

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives



# **January 5, 2025**

# **Second Sunday of Christmas**

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days

Johann Sebastian Bach

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, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

#### Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

#### God of life,

and call us to be messengers of your peace.
We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.
Amen.

you promise good news of great joy for all people,

## Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.



#### **GREETING**

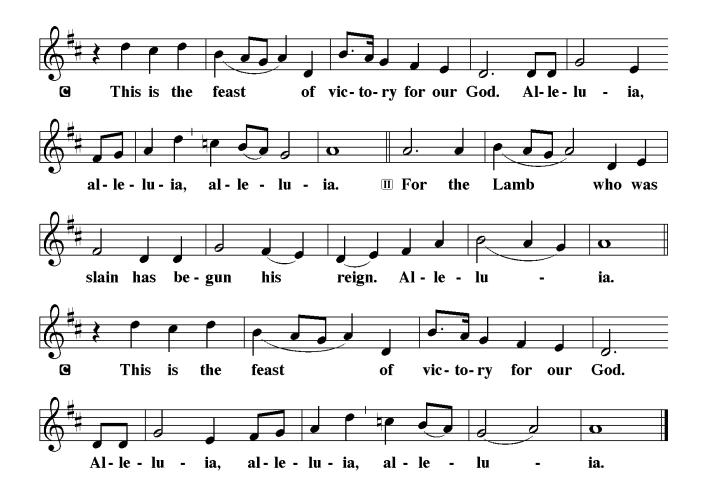
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

# **KYRIE**



#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**





# THE WORD

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Jeremiah (31:7-14).

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people,

the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,

and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (147:12-20) is read responsively.

- <sup>12</sup> Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,
- <sup>13</sup> who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.
- <sup>14</sup> God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- <sup>15</sup> God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.
- <sup>16</sup> God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.
- <sup>17</sup> God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.
- <sup>19</sup> God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.
- <sup>20</sup> The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

A reading from Ephesians (1:3-14).

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Stand)



#### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the first chapter.

Congregation sings:



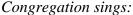
<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

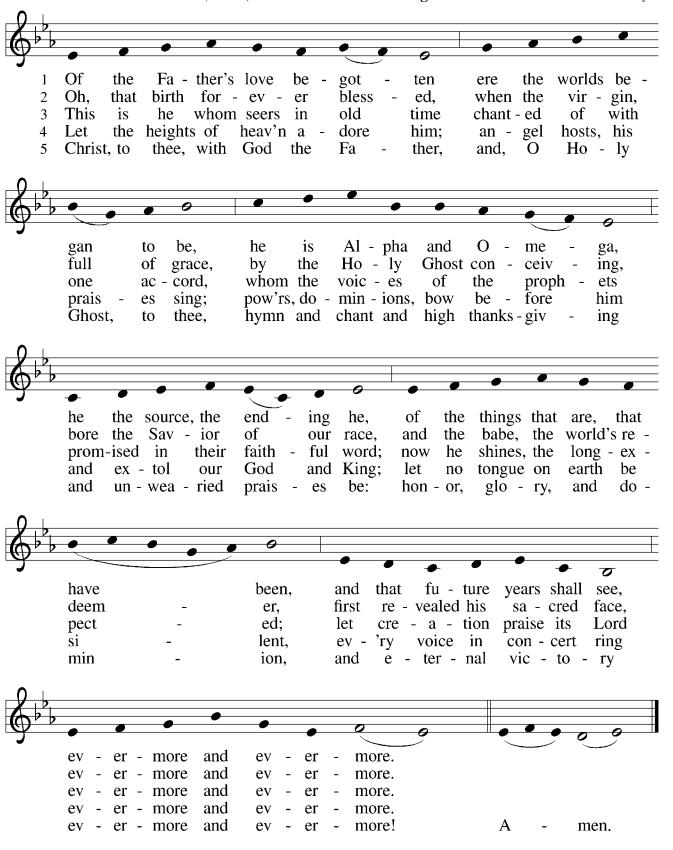
The gospel of the Lord.





SERMON (Sit) Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.



#### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*Lower case "c" means universal.

#### THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either sit or kneel.

The response to each prayer will be God of grace, receive 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.



#### OFFERING PRAYER

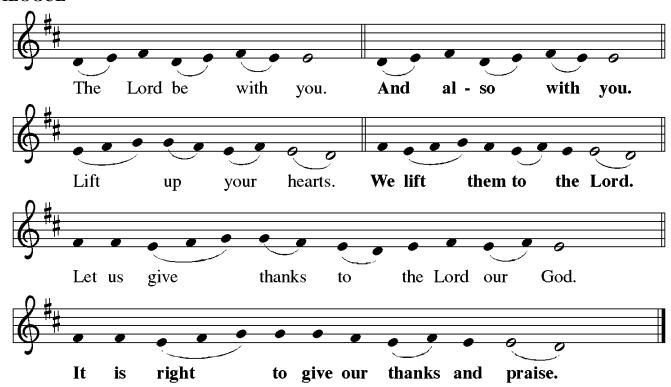
Let us pray together:

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight.

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

#### **DIALOGUE**

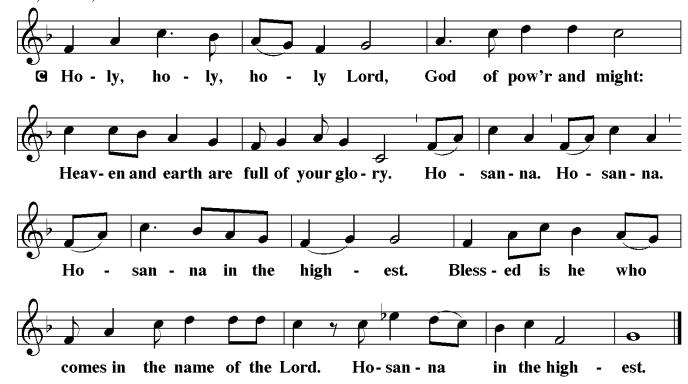


### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

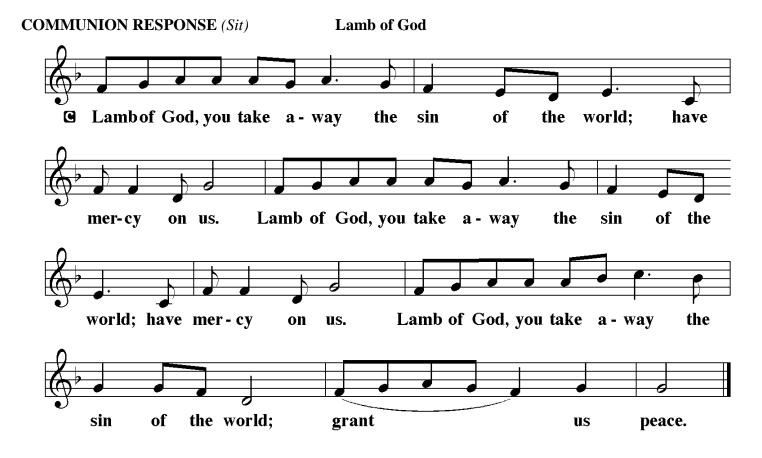
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on Earth.

Come to the table of 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.** 



CHOIR ANTHEM Ubi Caritas Maurice Durufle



drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion;

# **SENDING**

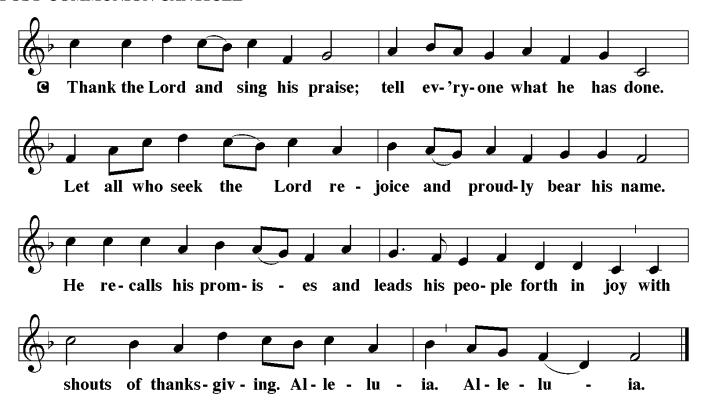
#### **BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL** (Stand)

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:
Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy.
Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



### **BENEDICTION**



and be gracious to you.

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



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Sit)

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### Go Tell It on the Mountain

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.



# 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.

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: Sandy Dunn, Kevin Morse CROSS & CROWN: Jeremiah Green, Thomas Kipper

GREETER: Anita Hamilton
LAY ASSISTANT: Peggy Todd
READER: Dan Singer

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

#### #2—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.

## #3—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.

# #4—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.

#### #5—Blood Drive



**Sunday, January 19, 2025** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please register to donate by scanning the QR code.

# #6—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 or Jeanene Nolte in the school office. 757-851-6292.

# #7—Congratulations and Best Wishes

The Venable and Hutchison families excitedly announce the marriage of Miranda Venable and Jacob Hutchison on November 19, 2024, in Washington DC. Congratulations and well wishes may be sent to: 4705C Quiet Woods Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033.

# #8—Prayer Shawl Ministry

On Sunday, January 12, we will make tie blankets instead of our usual needlework. These blankets will go to a hospice ministry that the youth groups have been supporting for years.

You are invited to join us in the endeavor. If you've not made a tie blanket before, this is a great opportunity to learn. All supplies will be available. All it takes is a willing spirit and some time. The technique is simple and can be used to make pillows, curtains, etc. Your imagination would be the limiting factor.

As always, we'll head to Capri Restaurant when we're finished. Again, you are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, ask Rita Foringer.

#### #9—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!

#### #10—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

\* Crackers

Canned veggies-corn, beans, green beans

# #11—Wonderful Wednesdays

**On January 8**, Wonderful Wednesdays will meet again beginning at 5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday is a program for children in grades Kindergarten-High School.

# #12—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:** Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Jill Ruhl, Charlie Venable, Debbi Ortiz, Vickie Roark, Joann Morrison, Russ Morrison, Madeleine Etheridge, Dorie Scherer, Sharon Rose, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, 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

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:

Romulo Quinto, uncle of Rowena Cornwell

Erica Baker, friend of Peggy Todd

Tasha, mother of Maddie

Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable

Kevin Watterton, husband of Amy Watterton (GDLS employee)

Nedra Clark, 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

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

#### #13—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

\*Bus Drivers

\*Kitchen Staff

\*Maintenance Director

\*Substitutes

\*Afternoon Childcare Aides \*Transportation Coordinator

\*Instructional Aide FT

If you are interested in applying, you can find an application online at <a href="http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms">http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms</a>. Once completed, you may turn it in to the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa Dadez.

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

lan Bogy, USN Husband of Tamara Bogy Mark Bradford, USN Husband of Marilyn Bradford Colin Chambers, USA Friend of Mike Canny Rvan 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

#### #15—Next Week at Gloria Dei

| With More Work at Gioria Boi     |  |
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| Today SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS |  |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | WORSHIP                                |
| 11:00 a.m.                       | Unhanging of the Greens/Choir Rehearsa |
| Monday 6:00 p.m.                 | Pack Meeting                           |
| 7:00 p.m.                        | Troop 10                               |
| Tuesday 10:00 p.m.               | Fellowship Bible Study                 |
| Wednesday 12:00 p.m.             | Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.       |
| 5:45 p.m.                        | Wonderful Wednesday                    |
| Next Sunday BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  |  |
| 9:30 a.m.                        | WORSHIP                                |
| 11:00 a.m.                       | Choir Rehearsal                        |
|                                  | Prayer Shawl Ministry                  |
| 1:00 p.m.                        | Mutual Ministry Meeting                |

#### #16—Birthdays

- 7 Kevin Fyfe, Lily Hess, Alexis Pfahl, Charlie Venable
- 8 Will Hess, Debbie Dunn
- 9 Dorie Scherer, Allison Hudgins
- 12 Marlene Saloka

#### #17—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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