

PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



HYMN

*Give Thanks*

W&P 41

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.  
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## OPENING DIALOGUE

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>I will go before you  
and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

- <sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved  
will judge the peoples with equity."**
- <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,  
for you come to judge the earth.**
- <sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by

God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

The holy gospel of Matthew beginning in the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **THE MESSAGE**

#### **PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**And also with you.**

## 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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt

*(especially)*. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you *(especially)*. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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

Mothering God,  
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
  
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
  
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
  
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!



## **Prayers of the Faithful for Week of October 18**

### **TODAY we pray for:**

Bishop Bill Gohl  
Louise Ench  
Christina— Covid-19  
Terri Ripski— thanksgiving for good medical report  
Samantha; niece of Susan Porter  
Family and friends of Evelyn Pettit as they mourn her death  
Family & friends of Dick Johnson as they mourn his death  
Kathy Long  
Stacy Dambaugh, Tim Dambaugh & family  
Gener Ernst  
Sue, friend of JoAnne Deaton  
Roger Camp  
Krisida Alberto  
Family & friends of Pat Corrigan as they mourn her death— mother of Diane Teig  
Owen Mathre  
Diane Kiefer daughter of Margie Betley  
Barbara Hewlett, daughter-in-law of Kathy Long  
Russ & Joan Snyder  
Lee as he recovers from covid-19  
all those in our hearts and minds today.

### **WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Scott, Chris, Denise, Clare Benz and Lynda Martinez, Barbara Lynn Grabher; daughter in law of Erika and Ed Burke, Kyle, diagnosed with covid-19, Bill Smith; step-father of Rebecca Koreck, Lena, Leslie, friend of Diane Teig, Jack Baskow, Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Connie and family, Scott & Lia Wycoff, The Fenner family, John Worrell—brother in law of Bill Baur, Mike Goyda, Lis Verbeck, Lois Snyder

David & Angie Wasgatt, Lou Ellen Machin, Evelyn Pettit, Dick Johnson, John Deaton, Joan Sandstorm, Delores Sipe, Doug Price, John Maurer, Bob Waller, Kent Hardel, Gretchen Platz, Ellen Hall, Nanci Hunsinger, Betty Magoon, Claire Schoening, Tyler, Bill Howerin, Marcia Burton, Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Barbara Melosh

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan 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.

For all of our global neighbors, stricken by the covid-19virus.

**To request or change prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) or email the office@gmail.com.**

# Announcements for October 18

## News from Church Council

Grace's Council and Finance Team would like to thank the congregation for their generosity during our Mortgage Reduction Campaign. Over the last two years we have raised sufficient funds to make a meaningful impact on our current and future flexibility in managing this major expense. Below is the status of our efforts:

- The congregation has contributed over \$70,000 over the last two years with \$52,600 since June to reduce our balance to \$369,000.
- Our Thrivent adjustable rate mortgage reset in September to a new rate of 3.625 % that will be good for the next 5 years.
- Our new monthly payment will be \$2764, which \$207 lower than our old payment increasing our financial flexibility in these difficult times.
- Contributions that were received after the deadline for the reset calculation will still shorten the life of our loan by about 10 months. Any future contributions will shorten the life of the loan even further.
- The Finance Team will continue to monitor the commercial mortgage market to potentially identify a more attractive fixed rate option for the future.

The congregation should know that they have a very capable Finance Team that has left no stone unturned in finding the best options for Grace. I would like to thank Tom Frederick (Chair), Bill Bechstein, Pam Adams, Jane Teasley, and Tim Dambaugh as the outgoing Council President for their work on this team.

Again, thank you to everyone who has given out of the abundance provided us by our Lord and God!

Mark Teasley  
Council President

## **Adult Education Study of 1 & 2 Corinthians with Jeremy Magoon**

We will begin a Bible study on these letters of Paul using the Book of Faith series. The class will meet via Zoom at 11 AM on Sunday mornings following Grace Coffee and Connect. The scripture passages for this series are below and will be updated on which passage is the class studying each week.

