

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives



June 12, 2022

PRELUDE

The Holy Trinity

Abide with Me Adult Handbells arr. Jason W. Krug

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

You are invited to stand as you are able.



GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

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.**

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN (Congregation sits. Children are invited to come forward during the song and sit on the chancel steps.)

W&P 141

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this the day that the Lord has made.

Text: Psalm 118:24

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Sit)

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: 8 (*Read responsively*)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

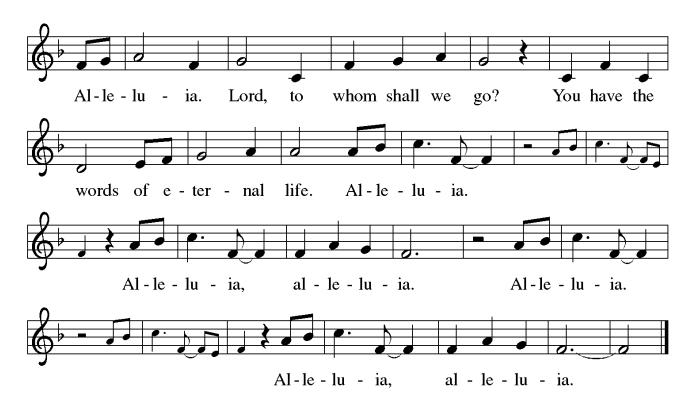
SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to sixteenth chapter of John. *Congregation sings:*



[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit) Silence for Reflection Pastor Dave



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin-i-ty, new-born in Beth-le-hem;
- 3 Come, speak a loud of Trin i ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With in the dance of Trin i ty, be fore all worlds be gun,



of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, the in - ter-weav-ing Son. then blood-ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name. set of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, sing the prais - es we



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone; We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



love and hope, made room with-in their dance. the Three, in but as dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. when fear con-fines the weight and woe that we tell the world of are free to move! go shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty. to

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.

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either sit or kneel.

The response to each prayer will be *God of grace*, *hear our prayer*.

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE (Stand)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

^{*}Lower case "c" means universal.

OFFERING

Support the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei by giving your financial tithes and offerings by:

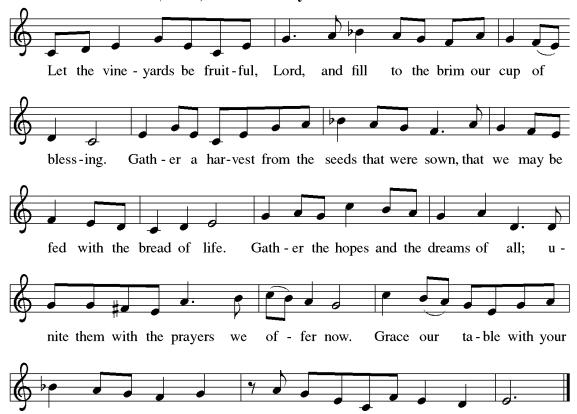
- mailing to Gloria Dei Church, 250 Fox Hill Rd, Hampton, VA 23669.
- *using the Tithe.ly app: https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app.*
- using online bill pay with your own banking institution, using your envelope number as your account number.

ANTHEM

Near the Cross Adult Handbells arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 182 (Stand) Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Richard W. Hillert



a fore-taste of the feast

to

come.

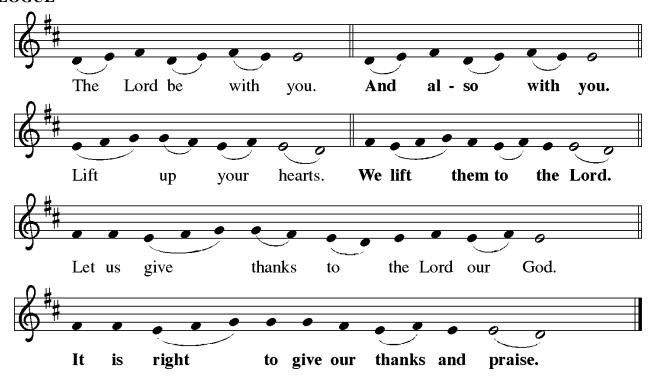
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:
God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

