

# Service of Holy Communion for Sunday, May 22, 2022

## Sixth 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

(8:30am — Choir)      *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*  
(11:00am- Sunday School)      *This is Amazing Grace*

ELW 774  
Phil Wickham

### 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 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

## 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 Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67

(read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

The Gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

<sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Pastor Tara Magoon

## **MESSAGE**

Pastor Gordan Simmons

## **PEACE**

P      The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C      **And also with you.**

*Please stand at the last verse.*

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!

## 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 God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace (*especially*). Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

A Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (*especially*). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (*especially*) when we meet together at your river 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.**

*Thank you so much for your support of Grace ministry through your worship. If you wish to make a donation to Grace, you can follow this link [www.glcde.org](http://www.glcde.org) or scan the QR code to make a donation on our website through the "GIVE" button in the upper right corner. You can also make a donation by placing your gift in our offering plates located inside both sanctuary doors.*



## 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. 10

## 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

*When Peace Like a River* ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; c - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## *The Peace of the Lord* ELW 646



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*  
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



*paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -*  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the



*ñor a ti y\_a mí, a to - dos al - can - za -*  
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



*rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti y\_a*  
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



*mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.*  
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla;  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla.*

3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla;  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla.*

## 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.**




1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

**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.**

## PSALM 31

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.  
<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock  
and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me  
and guide me,  
<sup>4</sup>take me out of the net  
that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.  
<sup>6</sup>You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the LORD.  
<sup>7</sup>I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have taken heed of my adversities,  
<sup>8</sup>and have not delivered  
me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.  
<sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.  
<sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.  
<sup>11</sup>I 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.  
<sup>12</sup>**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**  
<sup>13</sup>**For I hear the whispering of many —  
terror all around! —  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.**

<sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."**  
<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies  
and persecutors.**  
<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**  
<sup>17</sup>Do 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.  
<sup>18</sup>Let the lying lips be stilled  
that speak insolently against the righteous  
with pride and contempt.  
<sup>19</sup>O 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!  
<sup>20</sup>In the shelter of your presence you hide them  
from human plots;  
you hold them safe under your shelter  
from contentious tongues.  
<sup>21</sup>Blessed be the LORD,  
for he has wondrously shown  
his steadfast love to me  
when I was beset as a city under siege.  
<sup>22</sup>I 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.  
<sup>23</sup>Love the LORD, all you his saints.  
The LORD preserves the faithful,  
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.  
<sup>24</sup>Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD.

## PRAYERS FOR MAY 22, 2022

### TODAY we pray:

Debbie Anderson  
Greg Munson  
Bill & Linda Brizendine,  
Laurie Spears  
John Bogucki, Jr.  
Scott Wycoff  
Terri Dickson Rigglesman

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Lois; Ryan; Delores Beatty; John, Lena, Jurgen, Rich, Debbie, Ursula, Frank; Bruce Berentson;  
;Paul & Judy Freys; Seth Weaver; Julia Knight, Jim Dadey, Jenny; Claire; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Mil-  
ler; 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; Gina Clay

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; Gretch-  
en Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Claire Schoening; Chuck Loomis; Gretchen Platz

For The People of Ukraine;

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](mailto:office@glcde.org).**

### Capital Campaign for Roof Replacement – May 15, 2022 Update

Congregation approved expenditure for roof project - \$125,000

- Stretch campaign goal - \$100,000
- Minimum campaign goal - \$50,000
- Current pledges - \$46,885
- Current donations - \$32,835

Please prayerfully consider donating to this project!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 22

We welcome Pastor Gordon Simmons this morning. Pastor Simmons is our Director of the Lutheran Office for Public Policy- Delaware and is part of the adjunct staff of our Delaware Maryland Synod. You are welcome to participate in a discussion with Pastor Simmons between services.

