



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING MUSIC

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through ✝ Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 241 (Stand) **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

Wie soll ich dich empfangen

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
 3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
 4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.

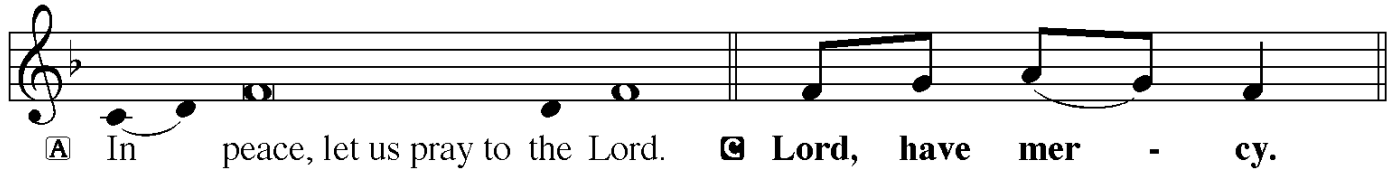
Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
 in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
 send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

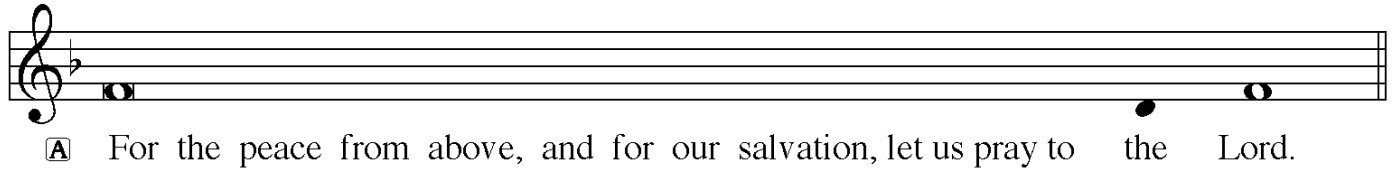
GREETING

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.

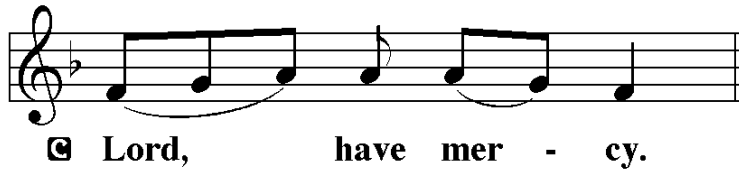
KYRIE



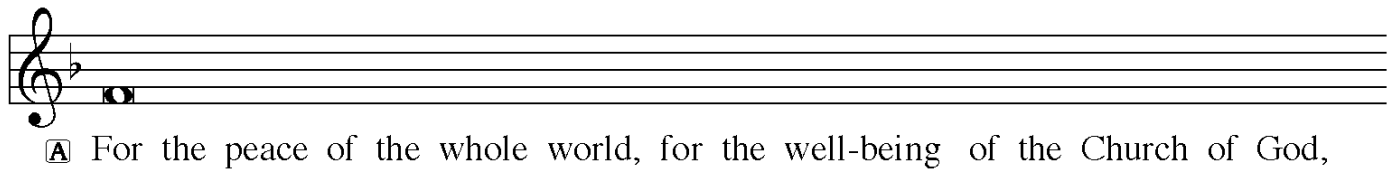
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



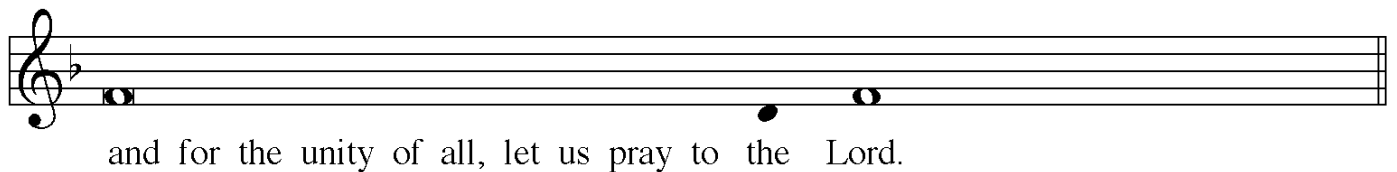
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



