

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022
TENTH 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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON : Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

Read responsively

- ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
²**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**
³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;
⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**
⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.' "
⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

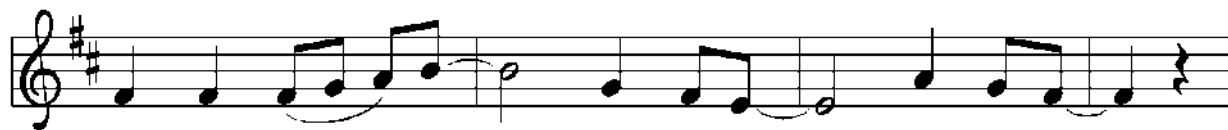
³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

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: Luke 12: 49-56

The Gospel according to Saint Luke the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF THE DAY

All My Hope on God is Founded

ELW 757

Please stand at the last verse.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
 4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
 tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
 tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
 beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
 for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
 hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
 store new - born worlds rise and a -
 all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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.

A Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (*especially*). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (*concerns may be named*). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints (*especially Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk*) who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A 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.**

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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.

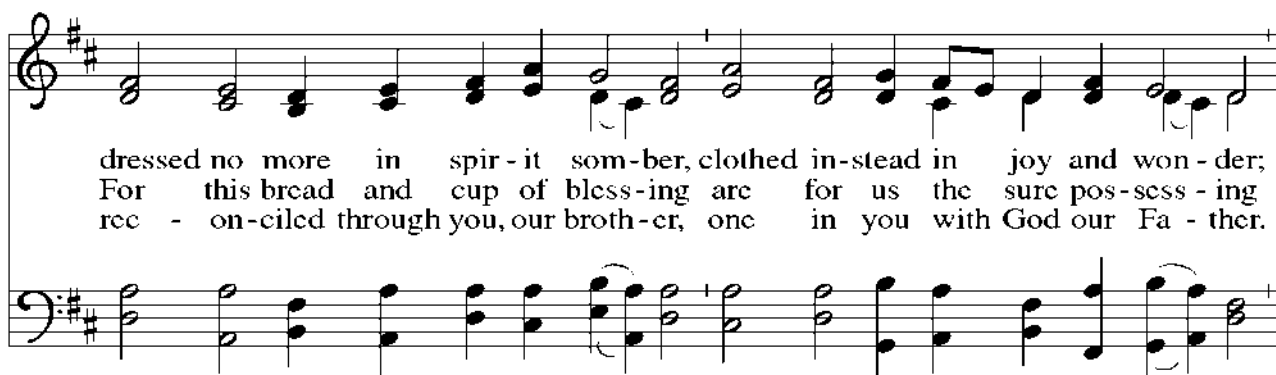
Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

