

PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 4TH 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

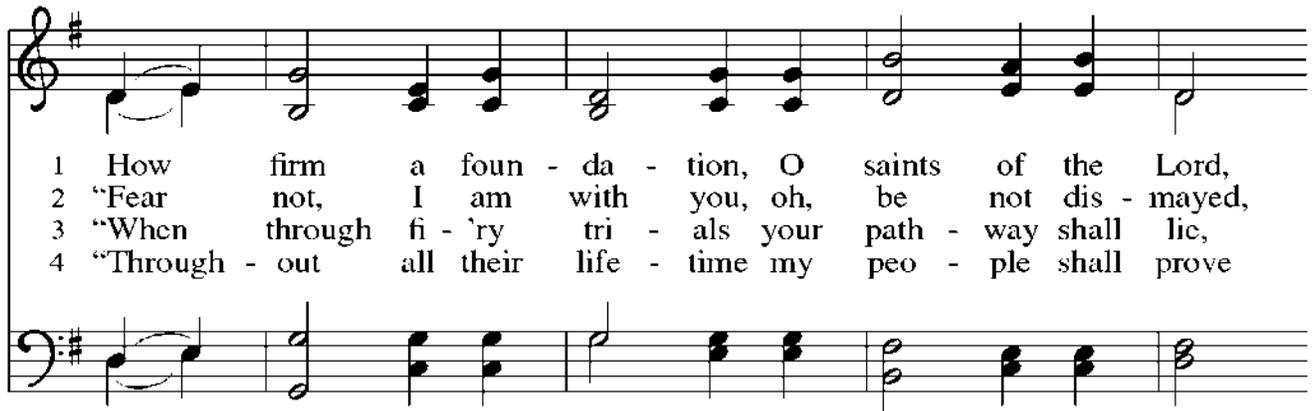
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, **+** the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.





1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

OPENING DIALOGUE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace from above,

and for our salvation,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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.

Lord, have mercy

For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

¹To you I lift ¹ up my eyes,
to you enthroned ¹ in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand ¹ of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show ¹ us your mercy. R

³Have mercy upon us, O ¹ LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough ¹ of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the in- ¹ dolent rich,**
and of the derision ¹ of the proud. R

SECOND LESSON : 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more

gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4::1-13

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter..

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.



“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.

Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

COMMUNION

Communion is received at the very end of the worship service.

The Pastor will come to your seat.

*Worshippers are encouraged to receive the bread and wine, to eat and drink,
and leave as you are comfortable.*

Elements at in-person worship are wine & juice made with grapes.

Please let Pastor know if you require gluten free bread

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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**

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



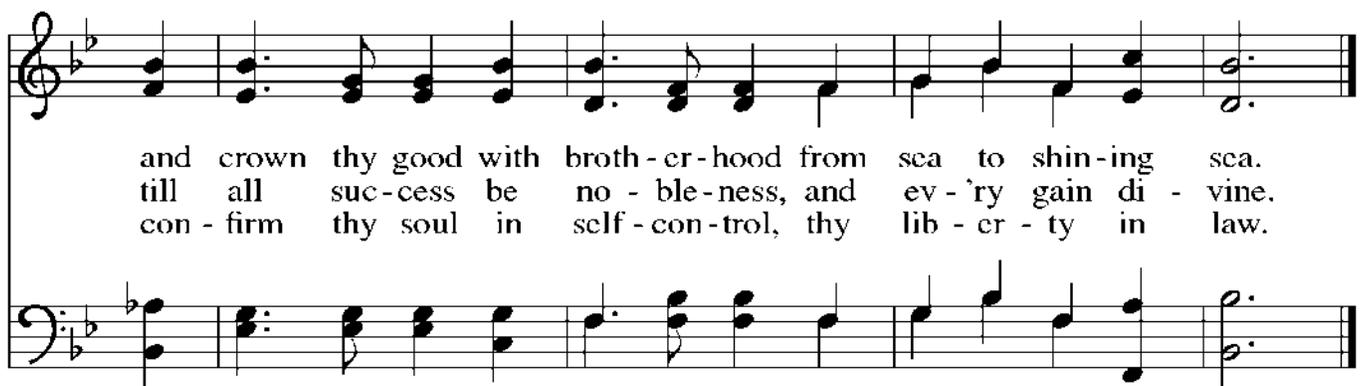
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Prayers for Week of July 4