pres-ence, and give

us

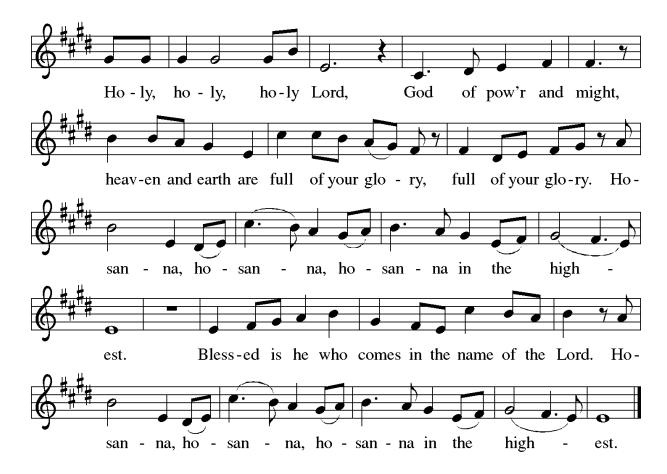
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

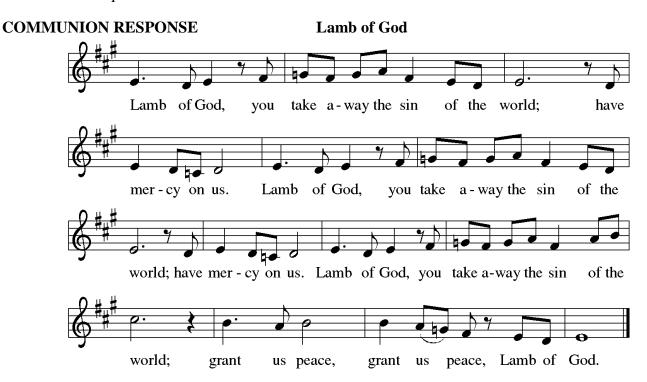
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.



All those who believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness are welcome to share in Communion.

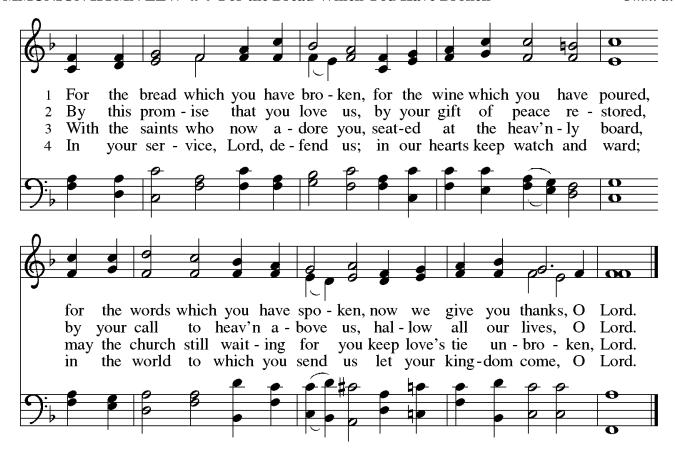
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please sit and wait on our ushers to instruct you on when to come forward.)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.





SENDING

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL (Stand)

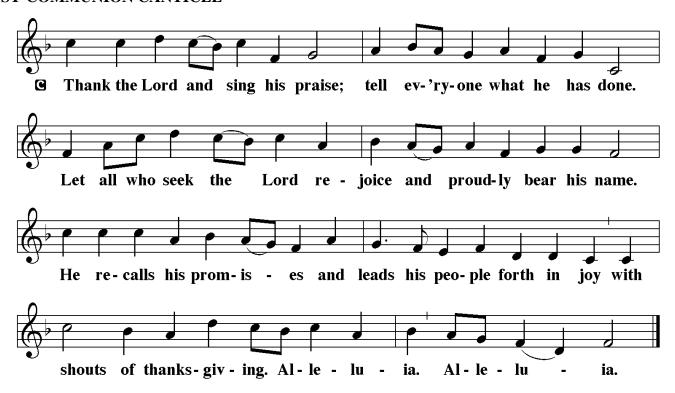
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

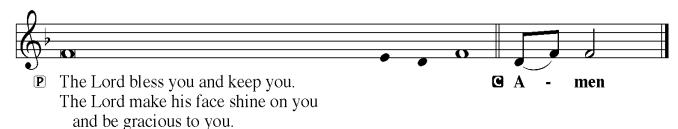
Let us pray together:

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



BENEDICTION



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

DISMISSAL (Sit)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please take this time to ponder what Christ may be calling you/us to do through today's prayers, readings, sermons, and hymns as we listen to the postlude.



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by John and Carolyn Campbell in celebration of Dylan's birthday.

#1—Serving Today

CANTOR: Kevin Morse

CROSS AND CROWN: Dallam Brown, Charlie Venable

LAY ASSISTANT: Ernie Atkins READER: Amy Etheridge

TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Andrew Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

USHER: Jason Green

#2—Financial Plan Discussions

Today, Sunday, June 12, after worship the congregation is invited to attend a discussion session about our upcoming financial plan for 2022-2023. You may attend either online or in person in the Simeon Center.

#3—H.E.L.P. Food Donations

The Memorial Day Challenge is over. We delivered a car load of groceries to the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry on June 7. We counted a total 629 food items in the five labeled boxes. The Navy had the highest number of votes with 185 items. Check out the display in the atrium for photos and additional information.

As promised, we will thank the winner today with a musical salute during the announcements.



Fellowship Bible Study processing food donations.

#4—Senior Youth

On **June 24** we will be going to the Pilots Game right here in Hampton. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 each. Bring money for concessions, as well. Please RSVP to Mrs. Todd, Ms. Lomax or Mr. Lowman by June 20.

#5—Attention, Graduates!

If you are graduating from college or high school this year, please notify the church office with your name, school, address and phone number, along with your future plans. We will list you in our July/August newsletter and a *Weekly*.

Our <u>Baccalaureate service</u> will be held today, **Sunday**, **June 12**, at 7:00 p.m.

#6—A Pint with Pastor

Please join Pastor Dave on the following Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the listed locations.

June 22

Bull Island Brewing Company 758 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton

July 13

Oozlefinch Beers & Blending 81 Patch Road, Fort Monroe

#7—Doughnuts on the Beach with Pastor

On **June 20 and July 18**, from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., join Pastor Dave at Buckroe Beach for doughnuts and conversation. Bring your own beverage and beach chair. You can find Pastor between Buckroe Avenue and the walking pier. Note: pets are not allowed on the beach between May 15 and September 15. If it is raining, we will not meet.

#8—VBS Decorating and Teen Training

On **Saturday**, **June 11**, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., we will have teen training in the coffee bar/Simeon Center.

We also need volunteers to help decorate on the following dates: Saturday, June 18, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 25, from 10:00 a.m.-until done.

#9—Our Love and Prayers go out to...

Our members: Miranda Venable, Joe Martin, Al Scherrer III, Bayden Dadez, Nancy Monroe, JP Venable, Amy Fuentes, Bill Siefers, Danny Roark, Amanda Jackson, Max Vanpelt, Debbie Dunn, Dolores Davis, Bill Monroe, Jay Hart, Jacob Hutchison, Paula Jones, Donna Vanorsdale, Bill Swanson, Jenny Robinson, Betty Bryant, Joan Hudgins, Joe Morrison, Emily Urban, Vi Board, Debbi Ortiz, Jill Ruhl, Sharon Rose, Dana Smith, Anita Custer, Jean Liesman, Joann Morrison, Gerry Ehlers, Marna Mayo

We thank you for sharing your prayer concerns. All names below will remain on the prayer list for the current month. Should you wish your loved one to remain on this list for another month, please call the church office the first week of each month to have them added.

Prayers for our families and friends:

Tommy Reaves, friend of Jim Fullen

Piper Olwig, Gloria Dei Student

Felice Holloway, mother of Sharon Bennett

Cameron and Brittany, daughter and son-in-law of the Vanorsdales Castiel, Marley, & Eliana, great-grandchildren of the Vanorsdales

Kirk French, friend of Susan Krebs

Becki Clasen, sister-in-law of Tom Clasen

Jane Rice, friend of Gloria Dei

Julia Mutch, friend of the Fullens

Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable

Erin Weigel, friend of B.S. Troop 84 and the Pfahls

Tracy Brandenburg, friend of Peggy Sipes John Small, brother of Vicki Venable

Barbara Benson, friend of Jim and Jeane Fullen

Marc Schaub, brother of Kim Miller

Nancy Percherke, mother of Susan Grimm

Claudine Whitehead, mother of Bonnie Hess

Corie Amell, niece of Julie Hutchison

Mike May, brother of Deborah Walker (GDLS employee)

Sheila May, mother of Deborah Walker (GDLS employee)

Dee Westmoreland, step-mother of Tammy Bialk

Jon Westmoreland, father of Tammy Bialk

Shirley Bialk, mother-in-law of Tammy Bialk

Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale

Carolyn Hitchcock, mother of Susan Bowman

Arnold Kallberg, family member of Bonnie Morelen

Pauline Schaub, mother of Kim Miller

Cameron Gular, Gloria Dei School student

#10—Fellowship Bible Study

Due to school class programs, **next Tuesday**, **June 14**, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Jill Ruhl's home, 14 Nathan Street, Hampton. We will begin a new study for June, July, and August. We will be working from the Augsburg Fortress Bible Study book, "Partners in a New Creation," with scriptures from Isaiah, John and Revelation, and writings from Barbara Rossing and Ann Hafftan. Join us as we study the Bible's visions of new creation. Jennifer Williams will facilitate.

June 21 we will resume meeting Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Simeon Center.

Interested? Call Jill Ruhl, 757-570-4511.

#11—Coffee Creators Needed

If you enjoy drinking a cup of coffee on Sunday mornings, please consider helping serve on Sunday mornings as a Coffee Creator. Please contact Vicki Venable if you are interested, 757-281-9468 or vlvenable@gmail.com.

#12—Members and friends serving in the military who have asked for our prayers:

Michael Black, III, USAF Friend of the Todd family Ian Bogy, USN **Husband of Tamara Bogy** Mark Bradford, USN Husband of Marilyn Bradford Megan Browning, USMC Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton Colin Chambers, USA Friend of Mike Canny Ryan Curtis, USAF Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Crystal Curtis, USAF Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis John Demitraszek, USMC Son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Swanson Matthew Dudek, USA Friend of the Venables Ellery Ginel, USMC Grandson of Debbi Ortiz Tyler Green, USAF Son-in-law of Judy Wagner St. Pierre Nicholas Griese, USAF Son of Vivian Griese Jack Jones, USA Family friend of Mike Canny Member of Gloria Dei Dylan Kremp, USMC Kerri Masters, USA Member of Gloria Dei W. Allan Monroe, USN Son of Bill and Nancy Monroe Matthew Morse, USMC Son of Kevin Morse Troy Newton, USN Friend of Laura and Berto Lopez Kris Robinson, USN Member of Gloria Dei Bradley Rollyson, USMC Son of Mark and Marilyn Bradford Marc St. Pierre, USMC Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO Son of Bill and Carolyn Swanson Jonathan Swanson, USMC Son of Bill and Carolyn Swanson Steve Swanson, USN J.P. Venable, III, USAF Member of Gloria Dei Richard Williams, USAF Husband of Stephanie Williams and Son of Gerry and Joan Ehlers

#13—Next Week at Gloria Dei

TodayTHE HOLY TRINITY
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP
10:45 a.m. Annual Plan Discussion
7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service
Tuesday.......7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Court of Honor
Wednesday7:00 p.m. GDLS Graduation
Thursday6:30 p.m. Worship Band
Next Sunday.....SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Father's Day
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

#14—Birthdays

- 12 Vivian Reynolds
- 13 Sandy Taylor, Calvin Dugger, Joanna Bayles, Isabella Mendez
- 14 Keri Stewart
- 16 Pam Robnett
- 18 Shannon Sexton
- 19 Bailey Sexton

#15—Anniversaries

- 12 Oscar and Carol Godley
- 18 Dean and Jennifer Epps

#16—Nursery Workers Needed

Our Nursery is available on an RSVP basis for our Wonderful Wednesday program and Sunday morning. If you are interested in working with children four years and younger, please contact Laura Lopez, 757-768-3621 or laura.venable13@gmail.com.

#17—Nursery Reservations

Our Nursery staff are ready to take care of your little ones while you are attending worship on Sunday mornings. We ask that you please notify the Church Office (tbialk@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net) each week if you will be needing this service. The deadline for RSVP's is the Wednesday prior. Please know that the Nursery staff has had their First Aid/CPR certifications updated. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office, 757-851-2838.

#18—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- Teachers and Aides for School and Child Care
- Transportation Coordinator
- Bus Drivers

If you are interested in any of these positions, you can find an application online at: http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms. Once completed, you may turn it in to the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa Dadez.

#19—#PrayFor400

Our goal for student enrollment at Gloria Dei in the 2022-2023 school year is 400 students. We would like for you to use **#PrayFor400** anytime you are on a social media platform and talking about our Church or School. We also want you to take time daily to pray for our School and to specifically pray for 400 students for our next school year. We also want you to pray for the staff and volunteer positions to support our 400 students. Anytime you see we are looking for positions, pray specifically for that position to be filled. **#PrayFor400** is our prayer for the next 13 months. Will you join us in prayer?



#20—WELCA Book Club

First of all, the Women's Book Club would like to thank the Girl Scouts for a great evening with author Dawn Brotherton. It was a great evening, and we appreciated the opportunity to join you. And you introduced many of us to a new author! **Thank You!** Please feel free to invite us to your future events. Joining with you is always a treat.

In June the Book Club is getting together on **Monday**, **June 20**, at the home of Sharon Padula at 7:00 p.m. Diane Washburn will cater the evening. The book selected is "The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray.

The remarkable, little-known story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian—who became one of the most powerful women in New York despite the dangerous secret she kept in order to make her dreams come true.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection.

Please consider joining us. It's a fun evening of fellowship, book discussion and always a treat. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Foringer at ref reforinger@verizon.net.

Register Today for Power in the Spirit! July 14-16, 2022

Power in the Spirit includes the Virginia Synod's Gathering & Festival Worship Service!

It's been over two years since we've gathered in-person as a Synod, so we figure this calls for a celebration!

This year's Power in the Spirit includes the **Gathering** and **Celebration of Service for the Virginia Synod!** We've made sure that our Friday workshops include opportunities to learn and do service, and our Friday night worship service will be held at College Lutheran Church. CLC is one block away from the Roanoke College campus, and will provide a fitting sanctuary for a festival service of Holy Communion with celebrations of ministries throughout the Synod.

Everyone who registers for Power in the Spirit is automatically included in the Synod Gathering. To learn more about the Synod Gathering, visit: https://vasynod.org/event/virginia-synod-gathering-and-celebration-of-service/. To learn more about Power in the Spirit, keep reading!

Contact Pastor David Drebes with questions at pastordrebes@gmail.com or (540) 389-4963.



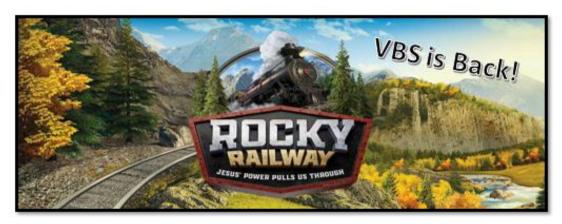
Christmas, at College Lutheran Church.
The decorations will be a little different in July, but the space
will be just as beautiful!
Photo by John Hudson.

Hosted at beautiful Roanoke College in Salem Virginia, Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship.

This year, Power in the Spirit includes a **Gathering and Celebration of Service** for the Virginia Synod, our first opportunity as a Synod to gather together in person in over two years! The **Gathering** takes place during Power in the Spirit, so if you attend Power in the Spirit you are already coming to the **Gathering!**

For more information about the **Gathering** and **Power in the Spirit**, including information on our keynote speakers, workshop leaders, and service opportunities, visit: https://vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PitS2022Registration20220503.pdf.

Join us **July 14-16** at Roanoke College with friends from across Virginia, and beyond! Register for Power in the Spirit today!



VBS 2022 Western Rocky Railway

Sun., June 26 - Thurs., June 30

5:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Ages 4 years – rising 6th grade

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at our Western Rocky Railway!

At this FREE, FUN-FILLED WEEK of VBS, your kids will discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Songs - Bible lessons - crafts - science - games Dinner is provided too! Spaces are limited. Register online today!

Register today at https://vbspro.events/p/events/gloriadeilutheran

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have opportunities in crafts, games, food preparation, food serving, pre-event decorating, registration table, and more! Open to all adults and teens who are rising 7th graders and up!

Visit https://vbspro.events/p/events/gloriadeilutheran to sign up today!

Questions? Contact Alison Phillips, (757)788-9833, or Jenny Sutherland, (757)513-4943.

(An email will be sent closer to the event with more details.)



A Safe and Welcoming Place

My life with Gloria Dei started in the mid 1990's just before Josh arrived. I had been a lifelong Lutheran who grew up in many different churches. Most were highly active with Sunday and Wednesday activities. Wednesdays normally included a potluck dinner followed by First Communion study, Catechism, youth group, prayer groups, youth and adult choir, and often a vesper or other service depending on the season. It was a family affair, and EVERYONE was involved.

Andrea and I knew we needed a church home to raise Josh; and at the time, Gloria Dei was inviting. We were not yet thinking about day care but more about a place for him to be baptized and an "active" church where we would be safe and welcome. I used to sit up front on the right side with his carrier. We learned to navigate a one-hour service and achieved a few goals:



- Me attend (and listen to) a full church service.
- Him attend an actual church service.
- Minimize disruptions and outbursts.

We actually got to be exceptionally good at all three – learning patience and respect. During the next few years, I became more active in fellowship areas working with the men of the church focused on the kitchen, and Josh grew into a Gloria Dei student. That is when I felt that Gloria Dei was our church home. I was safe – Josh was safe. We had friends, support, companions, and faith partners.

I appreciate the breadth of Gloria Dei ministries. If you want to be impressed, pick up an Annual Report and read it cover to cover. We are an active church; I will list just a few. Between church and school, we serve well over 400 children in either education or daycare. We support HELP, annual coat drive, various bible studies, music ministries, numerous care and prayer ministries (including the prayer shawl ministry), JOY, WELCA, and Synod Benevolence. This is simply an excerpt of the Gloria Dei activities. However, we cannot stand on these laurels; my hope is that we double the number of outreach activities and double the depth of our involvement. Yes, that is breadth and depth. Gloria Dei can be the leader in each of these community activities. When people talk about a church that is alive, and growing, and welcoming, and people are involved, and people care – they should be talking about Gloria Dei.

I have not been a lifelong pledger. I have always given to the church, but only in the last 10 years have I completed a commitment card. Not that I was against planning, I just did not submit a card. Likewise, I did not and do not give money to people on the side of the street or phone solicitors. That does not mean that I am not generous. In fact, I would like to think I am trying harder. When I see someone who really needs help, I try to steer them to an organization that can help them for the longer haul. I learned this from my parents. I believe that generosity through the church can be immensely powerful. Furthermore, Gloria Dei's continued support of the ELCA through our synod benevolence can be a multiplier to the world.

For there to be a next generation at Gloria Dei, we need our community involvement to grow in depth and breadth. This is my hope for the next generation that calls Gloria Dei their church home. This will ensure that there is a place for Gloria Dei in Fox Hill.

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