



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith ✚ Building Community ✚ Building Lives



February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING MUSIC

Brother James Air

Harold Darke

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,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 835 (Stand) All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

Lasst uns Erfreuen



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
 throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
 care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

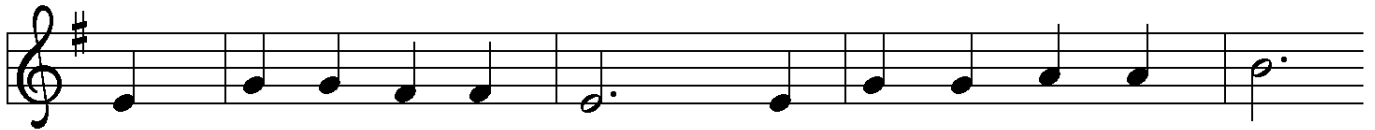
6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

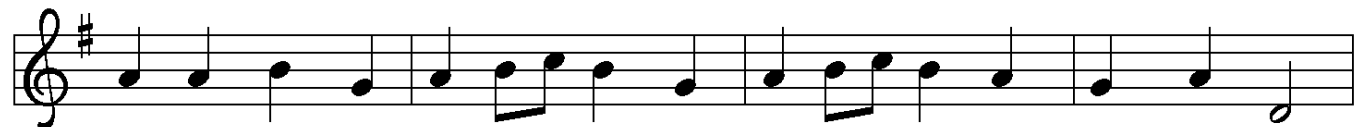
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

READINGS

A reading from Genesis (45:3-11, 15).

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (37:1-11, 39-40) is read responsively.

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ **Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
and see what God will do.

⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰ You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

A reading from First Corinthians (15:35-38, 42-50).

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

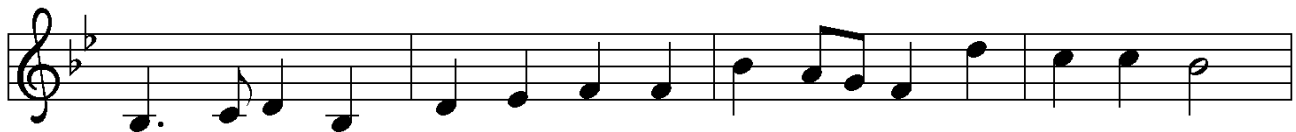
⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

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

Congregation sings:



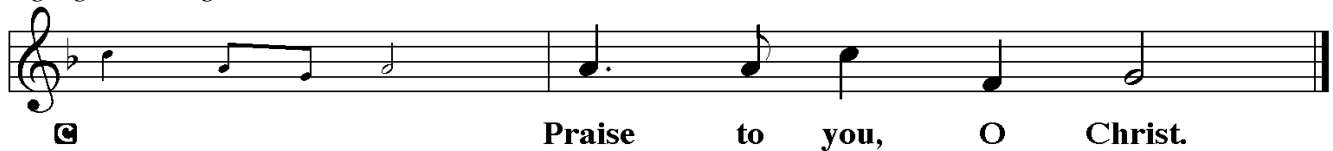
[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



SERMON (*Sit*)

Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 603 (Stand) God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

Merton

1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the love or skill
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our world of stress,
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful in - to life.
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
 for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
 Use us as a means of bless - ing: make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 give us love to go on learn - ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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 *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

Aria

Eugene Bozza

Tom Clasen, saxophone

Sandy Dunn, piano

OFFERTORY HYMN *(Stand)*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



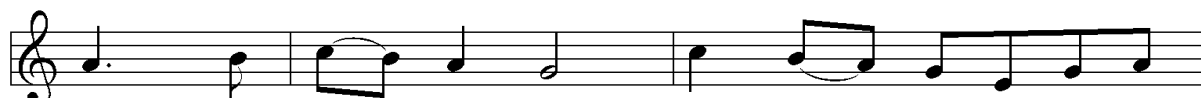
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