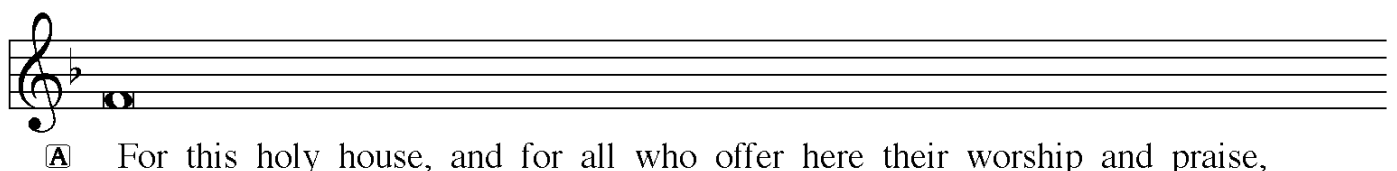
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



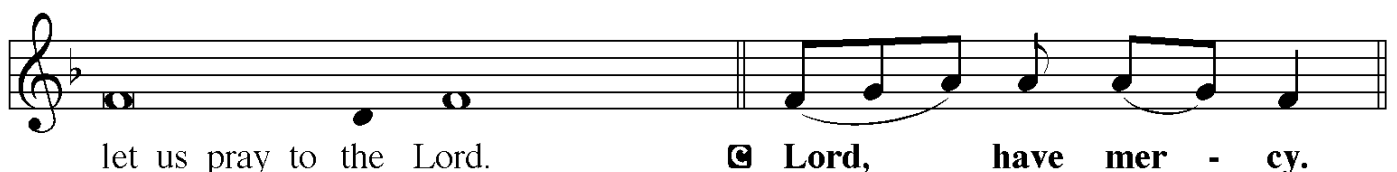
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ♪ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

THE WORD

Light One Candle

Michael Bedford

3. Light three can-dles for hop - ing, light three can-dles for hop - ing,
light three can-dles for hop - ing as we look for the com-ing of Je - sus.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Josh Lowman and Elizabeth Ballman

During the third week in Advent, we spend time thinking about joy.

From Psalm 5:11, we hear these words,

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,

so that those who love your name may exult in you.”

Credit: DeBenedetto, Susannah. Liturgy Link.

3rd candle is lit.

Let us pray together:

**We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath
that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.**

**As we light the candles on this wreath,
strengthen our hearts**

as we await the Lord’s coming in glory.

Enlighten us with your grace,

that we may serve our neighbors in need.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,

whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

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 Zephaniah (3:14-20).

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from Philippians (4:4-7).

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3: 7-18

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the third chapter.

Congregation sings:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

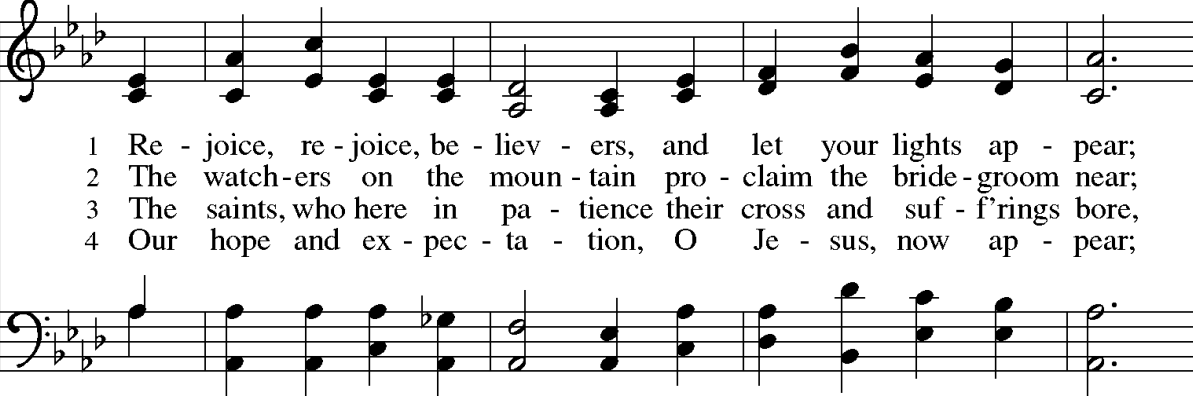
Congregation sings:

Praise to you, O Christ.

