

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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## August 7, 2022

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

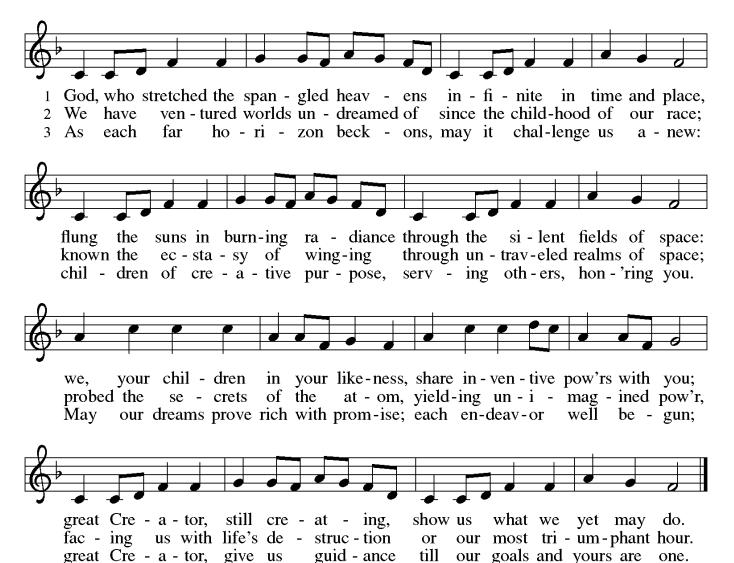
#### Jesus Paid it All

Elvina Hall

Holy Manna

**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL** 

#### GATHERING HYMN ELW 771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



## GATHERING

#### WELCOME

Thank you to Pastor David M. Hindman for serving today. David M. Hindman is a retired United Methodist clergyperson living in Williamsburg. While he served in several parish settings, most of his ministry took place in higher education settings, specifically for 22 years as the United Methodist Campus Minister at The College of William and Mary, and for five years as lead pastor at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of his alma mater, Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. In addition to his studies at R-MC, he has graduate degrees from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. He and his wife Teri enjoy time with their children, grandchildren, and dogs.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Kneel or sit. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **GREETING** (Stand)

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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Life Songs 172

#### The Great Commandments

You shall love the Lord with all your heart You shall love the Lord with all your soul You shall love the Lord with all your mind Yes, heart, soul and mind

You shall love your neighbor as yourself You shall love your neighbor as yourself You shall love your neighbor as yourself Yes, you shall love

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

#### PSALM 33:12-22 (Read responsively)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
<sup>15</sup>God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

#### <sup>19</sup>to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

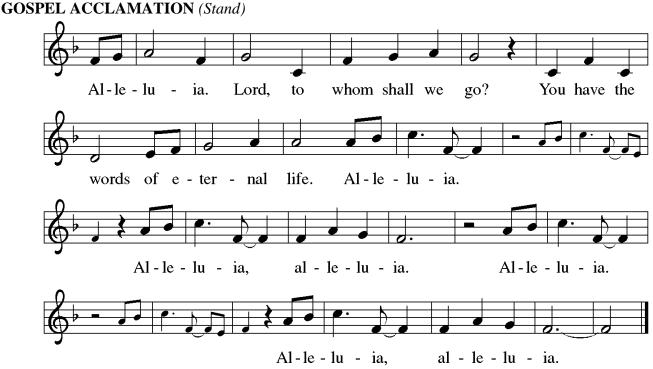
#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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



#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to the twelfth chapter of Luke. Congregation sings:



[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

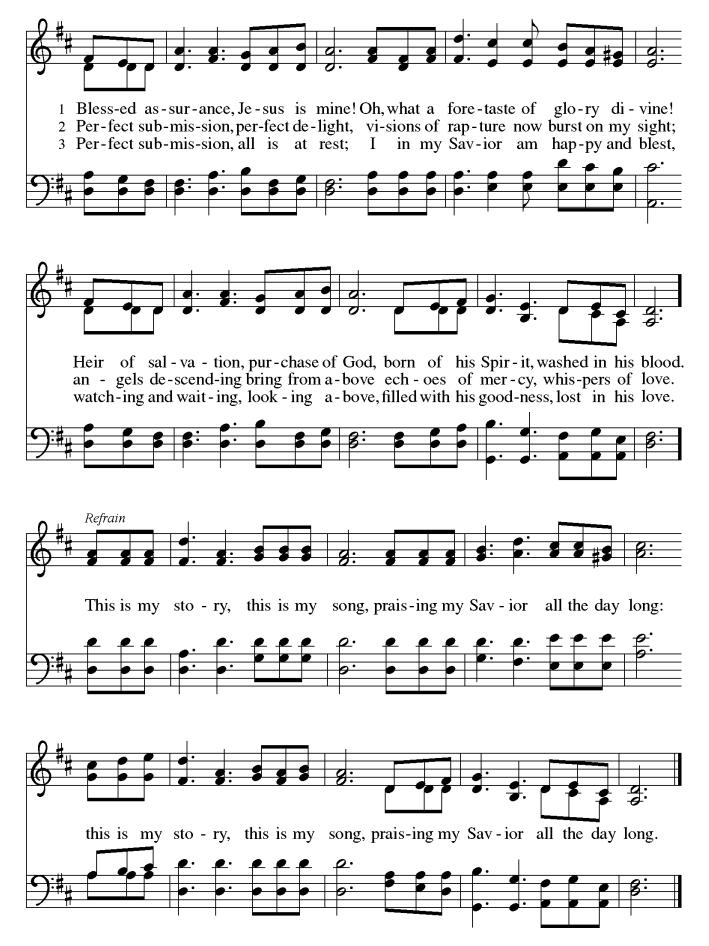
The gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit) Silence for Reflection

Pastor David Hindman

**Blessed Assurance** 



#### **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 to the dead.\* 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.

> \**Or*, "*he descended into hell*," *another translation of this text in widespread use.* \*\**Lower case "c" means universal.*

THE PRAYERS

The response to each prayer will be Merciful God, receive our prayer.

# THE MEAL

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

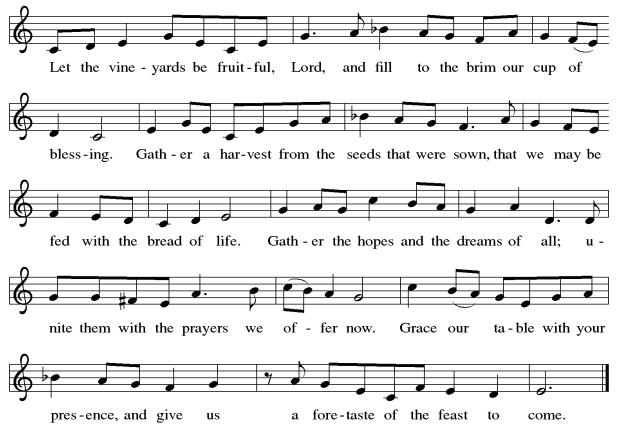
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

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

- mailing to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 250 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, Virginia 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.





#### **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.

#### DIALOGUE

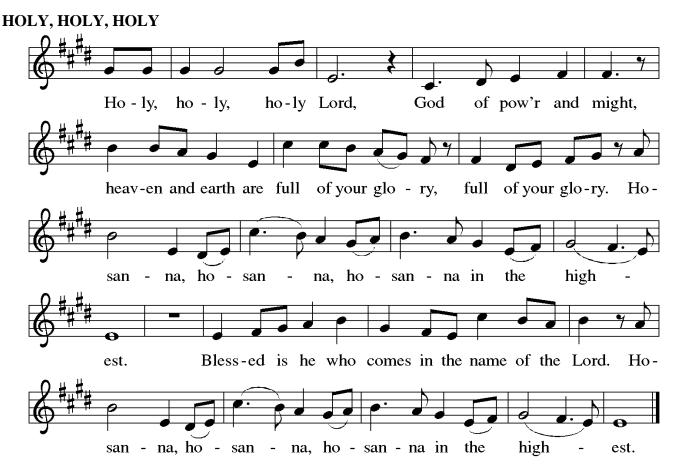
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### 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, 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. 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:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving

and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,

may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



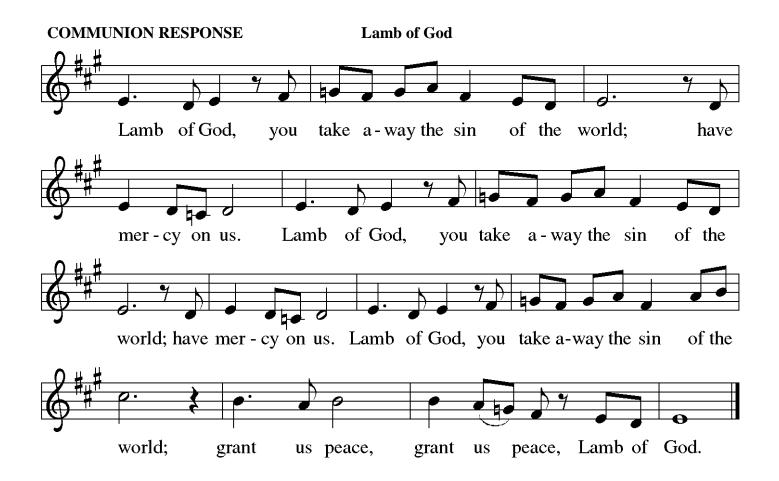
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