TODAY we pray for:

Paul & Judy Freys
Janet Enslin
Phil Calabrese and wife Marilee
Connie
Bill for successful surgery and recovery
Bob and Mae Lee; parents of Will who passed away.
Gert
Mike Goyda
Bob Ench
Bill
Jenny
David & Angie Wasgatt
August—cousin of Mandy Munson
Vera Wagenfuhr
Claire
Ron Walker
Ed Nagy
Debbie
Ben
Nancy Miller
Brian
Allen Whitley
Roger Camp
Krisinda Dielemans

- all in our hearts and minds today.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Pat Kizuka; Polly Gillis; Louise Ench, Kathy Long; Gener Ernst, Barbara Hewlett, Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher, daughter in law of Erika and Ed Burke; Kyle; Bill Smith, step-father of Rebecca Koreck; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; The Fenner family; John Worrell; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; Angie Wasgatt; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Gretchen Platz; Ellen Hall; Nanci Hunsinger, Claire Schoening; Tyler, Bill Howerin; Marcia Burton; Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference

For all pastors and church leaders

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

**To request a prayer, or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481)
or email office@glcde.org.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR July 4, 2021

In honor of the Fourth of July national holiday, the church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

In case of pastoral emergency, call the church office and leave a message (302-239-6481).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY July 18 at 11:00am

• FAMILY PROMISE HOST STARTS JULY 11th

- Grace will be sharing the hosting of the Family Promise families at JESUS HOUSE with Holy Rosary Parish and their support congregation for the whole week.
- Sunday evening dinner (July 11th is being provided by the coordinators of Grace and Holy Rosary Church. Grace is responsible for dinner on Monday (July 12th, Tuesday (July 13, and Wednesday (July 14) evenings. Holy Rosary Church is preparing dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Anyone who would like to help prepare dinners, please call Mary Howle at 610-274-2135 or email to rbhowle@comcast.net.
- Financial donations toward supplies (diapers, lunch, breakfast items, snacks) is always appreciated. Make checks to Grace Lutheran, marked for Family Promise.

Mary Howle

Wilmington Workcamp Volunteer Opportunities

What: High school aged volunteers coming to complete minor home repairs for senior citizens

When: July 11 - 17

Where: Youth housed at McKean High school. Work sites within 10 mile radius.

How to Help: Serve meal at McKean High school (provided by site)

: Provide & deliver early afternoon cool treat to work sites

: Provide & distribute late afternoon snacks at McKean

: Donate \$ to Group Mission Trips to help cover cost of materials

Questions: Sandy Betley (302-545-8676) or at sandybetley@comcast.net

Sign up to Volunteer: Sandy Witman (302-668-6302) or at slwitman@comcast.net

July 23 Church Picnic and VBS Celebration beginning at 5:30pm

We have missed gathering for a meal as a church family! We are excited to announce that we are expanding Grace's Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School Family Night into a congregation-wide event. We hope that everyone at Grace will join us for an outdoor, socially-distanced meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, pre-packaged sides, dessert, crafts, and the Rocky Railway VBS Wrap-up Show! Please RSVP by clicking [here](#) to help plan how much food to purchase. If you are interested in supporting the event, you can sign up to volunteer or donate through the same link. Rain date is Saturday, July 24th, at 5:30 p.m.