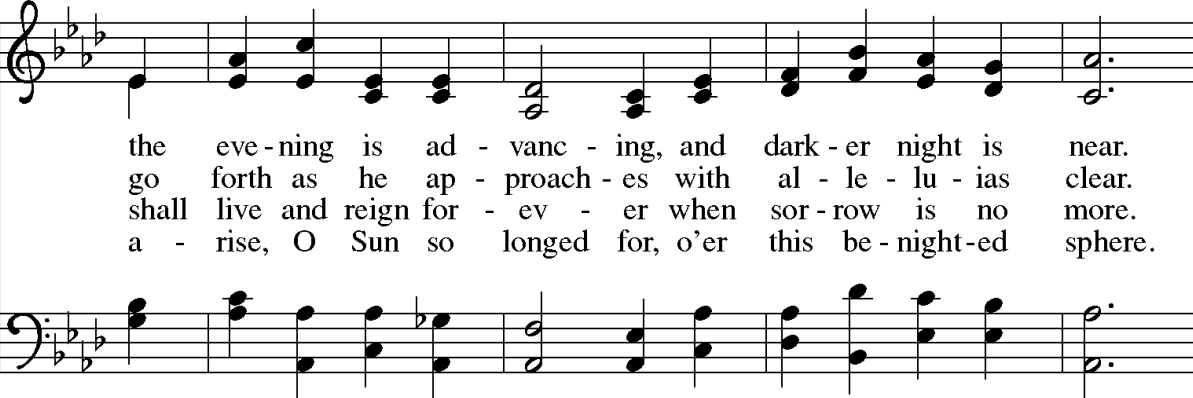
Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 244 (Stand) Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

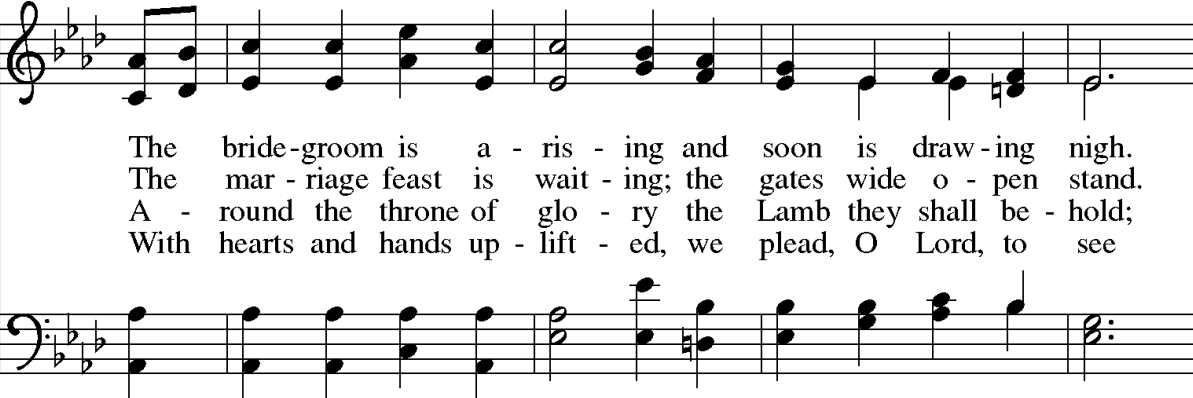
Swedish Folk Tune



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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

You are invited to either sit or kneel.

The response to each prayer will be *Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.*

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Stand)*

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

OFFERING (Sit)

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Ev'ry Child

Natalie Sleeth

Chorister Choir

*Ev'ry child is a gift of love to the Earth from H'vn sent down
Filled with promises yet unknown, like the babe of Beth'lem town.
Ev'ry child is a sacred trust, ever worthy in God's sight
One small miracle here a while, like the babe on Christmas night
Let us welcome them now with joy, as we welcome the Holy boy
Guide them carefully so they know, hope and happiness as they grow
Ev'ry child brings us faith anew, in the wonder of it all
God's continuing gifts of grace, like the babe in Beth'lems stall
Oh come little children, oh come and behold
The child in the manger whom prophets foretold
Rejoice, for the babe who lies slumbering there
Brings light and salvation to babes everywhere.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (Stand)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

even the farthest stars,

and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

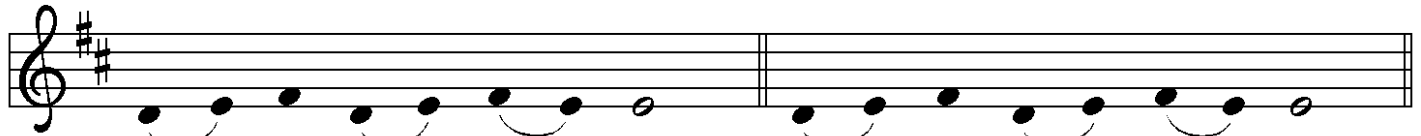
Strengthen us with this food

that we may live in expectation

for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE



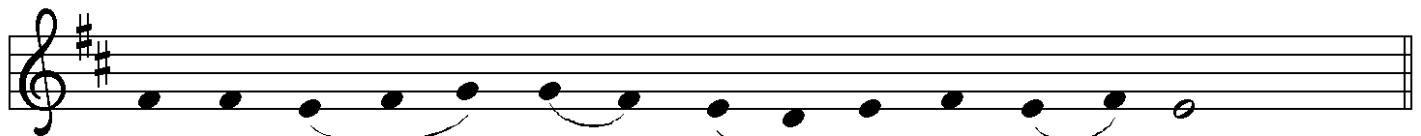
The Lord be with you.

And al - so 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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

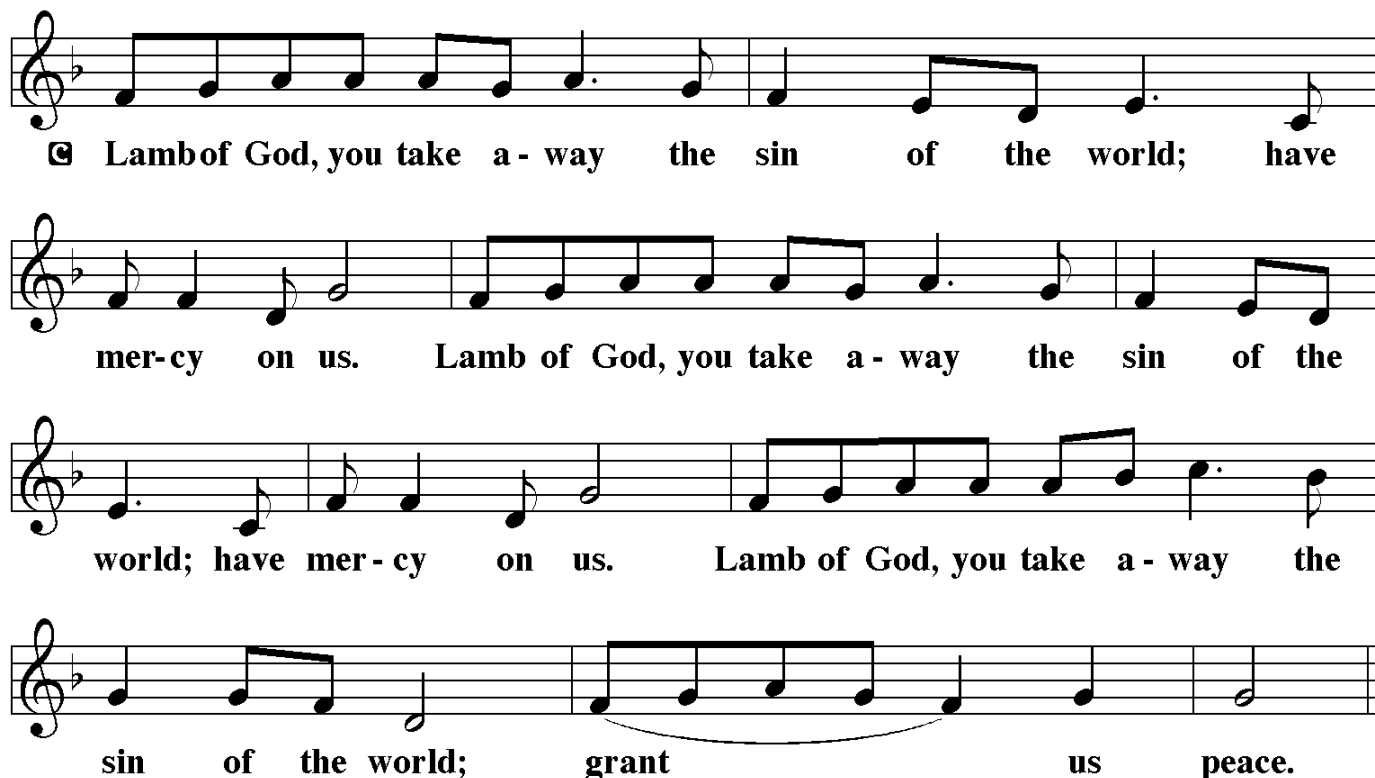
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION RESPONSE *(Sit)*

Lamb of God



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Un Flambeau, Jeanette, Isabelle
Virginia Lyeth, solo

Traditional French Carol



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



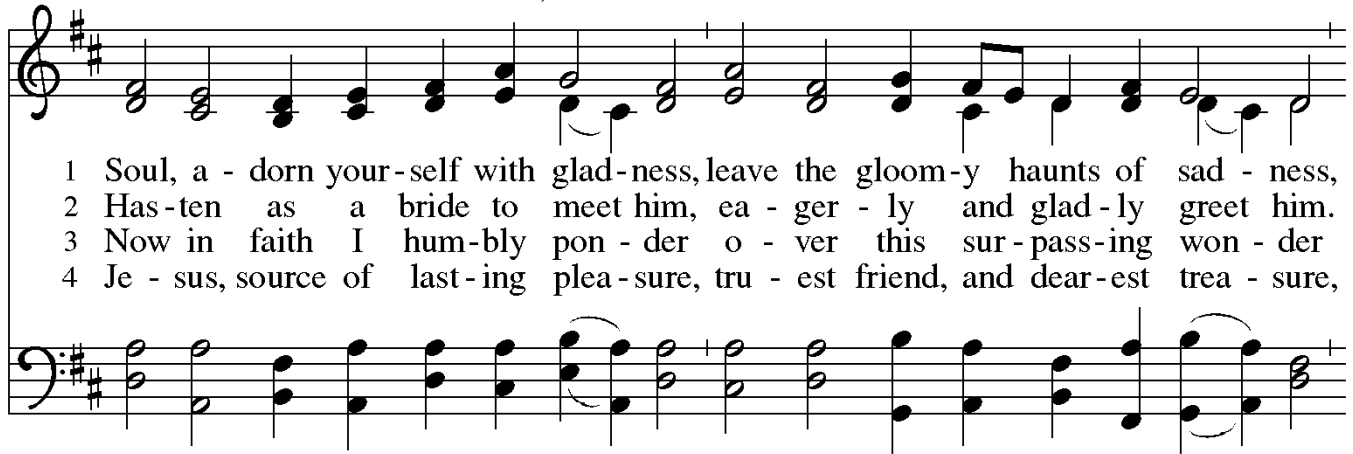
What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



