SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time
- C And all the time God loves you.

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

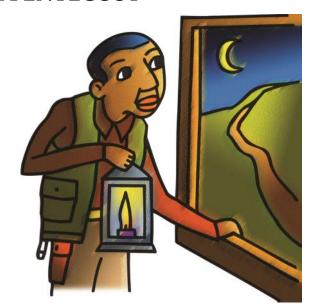
- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C Amen.



- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.
 Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.
 When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.
 Set us again on the path of life.
 Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
 Amen.
- P Hear the good news!

 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

 In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.





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 Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

Read responsively

- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in 1 time of famine.
- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

²²Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 12: 32-49

The Gospel according to Saint Luke the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Please stand at the last verse.



APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the 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

A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (*especially*). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (*specific ministries may be named*) and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- 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 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 - who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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

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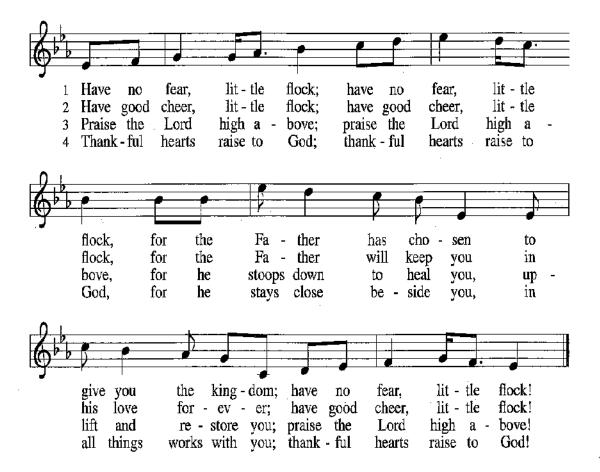
COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life From Heaven ELW 474



COMMUNION HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW 764



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 Life-giving God,
 through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
 and fed us with your mercy.
 Now send us forth to live for others,
 both friend and stranger,
 that all may come to know your love.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God of peace,
 Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you, comfort you,
 and show you the path of life
 this day and always.
- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C Thanks be to God.

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.

PRAYERS FOR AUGUST 7, 2022

TODAY we pray for:

Kristen, Sophia, Magdelena Ben Epstein For the family and friends of Dot Wachter Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo Lynne Luettgen

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Richard McBride; Isabella Alsop; Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears; John Boguki; Terri Dickson Riggleman; Lois Nordby; Lena, John

Joanne Deaton; 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; John Deaton; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Chuck Loomis,

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.



In 1992, my wife Linda left her job with DuPont to focus on raising our three children, all under the age of six, including the youngest at eight months old. As she sought avenues of support within the community, she joined with other mothers of small children, first with Nursing Mothers, and later, with MOMS (Mothers Offering Mothers Support). Several meetings of these groups were held at Grace. She came home enthused with the "community outreach" demonstrated by Grace in providing space for these meetings with no pressure to "belong to the church". As we had been tentatively considering providing a more structured foundation for our children by "going back to church", I agreed to try Grace. I am still here, and still committed to seeing how Grace can support the community in which we reside, impacting one life at a time.

Submitted by Bill Brizendine

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FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting on July 24, 2022, the status of the roof replacement project was presented to the congregation and a new spending limit of \$250,000 was approved. While strikingly large, this was needed to address the additional cost of a roof tear off and installation of new insulation as well as be able to cover any potential overruns depending on the damage found during the tear off. The two proposals we have for the roof (\$189,000) and the associated HVAC work (\$33,000) put the total at roughly \$222,000, although we may be able to take some cost savings if the HVAC work can be coordinated with the roof work. This total is just where our current reserved funds sit for this project, but that would completely deplete our surplus. Consequently, we are extending the capital campaign to raise additional funds beyond the \$114,000 that had been pledged or donated at the time of the meeting. We would benefit from having at least an additional \$30,000 donated to the campaign. Please prayerfully consider any additional funds you can contribute to this important project.

Mark F Teasley, Council President



The Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band will present a special free outdoor concert at Grace on Sunday, August 21 at 5:00pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening with the Chesapeake Brass.

Look for more information in the coming weeks.

- from the 50th Anniversary Team.

For more information please see the Grace website www.glcde.org.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS 10:00AM

Assisting Minister: Toni Durandetta
Greeter/Usher: Jim Foskett
Usher: Don Durandetta

Reader: Hope/Greg Munson **Nursery**: Kris McMahan, Jane Foskett

Sound: Jeremy Magoon

Counters: Jim Foskett, Jane Teasley

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