

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives



November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

The U.S. Armed Forces Medley

While Brandon plays a medley of the armed forces hymns, please stand when you hear the hymn of your particular branch so we can honor your service.

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

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.

Kneel/sit

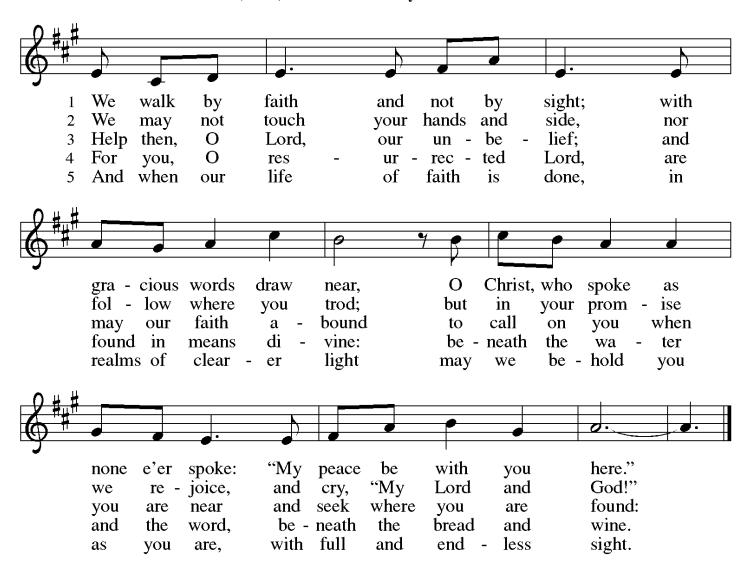
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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.

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

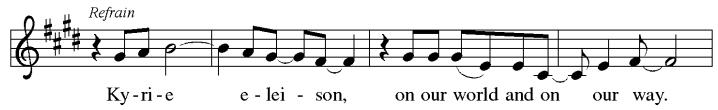
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and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



GREETING

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.**

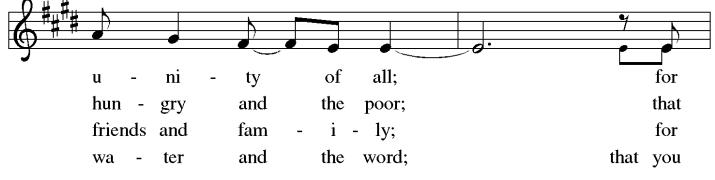
KYRIE







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Congregation sits. Children are invited to come forward during the song and sit on the chancel steps.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know For the Bible tells me so Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong!

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

READINGS

A reading from First Kings (17:8-16).

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

The Psalm (146) is read responsively.

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

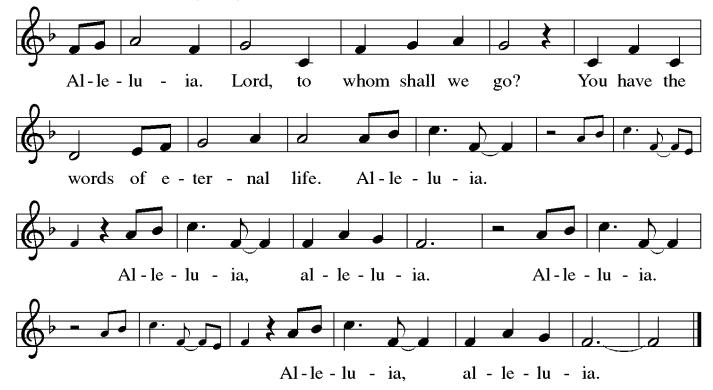
A reading from Hebrews (9:24-28).