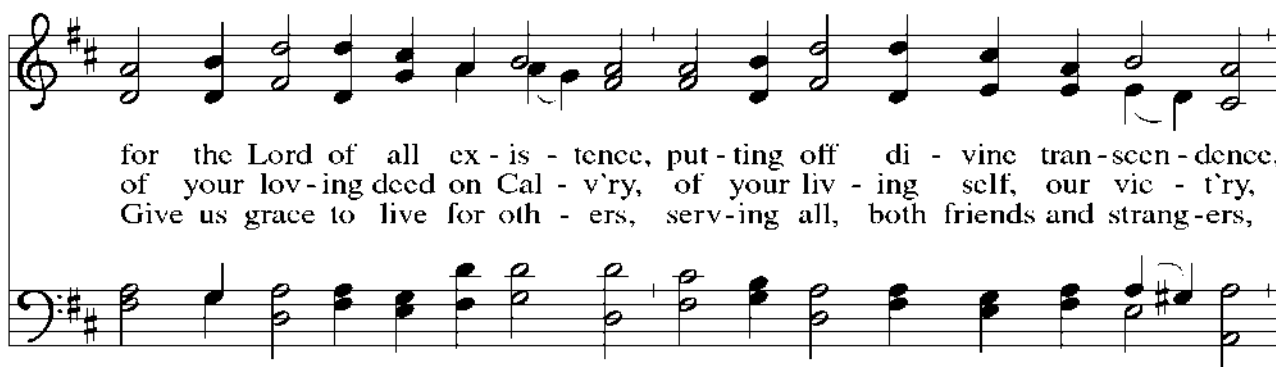
Now We Join in Celebration ELW 462



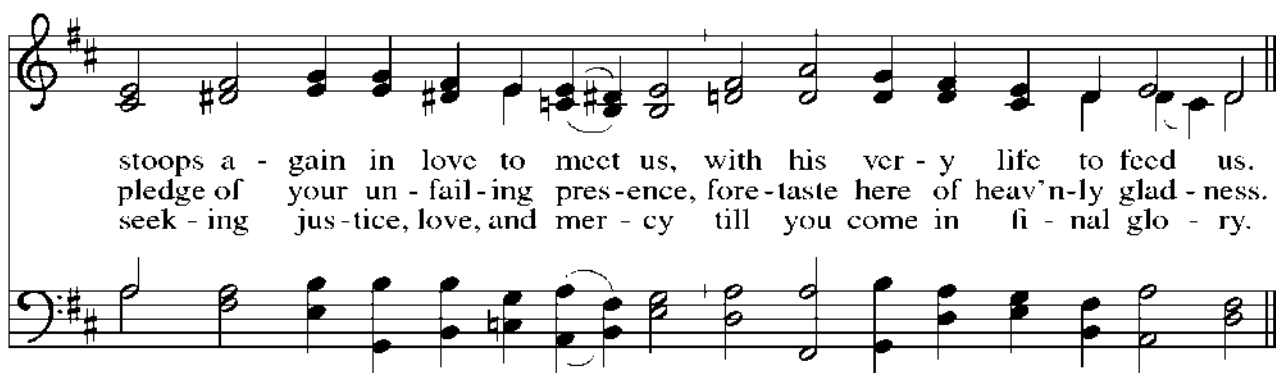
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,




stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Received the Living God ELW 477

Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

COMMUNION HYMN

You Are My All in All Jernigan

VERSE

F C Dm Dm⁷ Am



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
 2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

3 Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ F Gm⁷ C⁷ F C



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
 name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me

CHORUS

6 Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ B^b/F F F C



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus,
 up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

10 Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ F C⁷



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____

13 F C Dm Dm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ B^b/F F



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:



Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

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.

¹³**For I hear the whispering of many —
terror all around! —
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.**

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

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

¹⁶**Let 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 14, 2022

TODAY we pray for:

The family of Grandpa Stanley as they mourn his passing
Val
Kristen, Sophia, Magdalena
Ben Epstein
For the family and friends of Dot Wachter
Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo
Lynne Luetgen

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.**



BY POPULAR DEMAND

Chesapeake Brass Band

**Dr. Russell E. Murray, Musical Director and Conductor
Presents**

“THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS”

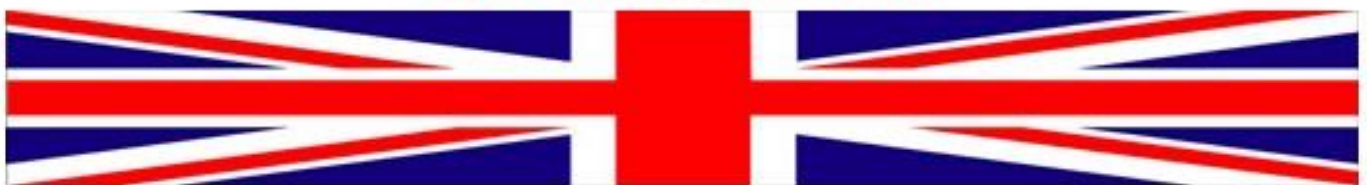
A concert of traditional British and American brass band music.



Sunday, August 21, 2022

5:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church



PARKING in Cooke Elementary School lots! Bring a lawn chair.

Capital Campaign for Roof Replacement – August 0, 2022 Update

- Current donations - **\$114,785**
- Current pledges - **\$118,835**
- Additional available funds - **\$107,000**
- Congregation approved expenditure for roof project - **\$250,000**

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A much anticipated list of members and contact information is in the works. What is holding it up, you ask? Making sure that the information provided to you is the most accurate and up to date, is critical as you can imagine! Since the last issue in 2021, many changes have come in to the office and probably many may not have.. Your help is needed! If you have had a change of address in the last year (since July 2021); dropped your landline or changed your cell number, let us know. If you have changed your email address, stopped using email or perhaps do not want it listed in the directory, let us know!

Email the office with changes and updates - office@gmail.com.



GRACE FLOWER COMMEMORATIONS



Flowers in the sanctuary enhance our worship.

The Flower Commemoration sign up is on the bulletin board. Sign up to sponsor flowers in honor of someone, birthday celebration, anniversary or for special dates.

Your name and commemoration will appear in the weekly bulletin on your chosen date and the flowers will add to the beauty of the sanctuary. Flowers sponsored can be taken home with you following service or left to be taken to a Grace shut-in. For more information, please see the flower chart or speak to Lynne Luetgen.

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Thank you to all who supported Grace's recent host week for Family Promise! In addition to supplying groceries for breakfast and lunches, we prepared and delivered dinners to support two families (4 adults and 5 children) experiencing homelessness.

Our last host week for this year begins on Sunday, September 4th (Labor Day weekend). If you would like to help prepare and deliver meals, please contact Jane Teasley (jmteasley118@msn.com) or Carol Lertola (carollertola4@gmail.com). Financial support for the purchase of groceries is also needed. Checks may be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church with Family Promise noted on the memo line.

