

Service of Holy Communion for Sunday, May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time

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

ANTHEM

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763

Join in on the last verse on back page.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

P 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. C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

C **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.**


C **Amen.**

P 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.


C **Amen.**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with




of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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



Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia!

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



GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

- A This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**
- A The Lord is my strength and my song.
- C **The Lord has become my salvation.**
- A Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**
- A I shall not die but live,
- C **And declare the works of the Lord.**
- A This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C **I will rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

(read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The Gospel according to Saint John the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

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



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!



NICENE CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation (*especially*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding (*as did Julian of Norwich, whom we commemorate today*). Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P 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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
- 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

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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 in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes.

Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell;
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,




so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Sing a New Song

W&P 125

Refrain

G D B⁷ Em Am⁷

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

D G D

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

B⁷ Em Am⁷ D G *Fine*

un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

G D⁷/A Am⁷/G D/F# Em

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry

Am⁷/C D⁷/A D/F# G D⁷/A

fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on
 now has come. The Lord has turned your
 of the Lord. The Lord has turned your
 the Lord. The Lord has turned your

Am⁷/G D C Am⁷ Dsus D *Refrain*

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS FOR MAY 8, 2022

TODAY we pray:

for Laurie Spears
for John Bogucki, Jr.
for Scott
for Ryan
for Terri Dickson Rigglesman

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Lois; Delores Beatty; Dan Celia; The People of Ukraine; Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, 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 those who are 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.**



PSALM 31

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock
and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me
and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net
that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

**⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me,
O LORD, faithful God.**

**⁶You hate those who pay
regard to worthless idols,
but I trust in the LORD.**

**⁷I will exult and rejoice
in your steadfast love,**

**because you have seen my affliction;
you have taken heed of my adversities,
⁸and have not delivered
me into the hand of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.

¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the whispering of many —
terror all around! —

as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

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

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies
and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD,
for I call on you;

let the wicked be put to shame;
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled
that speak insolently against the righteous
with pride and contempt.

¹⁹O how abundant is your goodness
that you have laid up for those who fear you,
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of everyone!

²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them
from human plots;

you hold them safe under your shelter
from contentious tongues.

²¹Blessed be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown
his steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under siege.

²²I had said in my alarm,
"I am driven far from your sight."
But you heard my supplications
when I cried out to you for help.

²³Love the LORD, all you his saints.
The LORD preserves the faithful,
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL

Grace's Council and Finance Team would like to thank the congregation for their generosity during our Mortgage Reduction Campaign. Over the last two years we have raised sufficient funds to make a meaningful impact on our current and future flexibility in managing this major expense. Below is the status of our efforts:

- The congregation has contributed over \$70,000 over the last two years with \$52,600 since June to reduce our balance to \$369,000.
- Our Thrivent adjustable rate mortgage reset in September to a new rate of 3.625 % that will be good for the next 5 years.
- Our new monthly payment will be \$2764, which \$207 lower than our old payment increasing our financial flexibility in these difficult times.
- Contributions that were received after the deadline for the reset calculation will still shorten the life of our loan by about 10 months. Any future contributions will shorten the life of the loan even further.
- The Finance Team will continue to monitor the commercial mortgage market to potentially identify a more attractive fixed rate option for the future.

The congregation should know that they have a very capable Finance Team that has left no stone unturned in finding the best options for Grace. I would like to thank Tom Frederick (Chair), Bill Bechstein, Paul

Again, thank you to everyone who has given out of the abundance provided us by our Lord and God!

Mark Teasley,
Council President

Update to Capital Campaign for Roof Replacement – May 4, 2022

- Congregation approved expenditure for roof project - \$125,000
 - Minimum campaign goal - \$50,000
 - Stretch campaign goal - \$100,000
 - Current pledges - \$43,100
- Current donations - \$3050



My Life Flows on in Endless Song

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?



Worship Assistants

8:30am

Assisting Minister: Mark Teasley

Greeter/Usher: Laura Fickes

Usher: Paul Warren

Reader: Jane Teasley

Sound: K. McMahan, G. McMahan

Nursery: Laura Mackiewicz, Kevin Mackiewicz

11:00am

Assisting Minister: Sandy Betley

Greeter/Usher: Jane Teasley

Usher: Mark Teasley

Reader: Pam Adams

Sound: Rolf Eriksen

Counters: Jane Foskett, Sue Eriksen

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