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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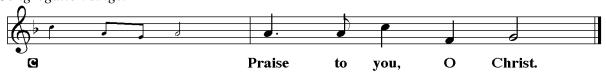


³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

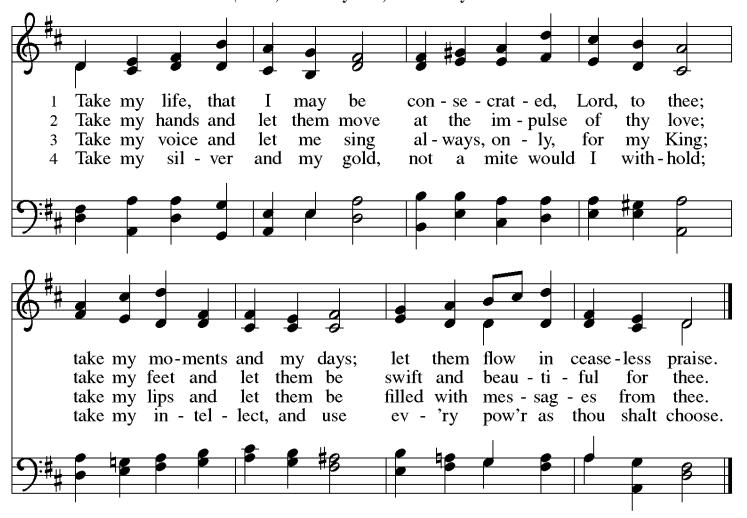
The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit) Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.



5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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.

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.

OFFERING (Sit)

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

- placing your offering envelope into the offering plate as it is passed.
- 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 the Kiosk in the lobby.*
- using online bill pay with your own banking institution, using your envelope number as your account number.

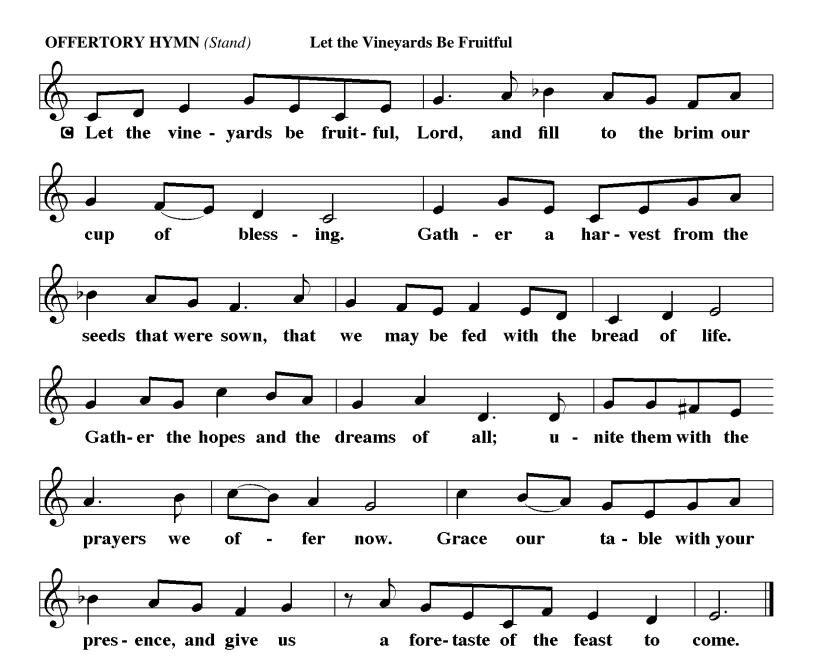
For electronic offerings, see back page for QR codes.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

My Lord, What A Morning

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

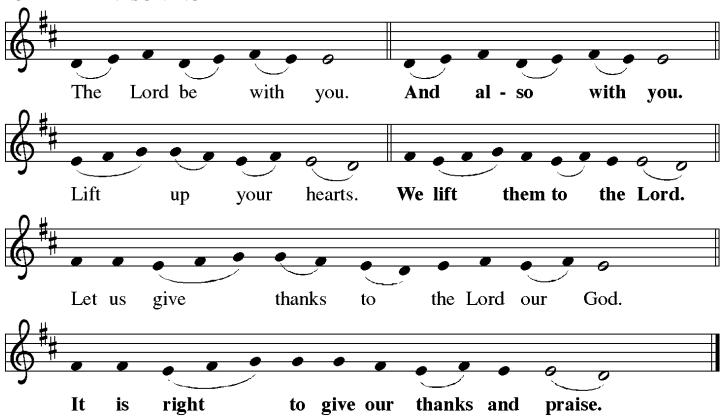
^{**}Lower case "c" means universal.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:
Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

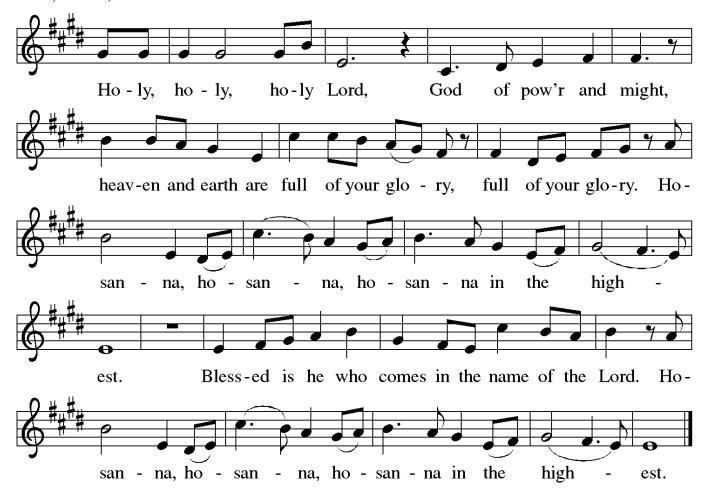
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

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,

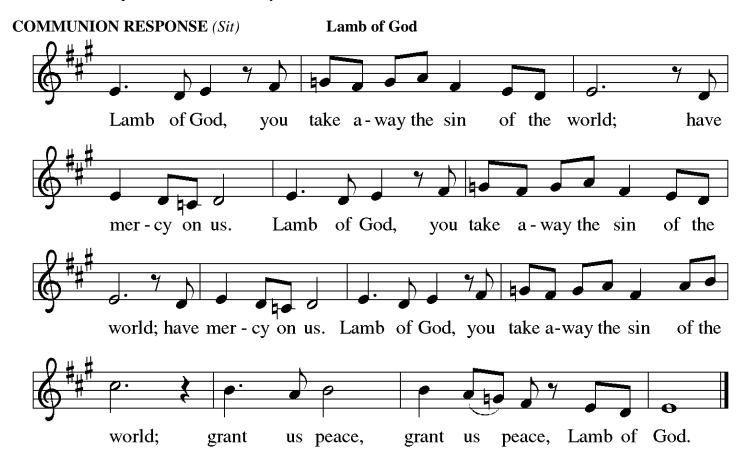
on earth as it is in heaven.

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,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

forever and ever. Amen.



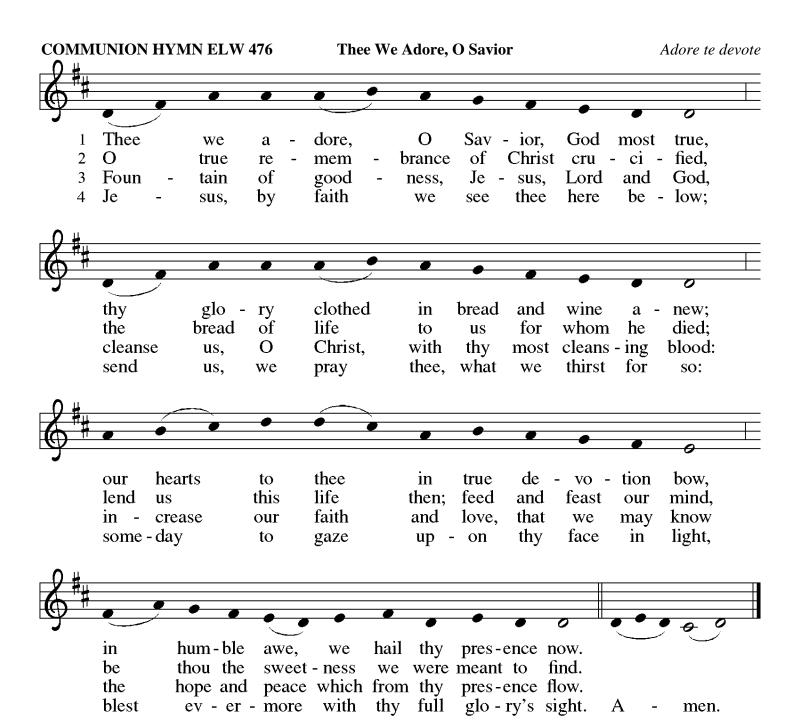
We believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness. All are welcome to share in Communion. If you would like to receive communion by common cup instead of individual cups of wine or grape juice, after you consume your wafer, hold your hands out (palms up), just like you did for your wafer.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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:

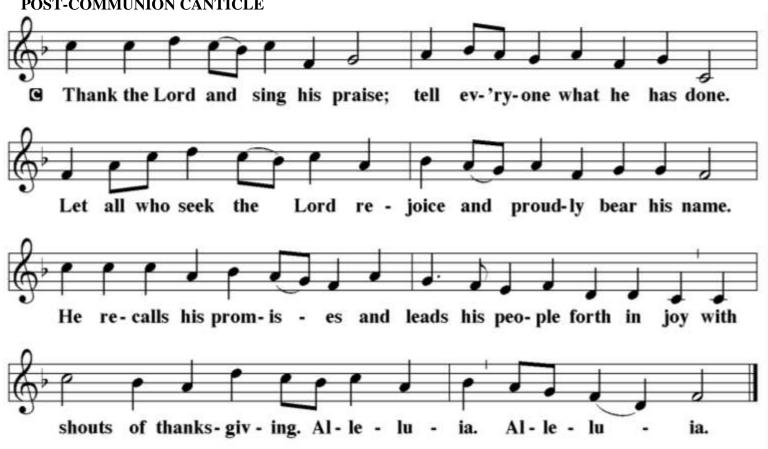
Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others

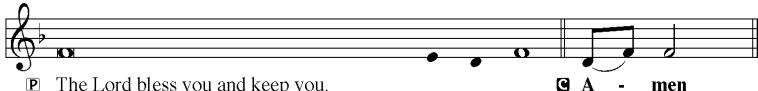
and to be at peace with one another,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.









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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

POSTLUDE

My Faithful Heart Rejoices

all

by Christ, the

may know Christ's love.

God's warm em - brace.

Lord of

Johannes Brahms

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. If you are particularly moved by the Postlude, please hold your applause and congratulate the musician in person after worship.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Stewardship for All Seasons

Give Cheerfully

2025 Stewardship Appeal Outreach Ministries

We want to make a meaningful impact on our community and grow our congregation. To accomplish these goals, we must focus on our neighborhoods and schools. We will increase support to initiatives such as Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions (H.E.L.P.), ELCA Good Gifts, and Lutheran Disaster Response and/or Lutheran World Relief. We will also look to educate and train the congregation on how to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ with those they know and those they have just met. A key mission is to teach, nurture and grow our next generation of Christians. We desire to strengthen them in their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Our children and youth ministry programs are growing. We will strengthen our Junior Youth programs (5-8 grades), Confirmation (7-8 grades), and Senior High programs (9-12 grades). We will also build on the recently started *Music on Bromley* programs, with plans to add movie nights as well. Additionally, we are pursuing opportunities to hold worship services outdoors both on campus and at other locations such as Gosnold's Hope Park. Vacation Bible School is our biggest ministry to the community, and it continues to grow and get better each year. To fund these initiatives, we will need and additional \$76.92 each week.





Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

My Generosity Story



When I was in the seventh grade one of my classmates (I will call her Mary, although I have long forgotten her name) lost both of her parents during the school year, first her father then later her mother. Mary also had two younger siblings.

Prior to the Christmas holiday, I finished a paper mache puppet in art class and was very proud of it. I was anxious to take it home and show my parents. When the teacher returned our projects, some of Mary's friends wanted me to give it to them, as they were gathering toys for Mary and her siblings. I was very sorry for Mary, but I had worked so hard on this project and did not want to share it. These friends were angry with me and called me selfish.

I showed my mother the project and shared what happened. Since I didn't want to give up my puppet, mom suggested we go through our house and gather some toys

for Mary and her family. With five other siblings, the pile of toys was large. I took them to school and gave them to Mary and her friends. No one said thank you and I was disappointed. I had given so much more than one puppet. Later, looking at my puppet, it just didn't bring me the joy I felt before. I gave the puppet to Mary just before Christmas.

When we talk about generosity, it is easy to give away things that don't mean much to us (like used toys). There is no sacrifice involved. I learned generosity from my parents. God does not ask us to give mindlessly or without some sacrifice, then the giving means nothing. We are asked only to give back a small portion of what He has given us. There is no generosity of spirit if there is no thought given to our giving.

When I first attended Gloria Dei 30 years ago, I found a congregation filled with a generous spirit. People welcomed me, offered help, brought food, and introduced me to the church and its members. The school offered my children a place to belong and feel loved. They learned that God is a part of our lives every day and not just on Sunday morning. God's plans for our lives were interwoven throughout the school and childcare day.

A generous spirit is reflected not only in the monetary giving of the congregation, but in how members step up whenever there is a need. Carving out time to help volunteer, or offering to use your skills around the church is often more difficult. However, the wonderful ministries we enjoy, our beautiful church, and a myriad of things no one ever sees, all require financial support.

I financially support Gloria Dei, because it is my home, and I love our church. I know that God has given me far more than I deserve. God needs nothing from us; but by tithing, it helps us more deeply appreciate what He has given us. My hope is that Gloria Dei will find a renewed sense of purpose that will translate into a cheerful generosity. Then we can expand our ministries, including growing the school and childcare offerings. I would love to see us financially grow into a future that includes a new school building, with a vibrant church/school relationship that in turn feeds our church community, creating an ongoing circle of faithful growth between the two.

Vivian Griese



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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Permission to stream and print today's music is obtained through Augsburg, #SAS028379, One License, #A-730790 and CCLI, #11514371.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by the Robertson family in celebration of Elizabeth Victoria's 23rd birthday.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for each Sunday's service on the table in the Atrium.

PARENTS, if you would like your child to have a coloring book and colored pencils during worship, please ask an usher.

RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING AIDS are available from the ushers. Please return them to an usher after the service.

#1—Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS: Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable

CROSS AND CROWN: Dallam Brown, Wade Brown, Dakota Jenkins, Micaela Ruhl

GREETER: Sharon Bennett LAY ASSISTANT: Anne Perry READER: Dan Singer

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

USHERS: Tom Clasen, Josh Lowman

#2—Worship on YouTube

We are excited to make our worship more accessible to those who want to worship with us at Gloria Dei who are not physically able to be with us in the nave. YouTube is available to anyone with the internet to worship with us. To worship with us on YouTube, you will go to the link below or scan the QR code below with your smartphone. You can worship live, or at a more convenient time.

Use this link:

https://www.youtube.com/@gloriadeilutheranchurchhampton

OR



Scan this QR code with your smartphone:

#3—Poinsettias to Decorate for Christmas

It is time to place your order for poinsettias to decorate our Nave for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia is \$19.00 pre-paid. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 1**. Please use your packet envelope dated November 3, fill in the information on the back, and return it to the Church Office. If you are using online bill pay or *Tithe.ly*, enter how many flowers you are paying for on the memo line and then call, 757-851-2838, or email, <u>tbialk@gloriadei.net</u>, to let us know who the flowers are in honor of or in memory of, or if they are given to the Glory of God.

#4—Little Library

Our Little Library, located at the middle set of doors, gets a lot of action from parents as they are dropping off or picking up their children. We are asking that you please consider donating any children's books by placing them on the back counter at the Information Desk. These books will be used to refill when the Little Library gets low on books. Thank you for your generosity.

#5—Cereal Offering on Sunday Mornings

Running late? Short on time? We will have milk and a small selection of cereals available before worship each Sunday morning. Please visit the Coffee Bar for available cereal choices.

#6—A "Pint" with Pastor

Please join Pastor Dave on **Thursday**, **November 14**, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at **Bean's Ice Cream**, 475 Wythe Creek Road, Suite M, Poquoson.



#7—Pledge Cards

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 17. Please have your pledge ready to turn in during worship. If you happen to forget your pledge cards next Sunday, please turn them in within the next week or two. Your pledge cards help us to plan the next year's budget. We will celebrate the pledges submitted so far and will let you know how many pledges were submitted and how much money has been pledged for 2025.

#8—Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Sunday of each month in front of the fireplace following worship. **We are asking for your help!** If you knit or crochet, it would be wonderful if you would contribute to this important ministry. You don't need to "formally" join the group, however, if you are able to create a prayer shawl, a lap robe of a baptismal blanket and will donate it to the church, it would be most welcome. The church is an active community of saints and there are deaths and baptisms occurring throughout the year.

Stop past on a Sunday and see what we do. Obviously, you are welcome to join us, but it that isn't possible, please consider helping. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer, rforinger@verizon.net.

#9—Our Love and Prayers go out to...

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

Our members: Charlie Venable, Melvin Lanning, Debbi Ortiz, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Buzz Hamilton, Vickie Roark, Abby Hella, Joann Morrison, Russ Morrison, Madeleine Etheridge, Dorie Scherer, Sharon Rose, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, Ernie Atkins, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Roger Ward, Marna Mayo, Wivi Pelt-Detlie, Bill Siefers, Max Vanpelt, Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Bill Swanson, Joan Hudgins, Emily Urban, Jill Ruhl

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:

Kevin Watterton, husband of Amy Watterton (GDLS employee)

Deborah Bone, sister of Vicki Venable

Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable

Sheri Yarrington, GDLS employee

Nedra Clark, friend of Sharon Bennett Chuck Gravley, friend of Sharon Bennett

Jane Barefoot, GDLS employee Michelle Nisbet, GDLS employee

Larry Mullins, friend of the Fullens

Siggi Williams, friend of the Fullens and Atkins

Charlotte Tyeryar, mother of Pam Hess

Rick Thomas, nephew of Carol Godley

Bernard Allen family, friends of Jim and Jeane Fullen

Julia Mutch, friend of Jim and Jeane Fullen

Jude (GDLS student) and Monte (GDLS parent) Kuligowski

Erin Weigel, friend of the Pfahls

Marc Schaub, brother of Kim Miller

Corie Amell, niece of Julie Hutchison

Mike May, brother of Deborah Walker, GDLS employee

Sheila May, mother of Deborah Walker, GDLS employee

Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale

#10—Birthdays

- 10 L.J. Murray
- 12 Thomas Dadez, Bob Hess
- Joanne Aheimer, Bob Hudgins
- 15 EV Robertson

#11—Anniversaries

10 Andrew and Cassie Murray

#12—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:

- Mac & Cheese
- * Toilet Paper
- Juice (individual size
- Soap
- Shelf-stable milk
- Peanut Butter
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned veggies-corn, beans, green bean

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

Ian Bogy, USN **Husband of Tamara Bogy** Mark Bradford, USN Husband of Marilyn Bradford Friend of Mike Canny Colin Chambers, USA Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Ryan Curtis, USAF 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 Tyler Green, USAF Son-in-law of Judy Wagner St. Pierre Nicholas Griese, USAF Son of Vivian Griese Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton Megan Haskell, USA Jack Jones, USA Family friend of Mike Canny Dylan Kremp, USMC Member of Gloria Dei Member of Gloria Dei Kerri Masters, USA W. Allan Monroe, MSC Son of Bill and Nancy Monroe Matthew Morse, USMC Son of Kevin Morse Troy Newton, USN Friend of Laura and Berto Lopez Marc St. Pierre, USMC Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO Son of Mark and Marilyn Bradford Bradley Rollyson, USMC Son of Bill and Carolyn Swanson Steve Swanson, USN Nick Tavarez, USN Grandson-in-law of Donna and Tom Vanorsdale J.P. Venable, III, USAF Member of Gloria Dei Richard Williams, USAF Husband of Stephanie Williams and Son of Joan Ehlers

