

# PRAYER SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2022

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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*

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:

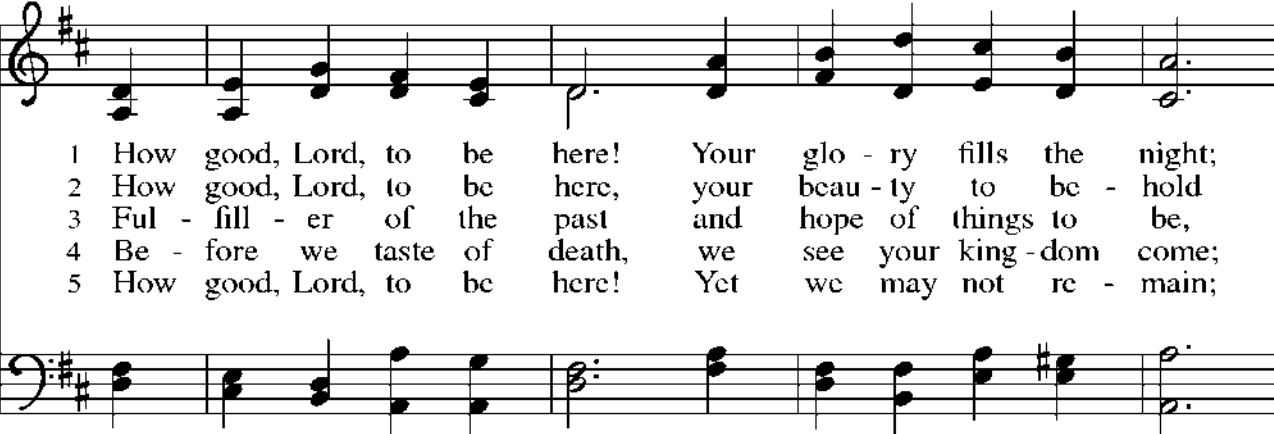
In ✙ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

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

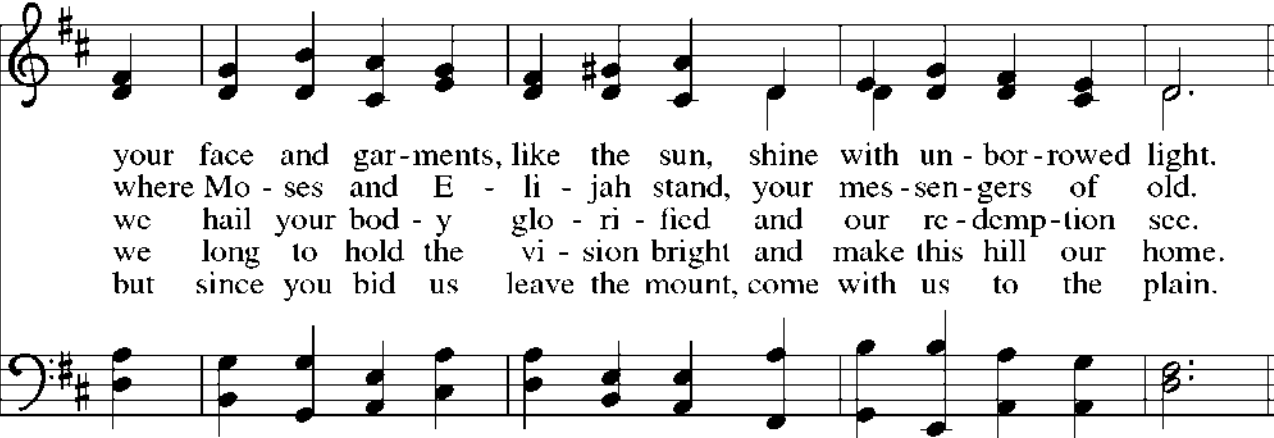
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**





1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

## 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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 99

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your  
name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

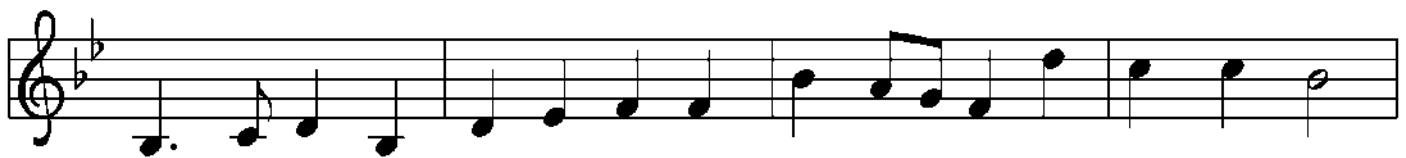
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 9:28-43a**

The holy gospel of Luke, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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.**

*Please stand at the last verse*


1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak stands a - lone in  
 2 Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing  
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph-ets and the law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:  
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



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



## 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.*

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress (*especially*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him (*especially*). Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. 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

## *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## 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.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;




in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.



## DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Prayers for February 27**

### **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).**

# LENT 2022



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.

## **Lent 2022 Photo-a-Week Challenge**

Help us be mindful in the season of Lent. Below is a word that reflects the message each week of Lent. You are invited to pause, reflect, and post a response. Your response should reflect how you perceive each word, no explanation needed. You can share a photo, a poem, or just a thought. Responses can be posted to Grace's Facebook page or sent to [glcde.pub@gmail.com](mailto:glcde.pub@gmail.com)



<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Word</u>
March 6	Luke 4: 1-13 (gospel)	tempted
March 13- <i>Grace's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 (1 <sup>st</sup> reading) John 17: 6, 20-26 (gospel)	love
March 20	Isaiah 55: 1-9 (1 <sup>st</sup> reading) Luke 13: 1-9 (gospel)	mercy
March 27	Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 (gospel)	forgive
April 3	John 12: 1-8 (gospel)	honor
April 10 <i>(Palm Sunday)</i>	John 12: 1-8 (gospel)	covenant
April 27 <i>(Easter)</i>	Luke 24: 1-12 (gospel) John 20: 1-18 (alt. gospel)	alleluia

# 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.

## ***MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK***

As you may already know, Grace is celebrating 50 years of ministry throughout 2022 and we will begin our celebrations with a worship service on Sunday, March 13th. Since we have not been in the building on a consistent basis it could use a little TLC and sprucing up ahead of the March 13th service.

We will be having a cleaning day at Grace on Saturday, March 5th from 9 am - noon. Cleaning supplies will be provided and we will have a list of jobs that need to be done.

Let Lynne Luetttgen know ([lluetttgen@aol.com](mailto:lluetttgen@aol.com) or 610-345-0989) if you have any questions or if you are willing and able to help that day. Thank you!

## Worship Notes for February 27

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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*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

The Rev. Tara Magoon

Jordan Irazabal, director of music

Susan Wells Allen, office manager

Louis Jones, custodian

#### 8:30AM

**Assisting Minister:** Mandy Munson

**Greeter/Usher:** Stacy Dambaugh

**Usher:** Tim Dambaugh

**Reader:** Paul Warner

**Nursery:** Jaime Breslin, Niah/Liam Breslin

**Sound:** Greg Munson

#### 11:00AM

**Assisting Minister:** Toni Durandetta

**Greeter/Usher:** Diane Teig

**Usher:** Gerry Teig

**Reader:** Don Durandetta

**Sound:** Rolf Eriksen

**Counters:** Gerry Teig, Sue Eriksen