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

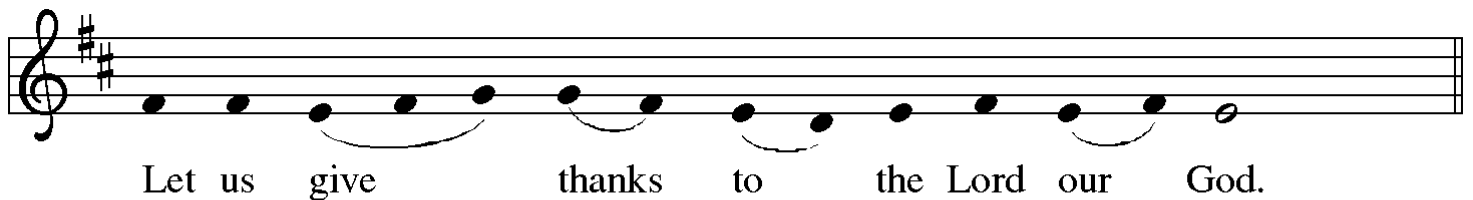
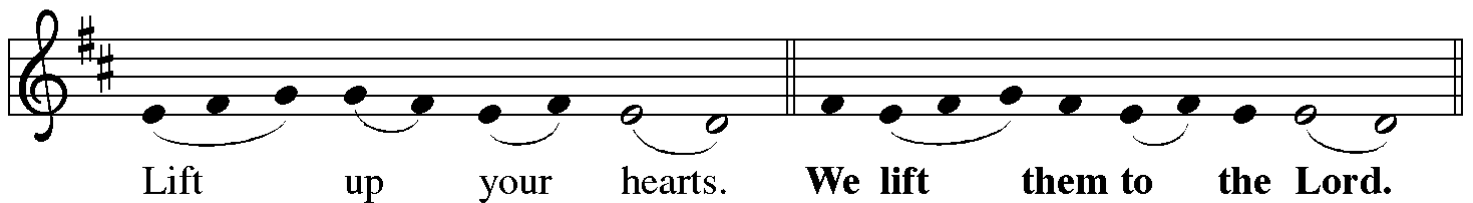
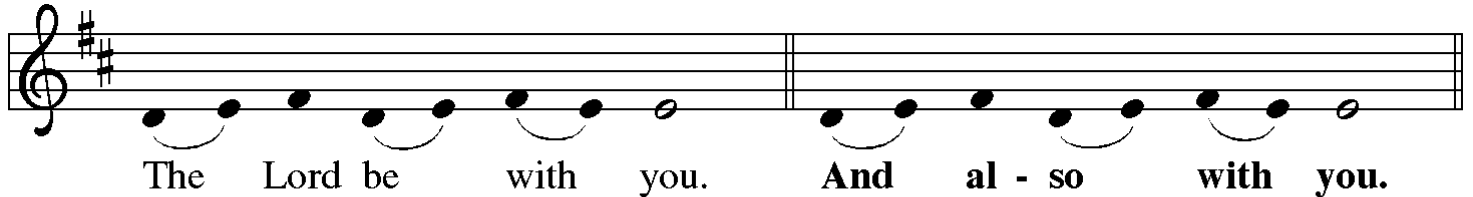
Let us pray together:

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, 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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION RESPONSE *(Sit)*

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*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.



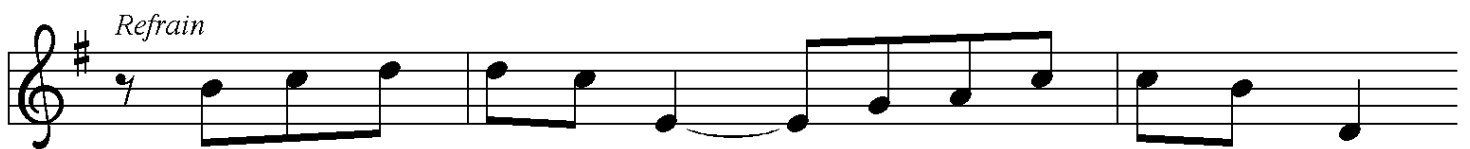
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

