

MAY 28, 2023
DAY OF PENTECOST
10:00AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.

C **All the time God loves you.**

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Silence for self-examination.

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.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.**

Refrain

We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A

fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one

spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

1, 2 to Vss Final Verses

pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho-ly Ghost, Cre-a - tor
2. O Com-fort-er, to thee we

1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy
2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of

to Refrain

1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
2. life and fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

How Majestic Is Your Name

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 2/2 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points.

Staff 1: O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your

Staff 2: name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, how ma -

Staff 3: jes - tic is your name in all the earth! O

Chord symbols: C, C/E, F, Dm⁷, C/E, C, C/E, G⁷, G⁷/B, C, F, Dm⁷, C/E, C, C/E, G⁷, G⁷/B, C

Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we mag-ni-fy your name, Prince of Peace, might-y God, O Lord God Al-might-y.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt

and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104: 21-34, 35b

Read responsively

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you**

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You Are Holy

ELW 525 v 2

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Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

GOSPEL: John 7:37-39

The holy gospel of John the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

Please stand as you are able at the last verse.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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NICENE CREED

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

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 United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who long for you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection for lands facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and fire-fighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you (*especially*). As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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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.



ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Decend Upon My Heart

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Thy Word

Grant/Smith



Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to — my feet and a light un-to my path.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our 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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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.

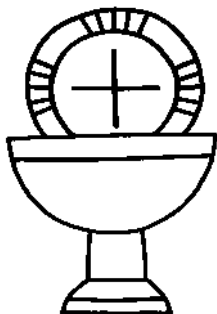
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.
All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

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 way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

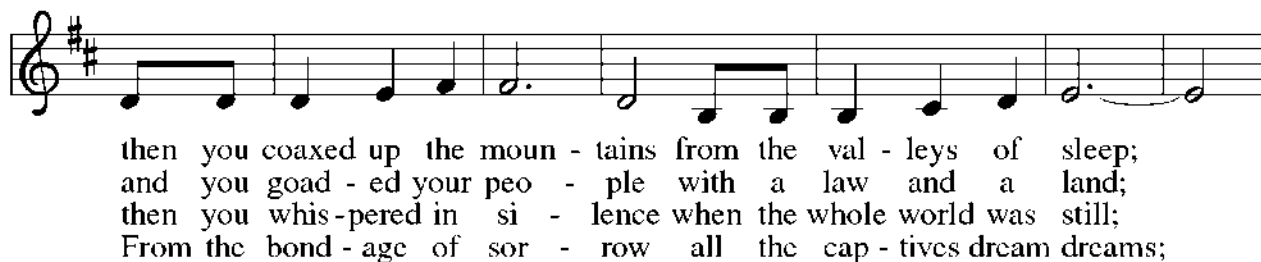
Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,
stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.

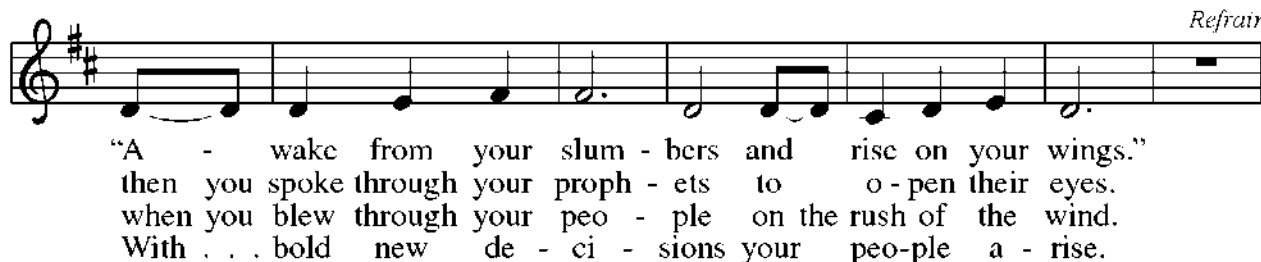


then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Holy Spirit Townsend & Getty

VERSE

D Dmaj⁷/F# G A G/B A/C# D D/F# A D/F# G A G/B A/C#



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

4 D G/D A/D D Dmaj⁷/F# G A G/B A/C# D D/F# A D/F#



soul. _____ Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
do. _____ Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
made, _____ show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

7 G A G/B A/C# D G A Bm D/F# G D/F# A



-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

11 Bm A/C# D D/F# Em D A Bm Dmaj⁷/F# G A G/B A/C#



Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

14 D D/F# A D/F# G A G/B A/C# D



pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

Seed, Scattered and Sown W&P 121

Refrain

C G Am F G C C⁷

Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;

F G C C/B Am Dm⁷ Gsus G

bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

C G Am F G C C⁷ F G

Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is

C C/B Am Dm⁷ C/E Dm⁷ G C (G) G

shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

Am G F C

1 Is not the bread we break a
2 The seed which falls on rock will
3 As wheat up - on the hills was

Dm G C E

shar - ing in our Lord? Is not seed the
with - er and our will die. The seed with -
gath - ered and was grown, so may the

Am F G G⁷ *Refrain*

cup we bless the blood of Christ out - poured?
in good ground the will flow - er and have life.
church of God be gath - ered in - to one.

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

A Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

GODSPEED

P *Lynne and Joe*, as you leave our congregation, we wish to bid you farewell.

A *A reading from John*: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

Brief comments about those who are leaving and their life in the congregation.

