

# PRAYER SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Grey Scale Print = Leader

**Bold Print = Congregation**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

God loves you all the time.

**All the time God loves you.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able*



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.

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 un-  
done. 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.**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

## 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

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: 37:1-11, 39-40

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;**

**do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

<sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

<sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

<sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek  
refuge.

## **SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

<sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you  
do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

<sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

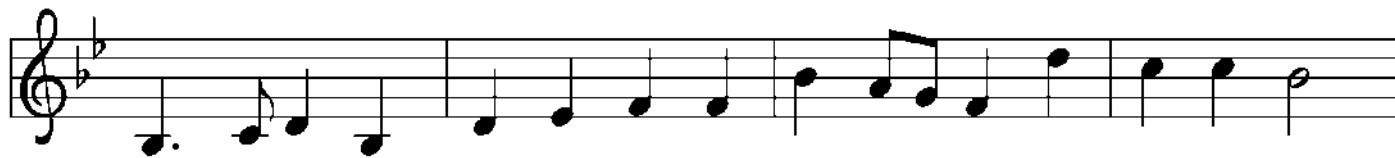
<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is  
imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is  
raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physi-  
cal body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a  
living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is  
first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of  
dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the  
dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne  
the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the king-  
dom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

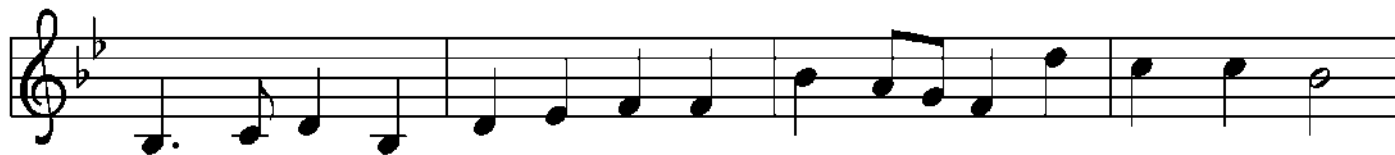
The Word of the Lord.

**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 6:27-38

The holy gospel of Luke, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good

measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

*Please be seated.*

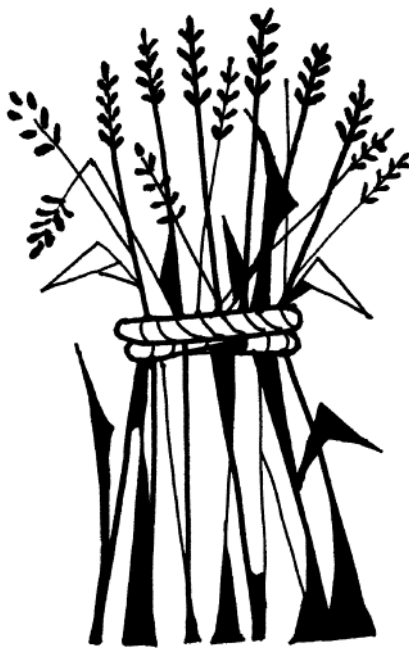
## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Tara Magoon**

## PEACE

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



HYMN OF THE DAY

*Change My Heart, O God*

W&P 28

*Please stand at the last verse*



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



*End*

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



*Refrain*

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.



## 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.*

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom (*especially*). As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. 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 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 our 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.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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.

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

*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.*

# HYMN DURING COMMUNION

## *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* W&P 95



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
 where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

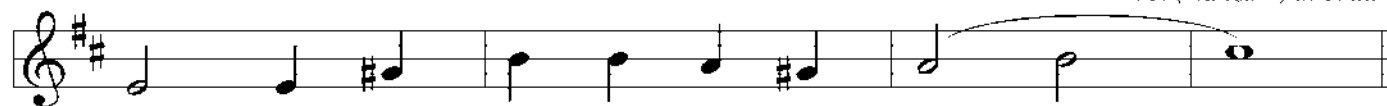


much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.  
**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.**