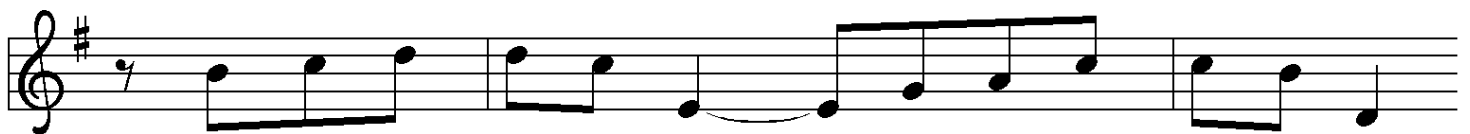


Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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:

**Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
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.

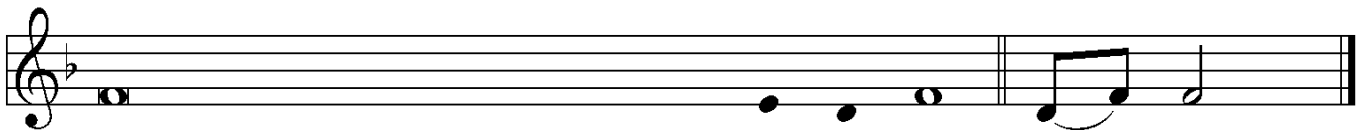


He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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.**

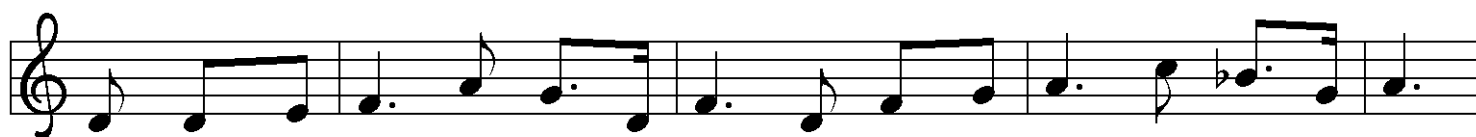
☩ A - men



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
 as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,
 Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
 the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish

Peter Hurford

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 Aaron and Jenny Sutherland in celebration of Aaron'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: Dawn Lomax, Mary Mace
CROSS AND CROWN: McKenna Behan, Dallam Brown,
Wade Brown, Thomas Kipper
GREETER: Anita Hamilton
LAY ASSISTANT: Anne Perry

READER: Debbi Ortiz
TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley,
Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS: Kent Morgan, Don Padula

#2—Become a Member



If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei in its mission and ministry in Hampton and beyond, please scan the QR code to sign up for our member class, which will be on **Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** You may also sign up by calling Peggy in the church office at 757-851-2838. In this class, you will learn about what it means to be a Lutheran, the history of Gloria Dei, the ministry opportunities of Gloria Dei, and your role as a member. New Members will join on **Sunday, March 16, 2025**, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service.

#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—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.

#5—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.

#6—Troop 10 Eagle Scout Project

Joshua Weigel is raising money for his Eagle Scout Project, which he aims to build three elevated garden planters for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. This project will benefit Gloria Dei for educational purposes as well as being a great visual addition. He has already raised enough funds for the first unit, which costs \$195; but he needs funds for the other two units, which cost \$390. You can contact Pastor Dave for more information on how you can contribute to this project.

#7—Suppers at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., next month on **Tuesday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m.** We will have a meal together and share in conversations around Scripture. At the end of our time together, we will share Holy Communion. Invite your friends and family. **Please, RSVP to Peggy in the Church Office by Tuesday, March 18;** we want to make sure the restaurant is prepared for our group being there. You are responsible for the cost of your meal and a generous tip.

#8—Lunch & Learn Seminars

You're invited to Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center's Lunch and Learn Series on the fourth Tuesday of every month. This is a free opportunity to learn more about the featured topics as we hope to raise awareness and improve resiliency in ourselves and our community. **All Lunch and Learn seminars will run from noon to 1:00 p.m.** and will be conducted at PPCC's main office at 707 Gum Rock Court in Newport News unless otherwise noted. Dates and topics are updated on the following website on an ongoing basis. The next Lunch and Learn is on **Tuesday, February 25, at noon;** it's subject is "*God Gave Me Sexuality and it is Good.*" Please visit the PPCC website to pre-register: https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm_aid=18276

#9—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

*Instructional Aides (10 or 12 Month-FT) *Kitchen Staff (PT)
*Bus Drivers (PT-we provide training) *Sub Teacher/Aides

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

#10—Puppet Show Date Change

The Pasta Dinner and Puppet Show fundraiser will now be held on Thursday, March 27.

