PRAYER SERVICE APRIL 3, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psalm 31: 14-18

14 But I trust in you, Lord;
I say, "You are my God."

15 My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,
from those who pursue me.

16 Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.

17 Let me not be put to shame, Lord,
for I have cried out to you;
but let the wicked be put to shame
and be silent in the realm of the dead.

18 Let their lying lips be silenced,
for with pride and contempt
they speak arrogantly against the righteous.

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

ANTHEM

Into the Woods My Master Went

arr. Purifoy

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.

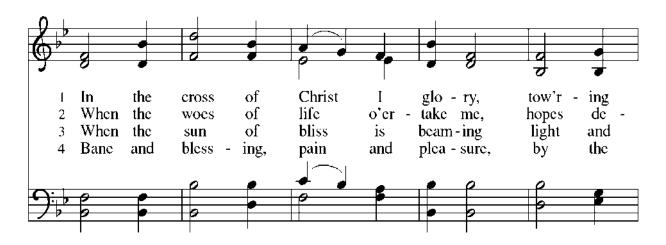
Amen.

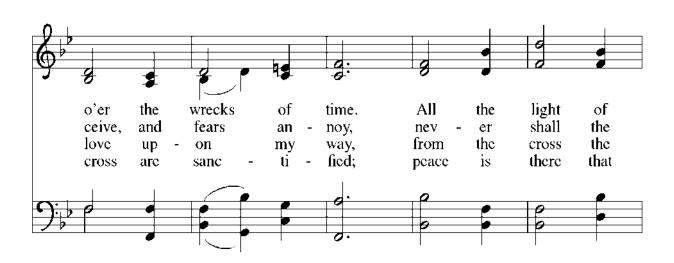
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

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

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

(read responsively)

¹When the Lord restored the for-tunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

³The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his

disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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.**





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.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued (*especially*). Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for (*names* and) all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. 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.

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.

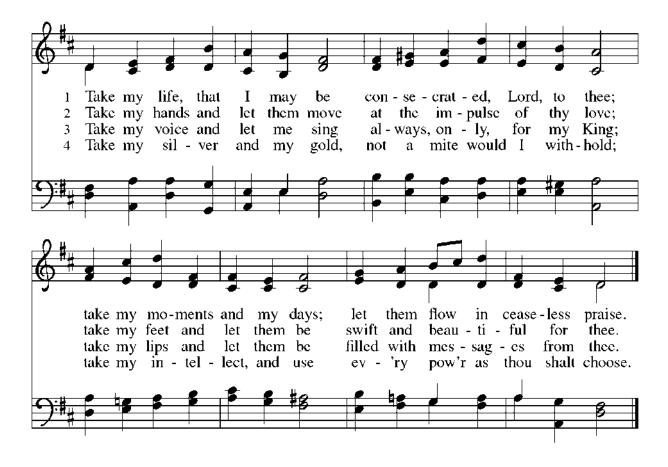
Please be seated.

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.





- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers for April 3

TODAY we pray for:

Terri Dickson Riggleman

Bella Alsop

For the family and friends of Mike Goyda as they mourn his death on Friday, March 18

Lois

Delores Beatty

Dan Celia

Dorothy Dzuris

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.

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April Anniversary Collection!

Last week we shared a little bit about the LCS Food Farmacy program and the first five items from their pantry list that we are collecting as we continue to celebrate Grace's 50th anniversary. We are starting a little nutty and fruity this first week - no salt cashews, no salt pecans, no salt almonds, no sugar added Craisins, Crystal Light or other no sugar powder drinks.





The next grouping of products are ones that add healthy flavor: olive oil, low or no salt chicken, beef or

vegetable bouillon, balsamic vinegar, red wine vinegar and low sodium pasta sauce (less than 120-130 mg per serving of sodium). These can be any size as participants' families range in size too!

The pasta sauce may be trickiest so read the label or choose one of these that LCS consistently purchases. And if what you donate doesn't meet the Food Farmacy requirements we will still donate it to LCS for their regular food pantry so it will be used!



Next week we will give an update on our progress so far and reveal the last 5 products on the LCS wish list. We will then continue to collect any and all of these items through April 24th.

Thank you for contributing to this effort as we continue to support Lutheran Community Services as Grace has done for many yeas.

Any questions, please ask Lynne Luettgen (<u>lcluettgen@aol.com</u> or 610-420-8051).

and Past Members of the Grace Family

Sacred Dance

On Sunday morning, April 3, we will share a video interview with Kathy Long about the history of sacred dance at Grace, complete with video clips of some of the dances. Here is an excerpt from the video transcript: "Gifts of Finest Wheat was a wonderful processional. You could use as many or as few people as you wanted... We did it during the offertory during Thanksgiving, and then we did it more often during the service during the year. As the years went by, the daughters were growing up and we'd have the daughters and the mothers being part of that processional, it was really wonderful."

~ excert of memory from Kathy Long

"Grace has a rich history of plays and dance. If you have any home videos of those performances, in any format, please share them with us! Email glcde.pub@gmail.com."

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 glcde.pub@gmail.com.

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.



HOLY WEEK 2022

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION—PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10 - WORSHIP AT 8:30AM AND II:00AM
DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS & PROCESSION
READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14—7:00PMREMEMBRANCE OF THE LAST SUPPER OF CHRIST
WASHING OF FEET

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15, - NOON & 7:00PM

NOON—STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00PM—TENEBRAE

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 17—EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT 8:30AM & 11:00AM















WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30am

Assisting Minister: Elinor Knodel
Greeter/Usher: Julie Auger
Usher: John Auger
Reader: Peter Tuhy
Sound: Jeremy Magoon

Nursery: Kris McMahan, Gage McMahan

11:00am

Assisting Minister: Lynda Martinez Greeter/Usher: Toni Durandetta Usher: Don Durandetta Reader: Pam Adams Sound: David Magoon

Counters: Jim Foskett, Lynda Martinez

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New Capital Campaign for Grace

The flat roof that is over our original core building is 45 years' old, despite having a normal lifespan of 25+ years. Our roof maintenance contractor has been recommending roof replacement to address the many leaks that have occurred over the last few years. Understandably, we have avoided this 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.

Council had started accruing a Major Repairs fund to address smaller projects like the HVAC, but not such a large expenditure like the roof. Consequently, a new Capital Campaign is needed to address the roof. A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Consecration Sunday on May 1 to provide further details and bring a vote for approval of this expenditure before the congregation. A detailed 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 to avoid any potential further maintenance work. Any contributions you can provide now will enable our long-term mission for Grace in our next 50 years!

Mark Teasley
Church Council President

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

Please join us for LCM's Online Spring Fundraiser!

Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD is excited to host an online **spring fundraiser** via *Zoom*, featuring our bishop, the Rev. Bill Gohl, as auctioneer, on **Sunday afternoon**, **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: https://lcmde.org. 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!

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service †
Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD

Easter for the World!

Many UD international students are curious about Easter and would love being invited into an American home for a traditional Easter meal. Would you include one or more of these delightful global guests in your family's resurrection joy? Help them see our risen Savior's love and power in action! If you can help, please contact Rick Gray at 302-367-4994 or rick.gray@ruf.org

Hip Hip Hooray!

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet once again on Thursday, May 5th at 12:30pm in Grace Social Hall. The hostesses for the May meeting will be Janet Enslen and Toni Durandetta. Please RSVP to Janet Enslen@gmail.com or phone (302) 293-4494.

Bring a sandwich to share and a cold drink. The hostesses will provide salad, chips and dessert. Decaf coffee and hot tea will be available. Devotions and time for socialization are planned and we will end with prayer and circle and singing our Friendship song.

Looking forward to seeing you once again and please feel free to bring a friend!