

Service of Holy Communion for January 29, 2023.
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8:30am

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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away
from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may
be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✚ Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Speak O Lord

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VERSE

F/A G/B C² F C F C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You ___ to re - ceive the food ___ of Your
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; ___ Help us grasp the heights ___ of Your

4 Am G/B F/A G/B C² F C



ho - ly word. ___ Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; ___ Shape and
 -mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes ___ in the
 plans for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, ___ that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E G G/F C/E



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down ___ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

10 G^{SUS}/F G⁹/F C²/E G G/F C/E Am G^{SUS} G F/A G/B C²



seen ___ to - day ___ in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. ___ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes ___ to see ___ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
 prom - is - es; ___ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your

14 F C F C/E F G^{SUS} G C



-fill in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; ___ Let their truth pre - vail. ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
 church is built ___ and the earth is filled ___ with Your glo - ry.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P` Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Glory

*Refrain: All

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry

1
and the hon - or to the Lord!

2
and the hon - or to the Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel of Matthew the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds

of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

Please stand at the last verse.

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy -
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers (*local and international reconciliation efforts may be named*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially*). Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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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located inside both sanctuary doors.*

ANTHEM

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Barrett/Ingram/Tomlin

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary

Thompson/Scruggs



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, — pure and ho - ly, tried and



true; — With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a



liv - ing — sanc - tu - ar - y for — You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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

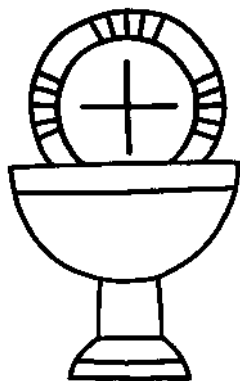
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 taste the joy of God!
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 their 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

As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Give Thanks W&P 41



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Here is Bread ELW 483

C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

F/A Am G/B C G/B Am E⁷

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

F/A C/G G ¹ C Fm/C ^{2,3} C Gm⁷ Bb/C

Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain
 FM⁷ F⁶ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is

Bb/C C Bb/D C/E FM⁷ F#dim⁷

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,

Em⁷ A⁷aug Dm⁷ G⁷ C

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

We Are Called

G G/B C C/D D

1 Come! Live in the light!
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!

G G/B C D D/F#

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

Em Em⁷/D C G/B

called to be light for the king - dom, to
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

Am⁷ G/B C C/D D

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

Am⁹ G/B C D D/F# C/G D/G G G/B C

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

D Em Em⁷/D G/B C D D/F#

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C/G D/G G Am⁷ G/B C D C/G D/G G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS FOR JANUARY 29, 2023

TODAY we pray:

- *Scott Wycoff (surgery this week)*
- *Lia Wycoff*
- *Jan Hufnal*
- *Jocelyn McClelland *grandmother of Audrey Day)*
- *Jeff Dandoy (Audrey Day's father)*
- *Tommy (nephew of Audrey Day)*
- *Marilaura, successful surgery (sister of Vera Wagenfuhr)*
- *Ed Burke*
- *Karl Wagenfuhr (son of Vera Wagenfuhr)*
- *Itamar and sister Irama (relative of Vera Wagenfuhr)*
- *Pam Hyde (friend of Merrily Schiavone)*
- *Jennifer Wolf (niece of Brian and Sandy Wolf)*
- *Rich DiRocco (neighbor of Kathy Long)*
- *Midge (friend of Vera Wagenfuhr)*
- *Kendall, Aimee & Scott Oller (Lynda Martinez)*
- * *Maria Santopietro (friend of Beth Fenner)*

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Judy & Paul Freys (aunt and uncle of Beth Fenner); Krista Wacker; Val; Ben Epstein; Lynne Luettgen; Pam Wasgatt Montecalvo; Richard McBride; Debbie Anderson; Laurie Spears; John Boguki; Terri Dickson Riggleman, Lois Nordby (sister of Gerry Teig;)*John Keating*

Kathy Long; Joanne Deaton; Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; 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.

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

TOWN MEETING
Sunday, January 29
between services
Join Us!

Sunday Worship & Education
8:30am Service of Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday School for all ages!
11:00am Service of Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30am

Assisting Minister: Nancy Goyda
Greeter/Usher: Stacy Dambaugh
Usher: Tim Dambaugh
Reader: Panny Matchen
Sound: Kris McMahan
Nursery: Kristen Frederick, Matt Frederick
Counters: Gerry Teig, Jane Foskett
Refreshments: Pam Adams, Beth Fenner

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