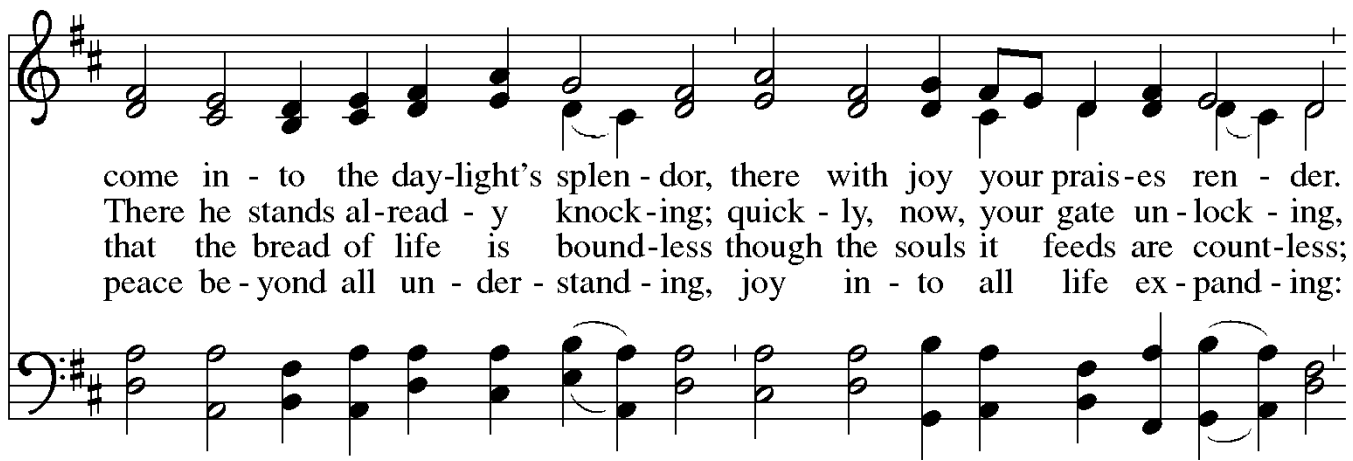
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



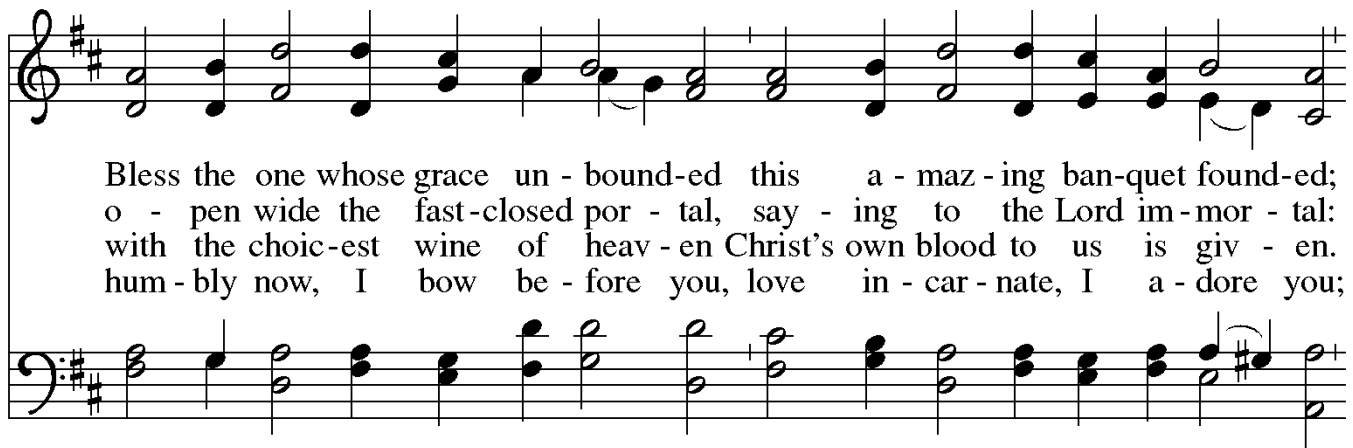
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
 that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
 peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
 o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav' n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

SENDING

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL *(Stand)*

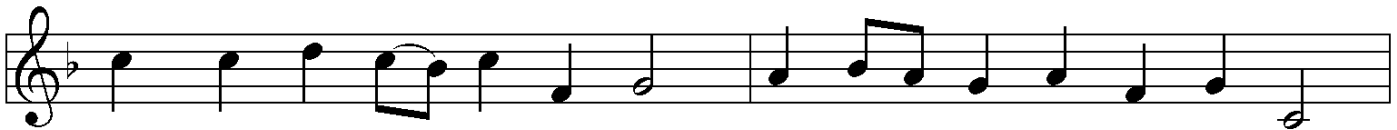
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

