt , Ron Walker, Will & Muretta; Carl Hewlett, Gretchen; Linda & Bill; Paul & Judy Freys; Seth Weaver, Julia Knight, Jim Dadey, Gabby Schiavone; Jenny; Claire; Ed Nagy; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Brian; Allen Whitley; Roger Camp; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; 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 of the Delaware-Maryland Synod

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](mailto:office@glcde.org).**

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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

**8:30AM**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynne Luettgen

**Reader:** Diane Frederick

**Sound:** Joe Luettgen

*We welcome Pastor Barbara Melosh as our guest this morning.*

## Announcements February 13, 2022

- **FAMILY PROMISE 2022 DATES FOR GRACE.** Grace will host Family Promise three weeks in 2022. Please note our host weeks are:

April 17-April 23

July 31-August 6

September 4-September 10

Though there was a goal to host the families back within each church again in 2022, that will depend on Covid among other factors.. We expect to get more updates as we get closer to our first host week in April.

Thanks! Carol Lertola

- A reminder as we come closer to being back to in-person worship and we will still be masked, please consider if your masks need adjusting to make sure they fit properly. If they slip off your nose you may need to get the elastic tightened. We have disposable masks at Grace if your mask is a concern.



- Lent begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the solemn festival of Ash Wednesday when we remember God's grace in making us more than dust. As part of the activities of that day, Pastor Tara will offer Ashes to Go beginning at 7 AM to 10 AM and again after school beginning at 2:30 PM to 5 PM. Join us for worship at 7 PM where imposition of ashes will be available as well.
- There will be a midweek Bible study offered via Zoom for the season of Lent. The topic will be "The problem of evil: why do bad things happen to good people?". This study was created in cooperation with Pastor Amy Wright and Pastor Zach Wright and will be led by Pastor Tara. Stay tuned for details on day, time, and connection information

## WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE

In light of the continuing high levels of community transmission of COVID in New Castle County, the Grace Gathering Task Force has recommended that in-person worship and Sunday Christian education for all ages be held virtually until February 20th. The Task Force notes that case rates, hospitalizations and other measures of public health impact may have recently peaked in New Castle County. The Task Force will continue to monitor these statistics and guidance from state and national government agencies. We are scheduled to meet again on February 15th to assess conditions and make recommendations to Grace leadership concerning resumption of in-person worship and appropriate safety precautions.

Jerry Adams, Julie Auger, Tim Dambaugh, Jordan Irazabal,  
Pastor Tara Magoon, Mark Teasley



### GLC 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, MARCH 13TH

Grace Lutheran Church will be recognizing 50 years since the congregation was chartered by the ALC (American Lutheran Church, now the ELCA). The official anniversary date is March 11th, and we will begin a year-long celebration at our March 13th worship service with Bishop Gohl presiding. We are planning several other special events during this joyous year that will allow us to come together as a congregation. Stay tuned for those events.

We want to prepare a collage of pictures of fifty years of our Grace community. If you have pictures of people, events, or the evolving architecture of the church, please bring/mail them into the church office to attention: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning committee or email your digital photos to [durandettas@verizon.net](mailto:durandettas@verizon.net).

Some of you may have heartfelt stories of Grace or members of Grace, and we welcome your contribution of those memories to add to our celebrations.