1. *Whose am I?* 1 Corinthians 1: 1-30
2. *What Then Am I?* 1 Corinthians 3: 1- 4: 5
3. *It's Not All About Me?* 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20& 10: 23-33
4. *What Am I Good For?* 1 Corinthians 12: 1-31
5. *What Will I Be Ultimately?* 1 Corinthians 15: 12-28, 35-58
6. *How Do I Achieve This Glory?* 2 Corinthians 3: 1- 4: 15
7. *What Can I Do Here and Now?* 2 Corinthians 4: 16- 5: 21
8. *What Is My Response to God's Grace?* 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 & 9: 1-15



## COFFEE & CONNECT starts at 10:00am on Zoom

Join the Congregation on your computer or phone.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184540007?pwd=VW5Vb25JanJNdjdRK2hkRnZQZVpKdz09>

Use the following:

Meeting ID: 891 8454 0007

Password: Connect

by Phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099 or 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 891 8454 0007

Password: 5655226

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## **FYI**

### **Thank you from Sunday Breakfast Mission**

We thank you all who left donations for the Sunday Breakfast Mission in the coat closet bin even during these difficult times. It was heartening to see your bags of toothpaste, soap, new baseball caps and other toiletries. They, along with a carton of dental products from the Dental Associates of Delaware, were received October 8 by the Mission with much gratitude. With so many churches closed, donations have dwindled, but I hope to make a delivery of Grace's new donations around mid-November. As the SBM guest who unloaded my trunk said, "Thank you for thinking of us!" I thank you all as well. Sue Eriksen

### **In-person Worship for the Next Two Sundays**

Next week is Reformation Sunday and will be in-person worship at 8:30 at Grace with celebration of holy communion.

The link for October 25 Registration for the service is on the Grace website front page. Click on the date for the service and fill in your information.

The link for All Saints Sunday is also available on the front page of the website.

<https://www.glcde.org/>

## Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware

Thank you very much for continuing to keep LCM at UD in your thoughts and prayers. Since the university has asked that student groups not convene in person, LCM has been meeting regularly online, including our weekly Tuesday evening worship gatherings and Thursday afternoon Bible studies. Several new students have joined the group this fall, via *Zoom*, and their presence is a wonderful blessing to our community. We look forward to the time when we will be able to meet them in person! : )

As of mid-October, the exterior of LCM's "Pauls' Chapel" building has received a new coat of paint, thanks to a sunny and productive work day that included board members, staff, and even Bishop Bill Gohl, who graciously drove up from Baltimore to join the crew. The ways in which the surface stucco received the paint, soaking it in deeply, reminded me of the ways in which our students are hungry for fellowship, for challenges, for opportunities to gather, and for the chance to learn more about Jesus and the things of faith. We are grateful to all those who help to make those blessings possible for our young adults!

Do you know any UD students who are looking for a rental home for next year? LCM's ministry-owned Bonhoeffer House is available for rental as a house during the entire 2021-22 academic year. The building, located just east of the main campus, has two single rooms and one double room, with utilities included and parking provided. For inquiries and house photos, please contact our Ministry Coordinator, JoAnne Gross ([office@lcmde.org](mailto:office@lcmde.org).)

The Directing Committee (LCM's governing board) and JoAnne, who are all pictured below, join me in inviting you prayerfully to consider making a donation to Lutheran Campus Ministry this fall. LCM at UD, like many organizations, is facing a more complex financial picture this year, due to the impact of COVID-19. In lieu of our annual in-person fundraising dinner, we are preparing a devotional booklet, which includes writings from students, staff, and volunteers. These booklets will be sent to all of our ministry constituents by the end of November. We pray that this gift will bless you, just as you bless us with your support and prayers. Thank you from our hearts for your partnership in ministry, and may Jesus keep you and your loved ones safe, healthy, and abiding in His peace throughout these uncertain times.

In Christ, Mindy †  
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