*Refrain*

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives

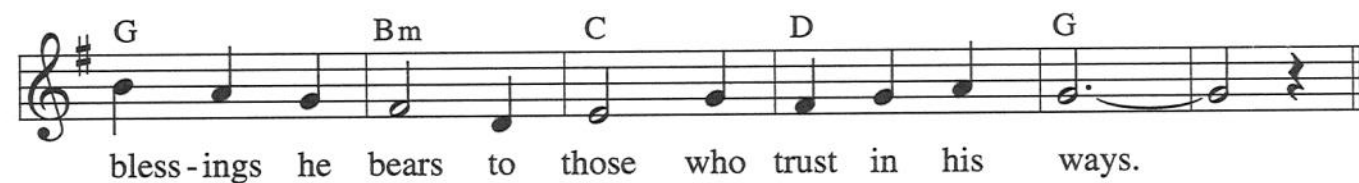
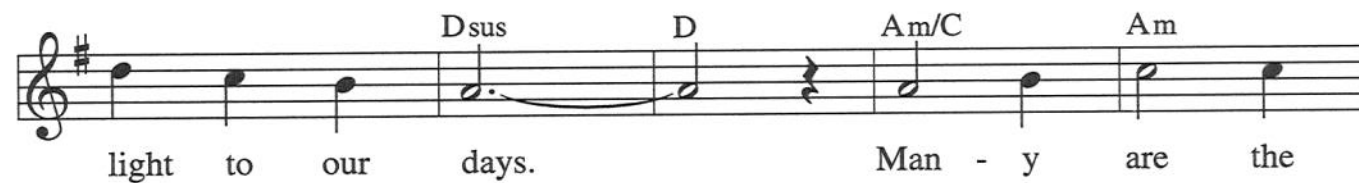
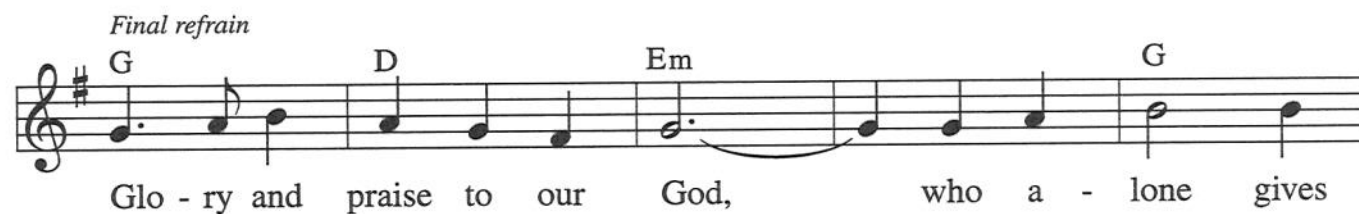
light to our days. Man - y are the

bles - sings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1 We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the  
2 In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's  
3 Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our God is

val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our God has  
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -  
wait - ing to save, al - ways read - y to seek the

done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.  
vails, our God is there to save.  
lost, to an - swer those who pray.





## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayers for February 20**

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

Pat Barr

For the Zunino family as they mourn 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 Hardsel; 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).**

## GLC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, March 13th At 10:00am



Grace 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 at 10:00 am 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 to the church office to attention: 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning committee or email to our new email address:

[glcde.pub@gmail.com](mailto:glcde.pub@gmail.com)

Looking to share your memories? Whether you are new to Grace or have been to Grace for a long-time, we welcome your written stories and video stories too. We encourage you to reach out to those you have remained in contact with for their stories and remembrances. 50 years of Grace Stories are in the works and we have a new email address just for your stories and Videos and pictures: Send them to [glcde.pub@gmail.com](mailto:glcde.pub@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for the 10 am Sunday service to kick off our year-long celebration of 50 Years of Grace.

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.



Calendars to observe Ash Wednesday from World Hunger are available on the counter in the Narthex

There will be a midweek Bible study offered in person and via Zoom for the season of Lent. The topic will be "The problem of evil: why do bad things happen to good people?". Times will be Monday mornings at 10:30 for the in-person study and Tuesday evenings at 7PM on Zoom. Please let Pastor Tara know if you are interested in this study so that there will be enough materials available. This study was created in cooperation with Pastor Amy Wright and Pastor Zach Wright and will be led by Pastor Tara.

## Worship Notes for February 20

The Grace Gathering Team reminds all who will return to in-person worship services on February 20 and—for now—in the coming weeks to wear a well-fitting mask on Sunday mornings when our youngest members might be present and remain home if you have any symptoms of respiratory disease.

Services will continue to be streamed on the Grace Lutheran website.

([www.glcde.org](http://www.glcde.org)) With compassion for all and prudent precautions, our worship together in these weeks anticipating Easter and the celebration of our Lord's victory over sin and death can be joyous, safe and serene.

Jerry Adams

Julie Auger

Tim Dambaugh

Jordan Irazabal

Pastor Tara

## From Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD

LCM is seeking tenants for the Bonhoeffer House for the 2022-23 academic year. The property offers space for four, including furnished bedrooms (one double and two singles), a furnished kitchen and living room, on-site laundry, and parking in our paved lot. (It is rented as a house, not as single rooms.) If you know of UD students who need housing near campus for the coming year, please invite them to be in touch with me or with our office administrator, Alexys, at [office@lcmde.org](mailto:office@lcmde.org). Thank you!



### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Rev. Tara Magoon

Jordan Irazabal, director of music

Susan Wells Allen, office manager

Louis Jones, custodian

#### 8:30AM

**Assisting Minister:** Elinor Knodel

**Greeter/Usher:** Julie Auger

**Usher:** John Auger

**Reader:** Audrey Day

**Nursery:** Chris McMahon, Gage McMahon

**Sound:** Gerry Teig

#### 11:00AM

**Assisting Minister:** Beth Fenner

**Greeter/Usher:** Lynda Martinez

**Usher:** Sandy Betley

**Reader:** Jeremy Magoon

**Sound:** Mark Maurer

**Counters:** Jim Foskett, Barb King