Family Promise is in immediate need of kitchen size trash bags, pots and pans (may be used), laundry baskets, cleaning buckets and shower curtains. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Jane or Carol at their email addresses listed.

Want to learn more about Family Promise? Please visit their websites: www.familypromisede.org

Want to learn more about Far



Register Now!
Donate Now!

www.lcsde.org

LCS 2022 HUNGER WALK/RUN

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 at Concordia Lutheran Church

All funds raised for this even go to LCS' food programs—go to website for more info



Stories of Grace

50 Years of Favorite Memories from Current and Past Members of the Grace Family

Haiti Trip Highlights

At the beginning of the service this week we will share a video of highlights from the 2008 mission trip to Haiti

Many thanks to Carol Lertola for sharing this story and creating the video.

-video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17GGX3X3vUZD0EyPkF0zQA9QWNBfxom0F/view?usp=sharing>



2022 Golf Classic

To Support Homelessness Prevention



Play the award winning
BIDERMANN GOLF COURSE

Monday, October 3rd
12:30 o'clock shotgun start

Have a fun day while supporting a great cause!

- \$250** Per Golfer
- \$1,000** Per Foursome
- \$1,500** Per Corporate Foursome

- Hole-in-one Car Giveaway
- Contests
- On Course Beverages
- Boxed Lunch
- Reception & BBQ 5pm
- Silent Auction
- Gift Bags

For Questions:

For information on how to become a sponsor, or any other questions, contact Alex at AMazzei@LCSDE.org

Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood

Investing in Our Future

Lots of Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center happenings to discuss this month. First up on the runway is news that Delaware United Way will continue to support Hilltop in Fiscal 2023. Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams says United Way will invest “in the Early Childhood and Youth Services program(s) for the period.” The investment breaks down into Early Childcare: \$10,200 and Study Break Live: \$11,000.

In addition, as noted last month, Hilltop received a \$26,000 plus grant from the State of Delaware for its Safe Haven program. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh says “we finalized the programs that will



take place during evening programming: Monday= Karate & Cooking, Tuesday= Piano, Percussion, and Bumper Ball, Wednesday= Karate, Barbershop, and Art, Thursday= DJ workshops, Music Production, and Open Gym, Friday= Bingo.” Brandon emphasizes that “each contractor was informed on the importance of being a positive role model, teaching how each skill can lead to a career, and communicating with staff. We are looking forward to a successful season of Safe Haven and plan to host an end of the year banquet in which the students can display what they have learned to their parents.”

Finally, Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen reports Hilltop’s summer camp got off to a great start. In addition to the recreational programs and field trip opportunities, learning continues. “Summer Collab has been onsite providing reading interventions with some of our campers, others will be participating in a one-on-one literacy program called Book Nook. Both programs are aimed at supporting our youth by keeping them from experiencing the summer slide.” Teresa says other area organizations are also helping. “Boy Scouts are providing our youngest campers

with fun and exciting activities that includes growing vegetables in our community garden. All camp groups attend choral classes with Wilmington’s Children’s Chorus. Hilltop performed at the Summer of Song event sponsored by that group in July.”

Hope your summer is going as well as ours!



*Eric F. Mease
Member, Board of Directors
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To our Grace Community,

Recent media reports and headlines are again proclaiming statewide increases in Delaware Omicron BA-5-related cases. From Delaware Online (News Journal) on August 1:

Delaware masking guidance changes as all three counties have 'high' spread of COVID

With rising hospitalizations and positive COVID-19 cases this week, all three counties in Delaware have reached a high level of community spread, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. New Castle and Sussex counties were previously listed as a medium level of spread.

1. The Delaware Division of Public Health announced this change Friday afternoon, and encouraged people to wear masks in "indoor public settings" to help prevent further spread.
2. Over the past week in Delaware, COVID-19 hospitalizations rose 22% from 129 to 165, with 12 patients in critical condition as of Friday, according to DPH.
3. *Public health officials said these patients included at least 16 children under the age of five, representing an increase in the number of kids hospitalized with COVID. They remind Delawareans that vaccines are now available for all persons starting at 6 months old, and vaccination is highly effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalizations and death.*

Your Gathering Task Force is concerned as each new variant of COVID is touted as increasingly contagious. Despite high levels of vaccination and boosters by our members, there is still an increased risk of infection, and even re-infections as experienced by some of us over the summer, which could have serious short and/or long-term consequences and pose a risk to our friends and families. As a loving community of faith, we strive to protect the most vulnerable. Therefore, we encourage you to consider indoor masking and social distancing for health-compromised individuals and any others as they feel the need. If you are even possibly ill, please stay home and join us for worship and meetings virtually. With your prayers and God's guidance, we will see our way through the end of this pandemic!

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