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

Adonai Bennett, son of Tamika (GDLS parent)
Lois Hanson, cousin of Donna Vanorsdale
Donna Lambert, friend of Peggy Todd
Seamus Roark, nephew of Peggy Todd
Debbie Tupman, friend of Sharon Bennett
Delores Murray, sister of Donna Vanorsdale
Mike Murray, nephew of Donna Vanorsdale
Peggy Wells, stepmother of Clinton Wells
Joyce Sweeney, mom of Julie Hutchison
Terry, friend of Virginia Lyeth
Carole Keane, sister of Sharon Padula
Jacob, friend of the Todd family
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

#12—Birthdays

February
23 Bill Swanson
24 Bruce Thomas, Kristina Robinson
26 Gideon Souder
27 Frank Dickeski, Jr.
28 Jerri Dickeski, Audrey Engelund, Sherri Gretka
March
2 Aaliyah Urban

#13—Anniversary

February
23 Bill and Pat Roscof

#14—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

#15—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today..... SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal,
Council Meeting
11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Booth

Monday..... 6:00 p.m. Pack Meeting
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 p.m. Troop 10

Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Supper at Capri – Reservation Required

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.
6:30 p.m. First Communion Class

Saturday-Sunday... Seventh Day Youth Retreat

Saturday 10:00 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Booth

Next Sunday..... TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Booth

#16—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. You can worship live or at a more convenient time.

**Scan this QR code with your smartphone:



Wednesdays in Lent

March 5 – April 9
Unbroken, A Living Faith
WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.

When so many people identify themselves as Christian, how can we spend some time thinking deeply about what we really believe? What is the what? What are the foundational beliefs, and how are they living and moving with us as we change and grow?

Faith is passed down from generation to generation - it's an unbroken line of ancestry that connects us all the way back to Jesus. The powers of the world wanted to break Jesus and yet this faith that we rest on is strong enough that they couldn't do it. We are a part of this great tradition that will not and cannot be broken.

Using the seven teachings from the emerging work of *A Living Catechism*, through worship and practice, this Lent we will explore how we are and always have been both/and people.

- We value both Wisdom and Innovation.
- We are Individuals with gifts and unique abilities and we are a part of a Community that is much larger than any one of us.
- We are Rooted and Growing.
- We are Grounded in Tradition and always Reforming.

The series begins with Ash Wednesday, continues with our five Wednesdays in Lent, and concludes on Maundy Thursday. On Ash Wednesday, we will have a pancake supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. Each of the following five Wednesdays, we will have a simple soup supper, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. There is no meal on Maundy Thursday nor Good Friday.

7:00 p.m. begins our Evening Vespers, and the sermons will have the following topics:

Ash Wednesday	God Loves Us Eternally
Lent 1, March 12	God Speaks to Us Through Scripture and Spirit
Lent 2, March 19	God Becomes Human for Us in Jesus Christ
Lent 3, March 26	God Feels Our Pain and Suffering
Lent 4, April 2	God Compels Creation Toward Mercy
Lent 5, April 9	God Delights in Our Goodness and Judges Sin
Maundy Thursday, April 17	God Meets Us in Bread, Wine, and Water

Please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium or contact Kevin Morse at 757-288-0268 if you are interested in helping in the following areas: making soup, helping with setup, serving the soup, and cleaning up for our Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers.

Girl Scout Cookie Booth

It's Cookie Time!

Girl Scout Troop 1041 will be set up in the Gloria Dei parking lot and have all of your favorite cookies available for sale on the dates listed below.

Sunday, February 23, from 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 1, from 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, from 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

They can accept payment by cash, check, or credit card.

WELCA Book Club

The WELCA Book Club continues to meet on the second Monday of the month. Our next get together will be at the home of Kelly Redman at 7:00 p.m. on March 10. Newcomers are always welcome! Please consider joining us. The book selected is "*The Four Winds*" by Kristen Hannah. She has had many books on the best seller list and is an excellent author.