Summer Camp...Almost Back to Normal at Hilltop

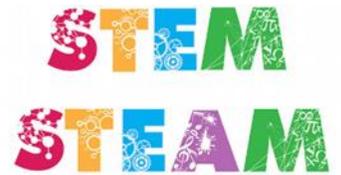
Summer at the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center means Summer Camp and this year is no different, despite the pandemic. Unlike last year, when activities were severely limited to the Center itself, this year will be much more robust, although the number of children that may attend is about half the usual number.

Field Trip!



Center Executive Director, Michelle Williams announced late in June, that the much-anticipated camp field trips are back! “Field trips for summer camps have been approved and students are excited! Staff is revising the camp calendar to include in person activities/events.” Michelle notes that “there is still a social distancing requirement on busses which may increase the cost of transportation, but that restriction may also change in the coming weeks.” We are keeping our fingers crossed, Michelle!

Meanwhile, Hilltop Youth Services Director, Teresa Allen says changes were made to this year’s camp curriculum to supplement the knowledge missed by the COVID based learning opportunities this past school year. “I have created a new lesson plan to address added summer enrichment areas. Some of those areas include: technology education, summer reading program, STEM and STEAM projects and math games.” In addition, Teresa says she “hopes to lessen the summer learning slide with the addition of the aforementioned enrichment offerings.” But the effort does not end there. Teresa reports that “a materials list is currently being compiled to provide summer reading books and activities to support learning throughout the summer months. Science and STEM/STEAM books have been purchased to assist our staff in engaging our scholars in fun and rigorous activities.”



Finally, the COVID pandemic is not quite over and the subject remains a part of nearly all Center activities. Executive Director Williams says Center administrators and staff are doing their part to become educated about the vaccines and their impact. “COVID-19 vaccine information/events continue to be distributed to and posted for staff and families. Dr. Marshala Lee, Christiana Care, came to the full staff meeting to talk to staff about the effectiveness and safety of the vaccine. She also answered questions that staff had about hesitancy in getting the vaccine. Staff enjoyed the discussion with her.”

Have a great summer!

Eric F. Mease

Member, Board of Directors

Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center

IN-PERSON WORSHIP UPDATE!

With the temperatures in our area soaring upwards into the “uncomfortable” range, your Grace Gathering Task Force—in accordance with State and Local guidelines for indoor gatherings, has given the “thumbs up” to move our Sunday morning worship services, starting **June 27 @ 10 am**, indoors!! We are so grateful for the Lord’s guidance throughout this pandemic and I know we are all anxiously looking forward to gathering again in “normal” fashion... and we are working on that!

Please be mindful of the adaptations needed to make this happen for the benefit of our entire Grace family:

ALL are welcome to attend—Please **wear a mask** if you are **UNVACCINATED** or if masking up makes you more comfortable. Anyone who **HAS BEEN VACCINATED** is **NOT** required to wear a mask. * Reminder that children under 12 are not, at this time eligible to be vaccinated so be mindful of them as their families return to church.

At this point in the summer months, the nursery **WILL** be open and cleaned, but it will **NOT** be staffed; it will be available to anyone who wishes to “take a break” with their little ones and listen to the service as you feel led.

You will **NOT be required to sign up** ahead of time, **but will** sign in upon arrival for contact tracing, should the need arise. **6 ft socially distanced “pods” are still in place** and will fill as people arrive—if more seating is needed, chairs will be added in the near narthex area. Please enter, worship, and leave the building in a mindful, socially distanced manner, and enjoy your “fellowship time” outdoors after the service.

Any further instructions will be communicated by Pastor Tara as needed; the **service will continue to be live-streamed** for those who are unable or uncomfortable with joining in-person.

Thank you, Lord for your provisions throughout this struggle and for the joy in knowing you are sovereign and your will be done.

Peace-- Julie Auger

Grace Lutheran Church

Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor

Rev. David Wasgatt, Pastor Emeritus

Jordan Irazabal, director of music

Susan Wells Allen, office manager

Louis Jones, custodian

Assisting Minister: Nancy Goyda