**This Sunday, May 22, is the last day of Sunday school until the fall.  
Grace has been blessed this year of being able to meet in person.  
We are blessed with the following 23 people who participated by either teaching,  
substituting and/or serving on the EMT (Education Ministry Team).**

**Thanks be to God!**

**John Auger, Julie Auger, Jamie Breslin, Bill Brizendine, Audrey Day, John Day, Bill Dunfee,  
Karen Ehemann, Laura Fickes, Jane Foskett, Kristin Frederick, Lucie Gonneville, Nancy  
Goyda, Kevin Mackiewicz, Laura Mackiewicz, Jeremy Magoon, Pastor Tara, Kris McMahan,  
Greg Munson, Dipti Pitta, Rachel Stewart, Diane Teig, Amy Zunino**

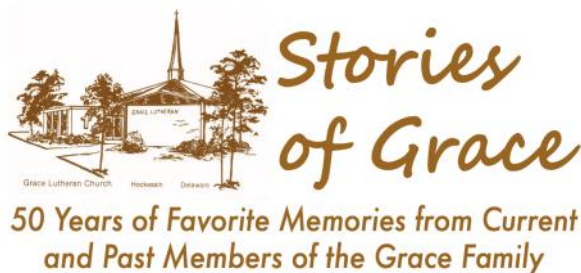


### THE WEEKEND OF SERVICE IS HERE!

*Sunday, May 22nd*

We will pack the cookies you have baked *for firefighters in memory and honor of Jerry Fickes* and make cards to include with the treats.

There are still opportunities to deliver the cookies - it is a great experience!  
If you have any questions, please see Lynne Luetgen ([lcluetgen@aol.com](mailto:lcluetgen@aol.com) or 610-420-8051).



When we faced the tragedy of Jerry's death, Grace abundantly lived up to its name supporting and caring for our family and extended fire service family. You welcomed many into our church home showing the true love of Jesus. You helped our family grieve and lovingly walk forward. We will never know the extent of all that everyone did for our family, and we are forever grateful.

- Submitted by Laura Fickes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 22

### **Grace's Annual Picnic, Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**4 PM to 6 PM at Grace Lutheran Church to coincide with VBS start.**

You and your family are invited to the Grace Lutheran Summer picnic from 4 PM to 6 PM on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This picnic coincides with the first day of VBS (Vacation Bible School) so we are looking forward to a fun evening. We will have tables set up indoors and there will be activities and games outdoors. Please bring your appetites and a side dish or dessert to share if desired (such as chips, salad, fruit, beans, casserole). Grace will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs, condiments, and drinks. Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic!

**Sunday Breakfast Mission Thank you** to all those who have remembered the with prayers and donations, especially over the difficult last two years. Your gifts, left in the marked bin in Grace's coat closet, were delivered on a regular basis. Now that we are again enjoying in-person services, please take a minute to see if you might be able to bring with you any of the following: shampoo, dental products, soap bars or gel, disposable razors, new (or almost) baseball caps, or bath towels. Those who come for a warm shower, an evening meal, and a safe place to sleep will surely appreciate your thoughtfulness. Again, thank you for extending God's love to those less fortunate in a most stressful time. Sue Eriksen

**TIME TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT VBS!** Share your time, talent, or treasure with our Vacation Bible School adventure at Grace next month! Check out the info board in the Narthex for donation needs and opportunities to help with prep. Volunteers are also still needed for the week of VBS (June 12 - 16, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Contact Laura Mackiewicz to learn more: [laura.mackiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:laura.mackiewicz@gmail.com) (607) 765 - 0230.

Grace's most recent **Family Promise** host week started on Easter Sunday. We had one family of eight in our cottage at the Jesus House. Thank you to the cooks who provided their evening meals: Carol Lertola, Jane Foskett, Karen Baumbach, Penny Matchen, Susan Sweeney, Nancy Goyda and Pat Kizuka. Your dedication to the Family Promise program and serving families during a time of great need is a blessing to them and to community. Grace's next host week begins July 31st. If you are interested in serving or hearting about Family Promise, please contact Jane Teasley or Carol Lertola.

## *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    safe and secure from all alarms;  
    leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.



### Worship Assistants

#### 8:30am

**Assisting Minister:** Lynne Luetngen

**Greeter/Usher:** Julie Auger

**Usher:** John Auger

**Reader:** Audrey Day

**Sound:** Joe Luetngen, G McMahan

**Nursery:** Jamie Breslin, Niah & Liam Breslin

#### 11:00am

**Assisting Minister:** Toni Durandetta

**Greeter/Usher:** Merrily Schiavone

**Usher:** Pat Kizuka

**Reader:** Beth Fenner

**Sound:** Mark Maurer

**Counters:** Jim Foscett, Amy Zunino

The flowers in our chancel have been given  
    by Penny & Larry Matchen  
in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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