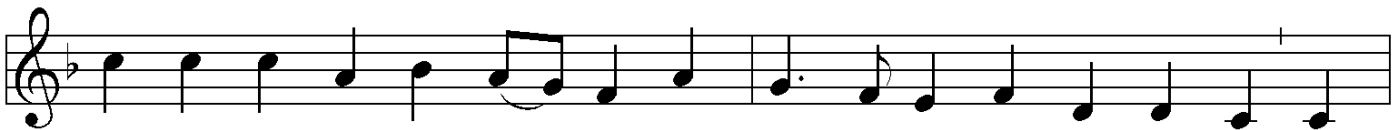
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

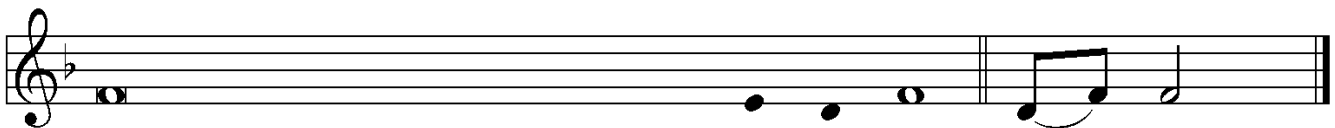


He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

☩ A - men

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Sit*)

POSTLUDE

Joshua Fought the Battle

arr. Hancock

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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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Ann Myers in celebration of Fred Bradley's 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: Rowena Cornwell, Debbi Ortiz

CROSS AND CROWN: Dallam Brown, Wade Brown, Ruth Hutchison

GREETER: Anita Hamilton

LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen

READER: Jeane Fullen

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

USHERS: Brown Cornwell, Josh Lowman

#2—Pledge Cards

If you have yet to do so, please turn in your pledge card soon. You may place your completed card in the offering plate or submit it online by visiting our website. Your pledge cards help us to plan the next year's budget

#3—Watterton Fund

Kevin Watterton, spouse of Amy Watterton (long-time teacher at Gloria Dei), has been diagnosed with a rare and terminal cancer. If you would like to support the Watterton family, you may send a contribution to the church office through one of our payment methods. Please add "Watterton Fund" to the memo area of your chosen payment method.

#4—ELCA Good Gifts Fundraiser

This Christmas, the Senior High Youth are sponsoring the ELCA Good Gifts fundraiser, with the goal to raise \$2,500 to provide safe water access to ELCA-partnered communities in third world countries. We are representing this fundraiser with a "wishing well" display in the Atrium next to the Angel Tree.

Instructions for how to donate are posted next to the well. Donations can be made by cash, check (made to Gloria Dei), and our electronic payment options with "WELL WATER" noted as the description. All donations are due by Christmas Day!

Senior High Youth leader, Rachel Lomax, will be available after worship services to collect donations and answer any questions.

Thank you for helping those in need!

#5—Wonderful Wednesday Break

Wonderful Wednesday will resume on January 8, 2025!

#6—A Pint with Pastor

Please join Pastor Dave from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 19**, at The White Oak Lodge, 3533 Kecoughtan Rd, Hampton.

#7—Blessing Tree

Please consider helping local families in need by selecting an angel from the tree and supply the requested item(s) shown. Add your name and information on the corresponding line in the book on the table. Return the wrapped gift(s) by **Monday, December 16**.

#8—Gloria Dei Parade

Gloria Dei Lutheran School will be holding our 5th Annual Christmas Parade as a fun event for our students to attend on **Friday, December 20**. We are looking for participants to help make this event memorable for students and staff. We do have some regular attendees, such as the Kecoughtan Warrior Marching Band, Mission BBQ's Bam Bam, decorated golf carts, boats, and more. We even have Santa! If you, or someone you know, would be willing to participate, please contact the school office at 757-851-6292, or send an email to Lisa Dadez (ldadez@gloriadei.net) or Jeanene Nolte (jinolte@gloriadei.net).

#9—Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling begins at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 22**. Carolers will travel by Gloria Dei bus. All are welcome to join in the singing. Following caroling, we will come back to the church to enjoy some more fellowship over a spaghetti lunch. **Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet provided on the table in the Narthex or you may call the Church Office, 757-851-2838, or email tbialk@gloriadei.net or psipes@gloriadei.net so we can plan on enough food.**

#10—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: Jill Ruhl, 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-Dettie, Bill Siefers, Max Vanpelt, Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Bill Swanson, Joan Hudgins, Emily Urban

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:

Reyna Rodriguez, great-grandmother of Amelia Venable and Lucas Lopez Venable
Linda Jones, cousin of Carol Godley
Corine Gendron (GDLS employee)
Pam Spring, wife of Pastor Spring (former GDLC Pastor)
Claude Jarrell, friend of Fullens and Sutherlands
Inken Myers, GDLS employee
Adam Clark, friend of Jane Barefoot (GDLS employee)
Patrick Reid, friend of Thomas and Lisa Dadez
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Kevin Watterton, husband of Amy Watterton (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
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

#11—Birthdays

- 15 Fred Bound, Jr.
- 17 Kristin Wallis-Thomas, Miranda Venable
- 18 Vivian Griese
- 19 Pam Hess, Tom Hooks
- 21 Zachary Via
- 22 Lucas Lopez Venable

#12—Anniversaries

- 18 Bob and Joan Hudgins
Bob and Vivian Reynolds
- 22 James and Yvonne Roberts

#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
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
Tyler Green, USAF	Son-in-law of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Nicholas Griese, USAF	Son of Vivian Griese
Megan Haskell, USA	Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton
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, 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
Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Bradley Rollyson, USMC	Son of Mark and Marilyn Bradford
Steve Swanson, USN	Son of Bill and Carolyn Swanson
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

Today THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Altar Guild/Cross and Crown Rehearsal
Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales
2:00 p.m. Hampton Story Telling Event
Monday..... 6:00 p.m. Pack Meeting
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 p.m. Troop 10 Meeting
Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study (alternate location)
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study-H.E.L.P.
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. A Pint with Pastor – White Oak
Friday 5:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Christmas Tree Sales
Next Sunday..... FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
10:30 a.m. Donuts
11:00 a.m. Christmas Caroling
12:00 p.m. Christmas Tree Sales
1:00 p.m. Spaghetti Lunch

#15—2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board just outside the church office suite for those wishing to give flowers for our Sunday worship services. These flowers cost approximately \$63.00. You may designate your flowers in celebration of something, in memory of someone, in honor of someone, to the glory of God, etc. You will be billed directly by *Jeff's Flowers, Of Course*. Thank you!

#16—Community Bible Study

We will not meet on December 25 or January 1. 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.

#17—Story Telling Event

Join us today at 2:00 p.m. for story time with Hannah B. Harvey.

#18—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, please email Sharon Padula at slpadula1@gmail.com.

#19—Winter Clothing Collection

We are collecting 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. Clothing donations accepted through December 29. WINTER GEAR items collected (please no spring and summer items):

- *Coats
- *Socks
- *Long sleeve shirts
- *Backpacks
- *Hats
- *Sweatshirts
- *Scarves
- *Belts
- *Sweaters
- *Gloves

#20—Clothes Dryer Donation for School

Our School is in need of a clothes dryer. If you have a gently used or new one to donate, please call Lisa Dadez, 757-851-6292.



It's back!
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
Begins Saturday, November 30
6-7 ft for \$65 7-8 ft for \$80

HOURS OF OPERATION:	
FRIDAYS	5 PM - 8 PM
SATURDAYS	9 AM - 7 PM
SUNDAYS	12 PM - 6 PM

All proceeds benefit our youth groups.



Christmas Eve
Worship Services

5:00 PM A brief worship service with familiar Christmas carols and special music. Perfect for families with young children.

7:30 PM A candlelight worship service with Christmas carols and special music.

QR Codes for Online Giving

If you would like to give electronically to the church, you can do so by scanning one of the QR codes below.

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