#14—Next Week at Gloria Dei

TodayTWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
9:30	a.m.	WORSHIP
11:00	a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
11:00	a.m.	Christmas Tree Sales Meeting
		Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00	p.m.	FIT for Heaven Workshop
Monday 6:00	p.m.	Pack Meeting
7:00	p.m.	WELCA Book Club
	•	Troop 10 Meeting
Tuesday 10:00	a.m.	Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday 12:00	p.m.	Community Bible Study
5:45	p.m.	Wonderful Wednesday
Thursday 7:00	p.m.	A Pint with Pastor at Bean's Ice Cream
Next Sunday TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
9:30	a.m.	WORSHIP/Commitment Sunday
11:00	a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
11:00	a.m.	ExAdCom Meeting

#15—Colonial Williamsburg Art Museums Outing

All are welcome to meet at the Colonial Williamsburg Art Museums at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21. We will specifically tour in the Conservation Department. Their collections building houses nine specialized labs, where their skilled conservators work diligently to preserve and restore their valuable artworks—a unique aspect of their museum that many people don't often have the opportunity to see.

Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch (at your expense) at the museum café, after which attendees will have the option to explore the museum further.

Please **RSVP** to Peggy Sipes in the Church Office by **Tuesday**, **November 19**. You can scan the QR code below; call the Church Office, 757-851-2838; or send an email to <u>psipes@gloriadei.net</u>.



#16—WELCA Book Club

Our next get together is on Monday, November 11, at 7:00 at the home of Sharon Padula. We're reading "Sandwich" by Catherine Newman. Here's a brief synopsis.

For the past two decades, Rocky has looked forward to her family's yearly escape to Cape Cod. Their humble beach-town rental has been the site of sweet memories, sunny days, great meals, and messes of all kinds: emotional, marital, and—thanks to the cottage's ancient plumbing—septic too.

This year's vacation, with Rocky sandwiched between her half-grown kids and fully aging parents, promises to be just as delightful as summers past—except, perhaps, for Rocky's hormonal bouts of rage and melancholy. (Hello, menopause!) Her body is changing—her life is, too. And then a chain of events sends Rocky into the past, reliving both the tenderness and sorrow of a handful of long-ago summers.

It's one precious week: everything is in balance; everything is in flux. And when Rocky comes face to face with her family's history and future, she is forced to accept that she can no longer hide her secrets from the people she loves.

As you read the book think about these two things. One way that this family exactly like your family and one way that it is nothing like your family. We should have a great discussion.

Please let Sharon know if you're planning to be there. I hope to see you then.

#17—Fellowship Bible Study

You are invited to join us in Bible study every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. We are meeting in the Simeon Center and using the Augsburg Adult Bible Study Series. This is a small group study, where you will find fellowship and a relaxed atmosphere. For information, email Sharon L. Padula at slpadula1@gmail.com.

#18—Community Bible Study

Our weekly Community Bible Study, is held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, on **Wednesdays at noon.** All are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for us to learn the needs of our community and help us to become more outreach-oriented.

#19—Lutheran Disaster Response



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#20—Wonderful Wednesdays

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Oct. 30 Nov. 6, 13, 20 Dec. 4 & 11

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4th Session

Apr. 23, 30 May 7, 14, 21 & 28 We are excited to offer this program to all students in **Grades K-12.**



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Gloria Dei Annual Coat Drive



November 10-December 29

Andrew Sutherland is kicking off his annual coat drive. He is collecting coats and many other items for the homeless again this winter. There will be a collection box in the atrium. Also, there will be a drive-thru drop-off on Saturday, December 14, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (rain or shine). He collects items for men, women and children. All items are distributed with H.E.L.P. at A Night's Welcome shelters in Hampton and the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula.

WINTER GEAR Items collected (please no spring and summer items):

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