When you came to Grace, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in San Francisco, CA, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

P Let us pray.
Eternal God, we thank you for Lynne and Joe and for the time we have shared with them.
As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of all,
who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
C **Amen.**



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS FOR MAY 28, 2023

TODAY we pray for:

Robert Burke (brother of Ed Burke)

Godspeed to Lynne & Joe Luetgen as they relocate to California

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Beth Fenner; Mark Maurer; Kathy Long;; Jane Levering; Jennifer Wolf (niece of Sandy Wolf); Judy & Paul Freys (aunt and uncle of Beth Fenner); Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo; Richard McBride (son-in-law of Jane Levering); Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears; Terri Dickson Rigglesman, Lois Nordby (sister of Gerry Teig); Ben Epstein (grandson of Diane and Gerry Teig); Bill Forshey (uncle of Tara Magoon),; Wendy & Bill Pugh, Karl Wagenfuhr

Scott Wycoff, Lia Wycoff; Polly Gillis; Joanne Deaton; Dorothy Dzuris, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder;; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Chuck Loomis

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 all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday!

June Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| | 13 | Lis Verbeck | |
| 2 | William Cash | 17 | Louise Ench, Eddie |
| | | | Mackiewicz, Brian Miller |
| 6 | Garry Figuly | 29 | Don Bond |
| | | 30 | Alfriede Linda Miller |
| 10 | Karen Baumbach | 20 | John Auger, Mark Maurer |

HILLTOP Learning Opportunities

It's annual inspection time again at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. This year, Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams says the news is good! The inspector for the Delaware Stars program recommended the Center for renewal of our license! Congratulations to the Hilltop Center and its staff.



Another state program called the Early Childhood Innovation Center (ECIC) invests in Delaware's childcare workforce like those individuals working at the Hilltop Center. Michelle says the ECIC "offers career advisement, full comprehensive associate & bachelor's degree scholarships, an innovative cohort model to obtain the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, and more!" In addition, Michelle says incentives are offered to potential students.

"...incentives include a free laptop, \$1,000, \$5,000, or even \$10,000 in milestone stipends and scholarship opportunities that will be available beginning in June 2023! Several staff and myself, have attended an initial information session and they are looking forward to learning more about how to participate in this program."

Among our students, the older kids, grade 3 and up, are concentrating on basic math and writing skills. Hilltop Youth Services Coordinator, Teresa Allen says the program encourages children to dream. "I prompted our friends to think of a place that they always dreamed of going to and write a short passage about why they picked the place they did and present it to the group." Meanwhile, Renaissance Learning, a national



assessment and learning platform, will be doing student evaluations. "Our young scholars will be assessed on their literacy and math skills. The learning platform," according to Teresa, "will use collected assessment data to create individualized lessons for each child. It also supplies a host of data reports in real time so that we may keep on top of the participants' struggles and successes."

Finally, Hilltop staff took a field trip to William Lewis Elementary School to participate in the school's virtual reader program. Center Deputy Director, Brandon Furrowh says staff chose the book to read, *The 1619 Project Born on the Water* by Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renee Watson. "This book illustrates the lives of enslaved people before being brought from Africa to America, and how a new culture was birthed through the hardships and oppression. The YouTube link for this virtual reading is as follows; https://youtu.be/ZxjM_uavSR4." This is a powerful read. Please take the 19 minutes and 47 seconds needed to watch and listen.

Eric F. Mease

Member, Board of Directors

Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center

Applications for Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) are Open!



LYO is the high school youth leadership program for the Delaware-Maryland and Metro D.C. Synods. Rising 9th – 12th graders are eligible to apply. Those interested can learn more and access the application forms at:

: <https://www.youngfaithmatters.com/high-school-leadership-development-program>

New Applications for 2023-2024 are due by **June 18th**! Applications require an adult reference.

Contact Jamie Breslin with questions: kejabreslin@aol.com or 908-507-5390

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 28

- Next Sunday, June 4th, we will be celebrating our youth with rising confirmation students receiving bibles, students being confirmed, and celebrating our graduates.
- We will also have a noisy offering for World Hunger. Bring your coins, paper is welcome too and we will bring our noisy offering to Synod Assembly to benefit World Hunger.

June 18th at 11:30 AM:

Grace yearly Church Picnic

ALL ARE INVITED – BBQ and Sides

Church Picnic



HAPPY Father's DAY



Grace Lutheran Church VBS

Grace's Annual Picnic, Sunday, June 18 at 11:30 AM at Grace Lutheran Church and VBS kickoff.

You and your family are invited to the Grace Lutheran Summer picnic on Father's Day at 11:30 AM on Sunday, June 18th. Our indoor picnic coincides with the VBS (Vacation Bible School) kickoff event which will get started after the picnic so we are looking forward to a few fun filled hours. We will have tables set up in the decorated social hall for dining. Please take a minute to check out the signup poster in the Narthex with food choice signups and also signups for helpers for setting up (tables, etc.) and cleaning up.

- Please bring your appetites and a side dish to share if desired (finger foods such as fruit, chips & cookies).

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic!!

VBS at Grace Lutheran Church:

KICKOFF ON JUNE 18!!

Vacation Bible School

will take place

from **Monday, June 19,**

through Thursday, June 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

at Grace Lutheran Church





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

10:00am

Assisting Minister: Mandy Munson

Greeter/Usher: Stacy Dambaugh

Usher: Tim Dambaugh

Reader: Nancy Goyda

Sound: Greg Munson

Streamer: Hope Munson

Nursery: Jane Foskett, Katrice Wasgatt

Refreshments: Pam Adams, Jane Foskett

Counters: Gerry Teig, Jim Foskett

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
by the Howles
in celebration of Annyn's graduation from college.

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