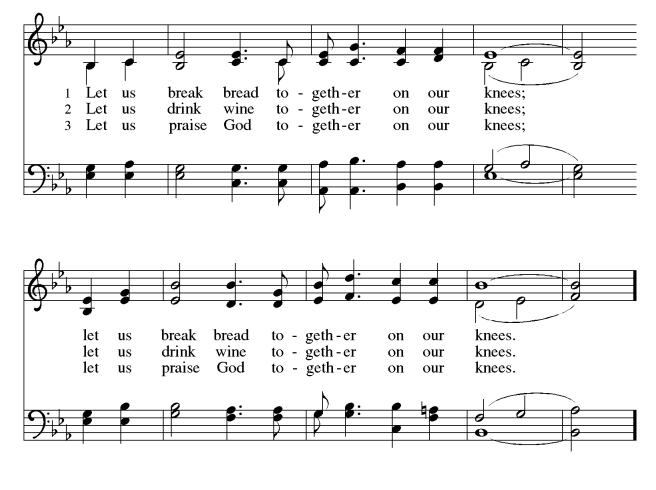


All those who believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness are welcome to share in Communion.

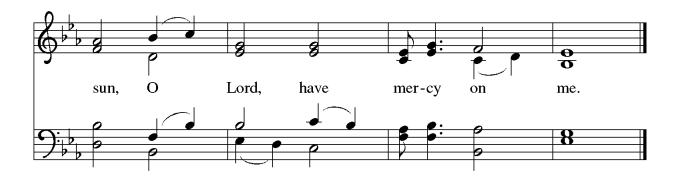
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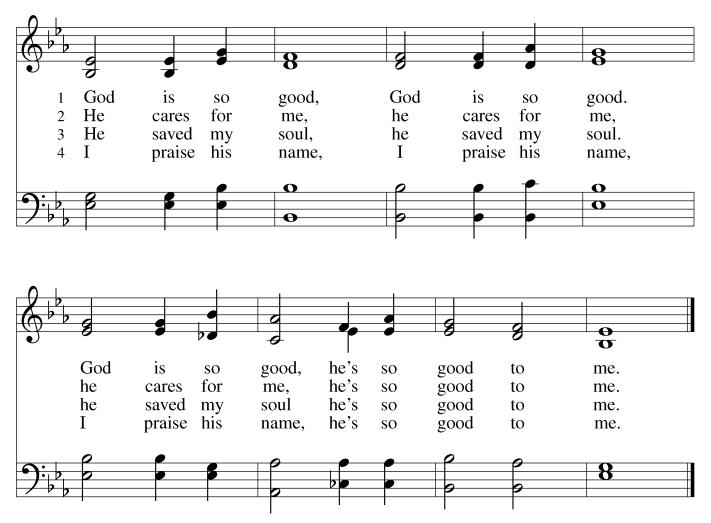
(Please sit and wait on our ushers to instruct you on when to come forward.)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**  Let Us Break Bread Together









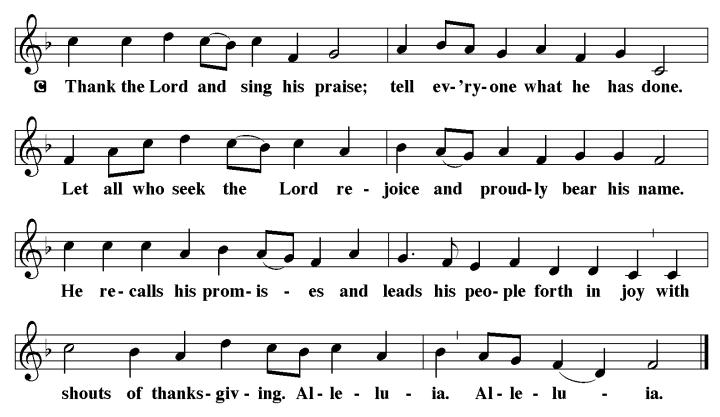
## SENDING

### 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. 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 bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN ACS 949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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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## #1—Serving Today

CANTOR:	Mike Canny
GREETER:	Anita Hamilton
LAY ASSISTANT:	Anne Perry
MUSICIAN:	Mary Mace
READER:	Mike Canny
TECHNICAL TEAM:	Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Andrew Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS:	Brown Cornwell, Jason Green

## #2—A Pint with Pastor

Come join in some casual conversation on Wednesday, August 10, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at 1865 Brewing Co., 9 S. Mallory St., Hampton.

## #3—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- \* Director of Buildings and Grounds
- \* Elementary Teacher
- \* Classroom Aides PT and FT
- \* Transportation Coordinator

- \* Bus Drivers
- \* PE Teacher
- \* Substitute Teachers

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.

## #4—WELCA Book Club

After taking July off, the book club is once again getting together. On Monday, August 8, we will meet at the home of Mary Mace at 7:00 p.m. The book group is open to all women of Gloria Dei, so I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. We read the book, discuss it, and have refreshments. A great way to fellowship with other Christian women.

The book for August is "George Washington's Secret Six." by Brian Kilmeade.

"The Secret Six, who were named after a group of people that helped George Washington during the Revolutionary War, got their name from the fact that they had to keep secrets about what they did and who they worked with. One of these members is still only known as Agent 355 because historians don't know much about her life or her role in this group."

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact me at rforinger@verizon.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rita

## #5—H.E.L.P. Donations

Please, join us in filling up the red wagon to feed the hungry in our community. The following are items on their most needed list:

- Drv cereal in boxes
- Tomato sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Shelf-stable milk in single-serve packages
- Jell-O
- · Canned meat- Spam, corned beef, etc.

- Pork and beans
- Rice-a-Roni/ flavored rice packets
- Paper grocery bags
- Toilet Paper
- Individually Wrapped Bars of Soap

## #6—Our Love and Prayers go out to...

**Our members:** Cindy Brown, Marti Grenier, Nancy Haberman, Rich Fox, Miranda Venable, Joe Martin, Nancy Monroe, Amy Fuentes, Bill Siefers, Danny Roark, Max Vanpelt, Debbie Dunn, Bill Monroe, Jay Hart, Jacob Hutchison, Paula Jones, Donna Vanorsdale, Bill Swanson, Jenny Robinson, Betty Bryant, Joan Hudgins, Joe Morrison, Emily Urban, 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:

Louis Elek, brother-in-law of Gary Hess Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable Eric Fox, father of Pastor Dave Jane Rice, friend of Gloria Dei 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 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

## **#7—Prayer Requests**

If you have any prayer requests during the week, you may email psipes@gloriadei.net, or call the church office, 757-851-2838.

## #8—#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 this month. Will you join us in prayer?

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

Michael Black, III, USAF Friend of the Todd family lan 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 Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Crystal Curtis, USAF Son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Swanson John Demitraszek, USMC Friend of the Venables Matthew Dudek, USA Ellerv 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 Dylan Kremp, USMC Member of Gloria Dei Kerri Masters, USA Member of Gloria Dei W. Allan Monroe, USN Son of Bill and Nancy Monroe Son of Kevin Morse Matthew Morse, USMC Trov 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 Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre 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 Husband of Stephanie Williams and Richard Williams, USAF Son of Gerry and Joan Ehlers

## #10—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST				
9:30 a.	m. WORSHIP			
Tuesday 10:00 a.	m. Fellowship Bible Study			
6:45 p.	m. Boy Scouts			
Wednesday 7:00 p.	m. A Pint with Pastor			
Thursday Newsletter Articles Due				
Next Sunday TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST				
9:30 a	m. WORSHIP			

### #11—Birthdays

- 7 Derry Mace, Joe Morrison, Tristan Morgan
- 8 Chris Robinson, Wyatt Gretka
- 9 Alison Phillips
- 10 Michael Sexton, Kevin Morse, Anne Perry
- 11 Jacob Hutchison
- 12 Richard Peebles, Sr., Natalie Pfahl
- 13 Mike Blair
- 14 Noah Robnett, Howie Lewis

#### #12—Anniversaries

- 7 Joe and Kelly Martin
- 8 Lynn and Cathy Curtis
- 9 Walt and Laura Engelund Javier and Amy Fuentes
- 13 Nicholas and Sarah Griese
- 14 Roy and Margie Bond Barry and Julie Hutchison Pastor Dave and Deacon Liz Fox

## #13—Laughter Yoga

Laughter Yoga is coming to Hampton! In fact, it's coming to Gloria Dei! Laughter Yoga will happen monthly, in our Fellowship Hall, beginning in September. We will meet from 4PM to 5PM, on the second Sunday of each month.

What is Laughter Yoga? It is not doing any poses. The yoga part is found in our breathing exercises. The laughter is not generated from jokes, comedy, or humor. Instead, we do laughter exercises with childlike play and eye contact. Laughter Yoga is ideal for 5-year-olds to 105-year-olds. For those who have difficulty with standing or movement, you can sit in a chair the whole time and still get the benefits of Laughter Yoga.

What are the benefits? You bring more oxygen to the body and the brain, which makes one feel more energetic and healthier.

Who is leading these sessions? Pastor Dave has been a Certified Laughter Yoga Leader since January 2019. He is excited to offer Laughter Yoga to Gloria Dei and our neighbors. Please, spread the word and invite your friends.

Is there a cost? There is no cost, but donations will be collected to go into Gloria Dei's Pastor Discretionary Fund.

## #14—Prayer Shawl Ministry

"She seeks wool and flax and works willingly with her hands."

Proverbs 31:13

For the past several weeks, a plea has gone out for knitters and crocheters to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. On **Sunday, August 14**, following the morning worship service, we will be meeting in front of the fireplace. This will be a perfect opportunity to introduce yourself and learn more about our ministry. Experience level does not matter; lessons are available for both crafts. There is no pressure to create multiple projects; one simple creation a year would be perfect.

This ministry has been a part of Gloria Dei for approximately 15 years. During that time, we have created prayer shawls and prayer blankets, confirmation stoles, prayer squares, and baptismal blankets. Hundreds of people have been recipients of our creations. They are knit or crocheted with prayers and are always a symbol of God's love and the love of the congregation.

So, please prayerfully consider joining us. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

Thank you in advance for your help.

### #15—Altar Guild

#### HELP WANTED!!!

Have you ever wondered what it is that we do to prepare the church for weekly services and special events? Please contact Renee Wells, 757-749-4425, if you are interested in being a part of the Altar Guild or if you would like to be the Lead Sacristan. Training will be provided. Please say YES...I WOULD LOVE TO HELP OR I WOULD LOVE TO LEAD!

## **#16—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 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.

## #17—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.

## **#18—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 <u>vlvenable@gmail.com</u>.

## #19—Fellowship Bible Study

We are 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. We meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Simeon Center. Interested? Call Jill Ruhl, 757-570-4511.

## A Very Warm Greeting



I came to Gloria Dei in 2012. What hooked me was the very warm greeting I got from Pastor Bang and Rita Foringer. Rita not only welcomed me to the church, but she also welcomed me like a family member she hadn't seen in years. It was at that point that Gloria Dei became home. So I started ushering to get to know the church better. I started helping out with other activities like our Fish Fry and the Glorioso Dinner. Seeing how much the members enjoyed the fellowship activities, I decided to become a member.

I grew up in King George, Virginia, with two loving parents. My mother was a professional organist and my cornerstone. My dad was a drafter for the Navy. Because my mom worked Sundays, it was my dad who got me up in the morning to go to church; and never did he let me miss a day. There were times that I did not want to go; but with a loving and firm hand,

he took me every Sunday. Now that I am grown, I have him to thank, not only for instilling in me a very deep rootedspirit of God but a work ethic. He taught me that you give what you can to God. It was also my dad who got me in to the love of ushering. I loved spending time with my mom at church while she was practicing. I just laid down on one of the pews, and she opened up all the stops. I was grinning from ear to ear, for not only the song but also seeing her light up when she did it.

Every time I usher or help with events at Gloria Dei, I think of my dad and how I'm following in his footsteps. I would never have had the courage to become a council member without him. Being a council member opened my eyes to even more of the activities the church does. Supporting the youth, H.E.L.P., and so many other wonderful ministries. During our council retreat, I got to see Pastor Dave outside of church and not only as a Pastor but a person. Finding out things we have in common like fishing and hiking. Being able to connect with our members in other ways makes Gloria Dei a true home.

Church is not a building but a gathering of people. Gloria Dei shows this to be true with all its ministries. I tithe to Gloria Dei to keep all these wonderful ministries going. I like to welcome everyone to seek out some of these great ministries. They are open and welcome to anyone, members or not. There are multiple ways to glorify God. We all have the same calling: to glorify God in everything we do. This is why we are here. Scripture says God created us for His glory (Isa. 43:7). Let us combine all our skills together to glorify God, no matter how small you can help. I welcome you to Gloria Dei and hope you find this a home and feel the love.

Your brother in Christ, Kent Morgan



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#### **Congregational Council**

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	Rita Foringer	
	Sharon Bennett	
Cross and Crown		
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Lay Assistants		
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Men's Breakfast Bible Study		
Music Program		
New Member Sessions		
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