Here's a synopsis of the book.

"My land tells its story if you listen. The story of our family." Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a

time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows.

By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous marriage; each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive.

In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family.

*The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.*

EASTER EGG ORDER FORM

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is selling chocolate covered Easter eggs. The eggs are available in two sizes and seven fabulous flavors. The large eggs weigh approximately 8 oz. and can be personalized. The small eggs can be ordered in an assortment with **one of each flavor or one flavor per box**. The weight of each small egg is approximately 1.5 oz. All eggs will be decorated with flowers. Please return completed order forms to the information desk in the atrium and place in the box labeled **Easter Egg Orders**.

Order taking will begin February 10.

Order deadline is Monday, March 31. **All orders must be pre-paid.** Make checks payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.
Questions: Mary Mace (757) 826-5435

Orders may be picked up at Gloria Dei. Please circle or highlight your intended pick-up date.

Friday, April 11 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Purchaser's Name _____ Phone #: _____

Purchaser's email _____

Large Personalized 8 oz. eggs	\$6.00 each egg							
<i>Please print clearly the names for each egg 10 letters maximum or "Happy Easter"</i>	Peanut Butter	Butter Cream	Coconut Cream	Crème de Menthe	Raspberry Cream	Chocolate Cream	Orange Cream	
QUANTITY								
\$ SUBTOTAL								\$

Small 1.5 oz. eggs – six per box									\$7.00 each box
No Personalization or Substitutions	Assortment (1 of each flavor except crème de menthe)	Box of 6 Peanut Butter	Box of 6 Butter Cream	Box of 6 Coconut Cream	Box of 6 Crème de Menthe	Box of 6 Raspberry Cream	Box of 6 Chocolate Cream	Box of 6 Orange Cream	TOTAL
QUANTITY									
\$ SUBTOTAL									\$

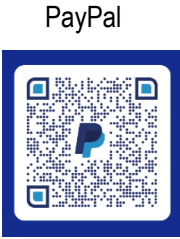
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Subtotal large eggs **\$** _____
 Subtotal small eggs **\$** _____
 Grand Total **\$** _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Order taken by _____

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.



What is the Walk to Emmaus?

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives.

Through The Walk to Emmaus, as they seek to become healthy and vital congregations, local churches have both a means of growing disciples and a tool for developing leaders for their disciple-making systems.

The program begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity that is wrapped in prayer and signs of sacrificial service. It continues for the rest of participants' lives with follow-up groups that, along with the local church's robust offerings, contribute to participants' ongoing growth in grace. Ultimately, The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

*******Upcoming Men's and Women's Weekends*******
Men's Walk: May 1 – May 4
Women's Walk: May 15 – May 18

Pastor is looking at serving on the Women's weekend, so it would be great to have as many Gloria Dei women as possible to do this walk. Please, let Pastor Dave know of your interest ASAP. You can call the church office, 757-851-2838, or email Pastor at pastordave@gloriadei.net.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is 60 years old this year!

60 Days of Prayer

Please remember to turn in your prayers!

Help us celebrate all year long by participating in our "60-Day Challenges." These challenges will be announced on a poster and small table set up in the Tower of the Triumphant. Our first challenge is "60 Days of Prayer." Please stop by, and pick up a bookmark and challenge card to read more about this event.

It is easy! Short prayers, long prayers, prayers while you brush your teeth, prayers when you pick up your children, drive a car... you get the idea. We would like to count the total number of prayers offered during this 60-day period. You can drop your completed cards, tear off (below), sticky notes, etc. with the number of prayers each person in your family or group prayed that week into the provided basket.

God invites us to prayer. What a great way to kick off this anniversary year, by asking God to bless our church and school. Not once, but every day! Make prayer a part of your and your family's daily routine. We hope after 60 days it will become a permanent daily habit.

Will you accept this challenge to participate in praying daily for our church and school?
Challenge accepted!

Your Church Council

-----Tear here and drop this in the prayer basket in the Tower of the Triumphant.-----

Total prayers we prayed:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday