PRAYER SERVICE March 20, 2022 Third Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⁶I hate those who cling to worthless idols; as for me, I trust in the LORD. ⁷I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul. ⁸You have not given me into the hands of the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.



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

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.

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.**



OPENING DIALOGUE

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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 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

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 63:1-8

(read responsively)

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. ⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
⁶when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.
⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
⁸My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

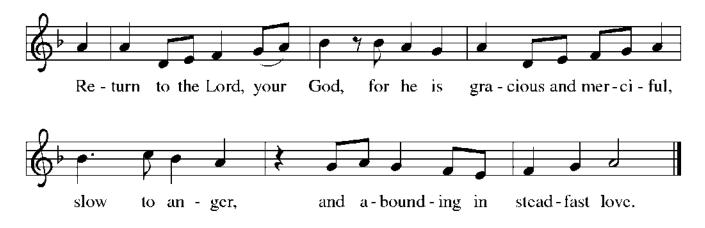
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The gospel according to St. John the thirtteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

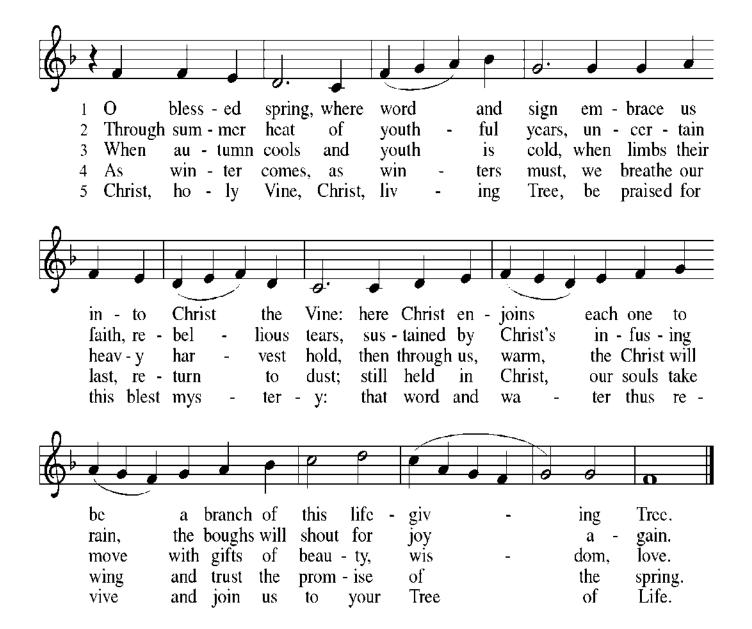
PEACE

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

HYMN

O Blessed Spring

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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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names* and) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

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 leaders at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at inperson worship are wine and juice made with grapes. Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread. **COMMUNION HYMN**



COMMUNION HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons

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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, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

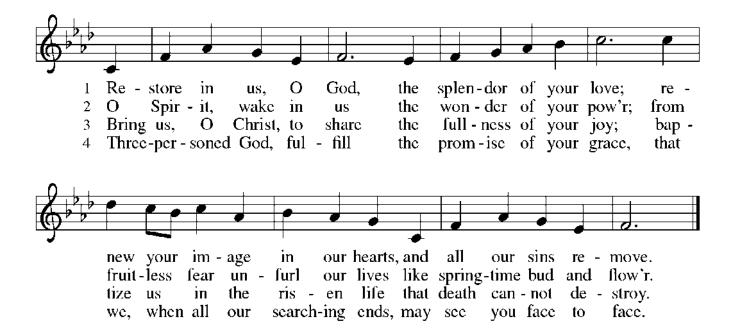
Amen.

BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always

Amen.

SENDING HYMN



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

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Prayers for March 20

TODAY we pray for:

Lois Delores Beatty Dan Celia Mike Goyda Dorothy Dzuris the people of Ukraine

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Claire Schoening; Chuck Loomis; Gretchen Platz;

John, Lena, Jurgen, Rich, Debbie, Ursula, Frank; Bruce Berentson; Ron Walker, Will & Muretta; Linda & Bill; Paul & Judy Freys; Seth Weaver, Julia Knight, Jim Dadey, Gabby Schiavone; Jenny; Claire; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Brian; Allen Whitley; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, John Worrell; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Howerin; Marcia Burton; Gina Clay

For the Caregivers.

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 or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) office@glcde.org.

Please join us for LCM's Online Spring Fundraiser!

May God's peace be with you and your loved ones!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD is excited to host an online **spring fundraiser** via *Zoom*, featuring our silver-tongued bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl, as auctioneer, on **Sunday after-noon, April 24, 2022**, beginning at **3:00 PM**. In addition to an online auction, the event will include the chance to learn more about LCM, testimonials from current students, and drawings for fun raffle basket prizes. Please watch our website's homepage for the link to purchase raffle tickets in advance and to find out more details about the event: <u>https://</u>



<u>Icmde.org</u>. If you'd like to contribute a basket for the fundraiser, please contact me. We hope you'll gather with us via *Zoom* for this joyful experiment in fundraising, community, ministry, and fun!

LCM's **Tuesday dinners** have resumed at 6:00 PM each week at Pauls' Chapel, often outside on our back porch, as weather permits. If you'd like to team up with friends to bring a dinner for our LCM student group, please contact our office. It's a great way to connect with and to bless these engaging and inspiring (and hungry!) college students. J

LCM continues to seek tenants for its **Bonhoeffer House** for the 2022-23 academic year. The property offers space for four and 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 our office administrator, Alexys, at *office@lcmde.org*. Thank you!

We're grateful for your loving support through your time, talent, and treasure. We're also thankful for your prayers for this ministry, for our students, staff, and volunteers. Please especially pray for our students' ongoing vocational discernment, for academic strength and success, and for continued growth in their walks of faith with Jesus. In these troubled times, what a blessing it is to rest in our Lord's presence and to abide in that peace which passes understanding.

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service + Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD 302-368-3078; chaplain@lcmde.org

FAMILY PROMISE

The next week that Grace will host Family Promise will start on Easter Sunday, April 17th and run through Saturday, April 23rd. As with the last times, we will be providing dinners for the families at the Jesus House. We will be reaching out to get volunteers closer to that date.

Thanks in advance. Carol Lertola & Jane Teasley



Church Building Expansion

In the early to mid 1990s, it was becoming obvious that our building was not big enough to support our growing ministry. What had started as a mission start congregation with limited space was now beginning to need some more room. For those of you that remember the old, cramped narthex and the elbow to elbow coffee hour between services and the Sunday School trailer out back, there was an obvious, desperate need for more space. During that time the Holy Spirit moved us as a congregation to discern that we needed a building expansion that included a new narthex, more classrooms, an expanded office area and a choir room. It was amazing as the project took shape and the fund raising got into high gear. Once the first ground was broken it took about a year to finish the expansion. To save money we painted the walls ourselves. There were many Saturday painting parties that did that great work and built community as we got to know each other better. Looking back it was yet another evidence of God's blessings on our congregation. One that would serve us well long into the future.

Submitted by John Auger.

Each week during Grace's 50th year we will feature a new story about Grace Lutheran Church, shared by its members and friends. We would love to include your favorite memories of Grace! Send a short video or written story to <u>glcde.pub@gmail.com</u>.



Grace Vacation Bible School is Set for June 12th-16th, 2022

Join us on the ultimate quest for God's great light as we explore Adventure Island during VBS this year! This free program welcomes Preschool and Elementary children in our community to join Grace Lutheran Church in-person from Sunday June 12th to Thursday June 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Save the Date! Registration to open next month. Interested in volunteering? Send an email to gracelutherandevbs@gmail.com.

New Capital Campaign for Grace

As Pastor Tara mentioned during announcements at our wonderful 50th anniversary last Sunday, with celebration comes the anticipated need to address some long-term property issues at Grace. The flat roof over the core building is actually the original roof, which puts it at around 45 years old, while roofs of this type have a normal lifespan of 25+ years. There have been many repairs in recent years to patch leaks and our roof maintenance contractor has been recommending replacement to address this problem. Understandably, this has been avoided as long as possible due to the cost, which was recently estimated at nearly \$100,000. In addition, we have an HVAC unit that will likely need replacing in the next few years with a previous estimate of almost \$10,000.

Your Council had the foresight about a year ago to start an accrual in a Major Repairs fund to address smaller projects like the HVAC, but not such a larger expenditure like the roof. Consequently, Council has approved a new Capital Campaign to address the roof and will be bringing further details and a vote for approval of this expenditure before the congregation in a Congregational Meeting scheduled for Consecration Sunday on May 1. An agenda will be published at a later date. We do not anticipate needing the full amount for the roof from this capital campaign, but we will need it promptly to have the work completed in a timely fashion before further maintenance work is needed on the roof. Any contributions you can provide now will enable our long-term mission for Grace in our next 50 years!

Mark Teasley Church Council President



LENT 2022

Mondays & Tuesdays During Lent

BIBLE STUDY—A Lenten Bible study will be offered in person and via Zoom.. 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.

Topic for this week's Midweek study- "Is God Punishing Me?" Monday at 10:30 in-person and Tuesdays at 7PM via Zoom

Adult Education Sundays at 9:45

"Walk Dusty" Adult Sunday School- As we go through our Lenten journey, let us remember that it is a long and dusty road. It is on this journey that we reflect on those who have gone before and those who will come after. We identify with the hurt and the pain. We live in the messiness that comes with the often dirty road that we must travel. Let us also remember that it is this dust we call life that shapes and forms us into resurrection people. Just as we walk wet in recognition of our baptism and the promise that it holds we encourage you this year to Walk Dust. Remember that in the brokenness, we are healed. While the journey is long and tiresome, resurrection promises are greater. In our dusty walk we claim the promise of new sandals and clean garments. As we walk dusty we remember that we have come from dust and to dust we will return.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS March 20, 2022

8:30am

Assisting Minister: Elinor Knodel Greeter/Usher: Diane Teig Usher: Gerry Teig Reader: Peter Tuhy Sound: Jeremy Magoon Nursery: Audrey Day, John Day 11:00am Assisting Minister: Lynda Martinez Greeter/Usher: Amy Zunino Usher: Jay Snyder Reader: Beth Fenner Sound: Rolf Eriksen Counters: Jim Foskett, Sue Eriksen

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