



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of Our Lord

GATHERING MUSIC

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

TEMPLE TALK

Rita Foringer

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.**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

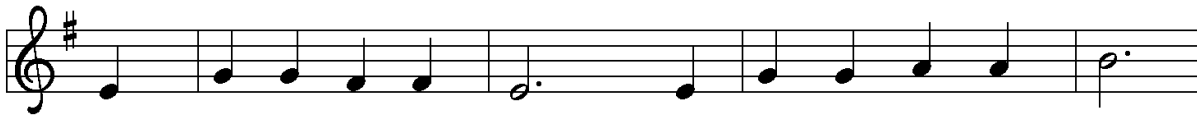
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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:

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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

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 Exodus (34:29-35).

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (99) is read responsively.

¹ The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The Lord, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O Lord,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A reading from Second Corinthians (3:12—4:2).

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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 9:28-43a

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

Congregation sings:



²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



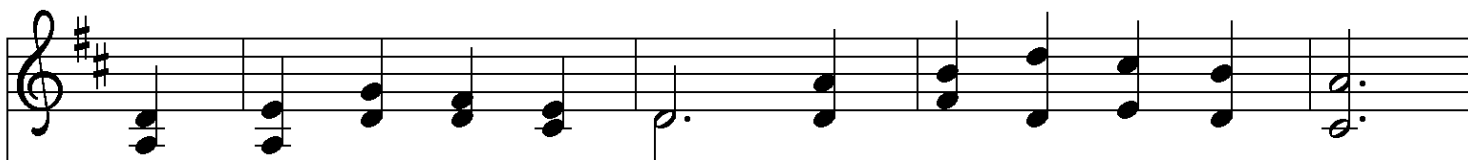
SERMON (*Sit*)

Pastor Harvey Nelson

Silence is kept for reflection.

Thank you to Pastor Harvey Nelson for serving today as Pastor Dave is away at the Synod's 7th Day Retreat with our 5th and 6th graders. Harvey was born in Nebraska; grew up in Casper, Wyoming, and went to seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Marie; and they served in Crosby, North Dakota; Lakefield, Litchfield, and Willmar, Minnesota. He and Marie also served in Nigeria and South Africa for five years each. They have three children and three grandchildren (one in Thousand Oaks, California, and two in Williamsburg, Virginia).

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 315 (Stand) How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.



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, 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

Prelude in E Minor
Brandon Spence, piano

Frederic Chopin

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

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

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

Congregation sings:



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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Congregation sings:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

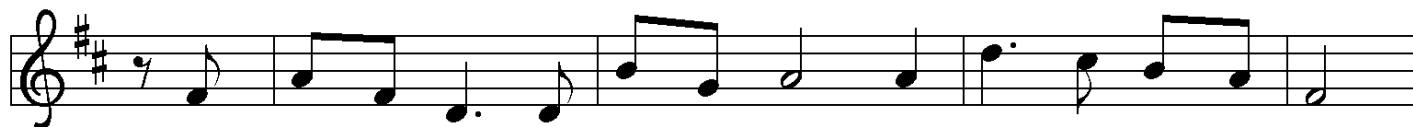
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Refrain

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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

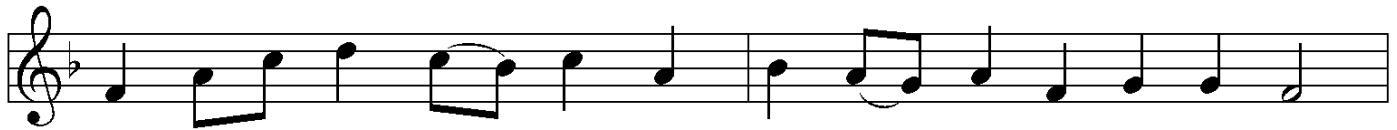
Let us pray together:

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.

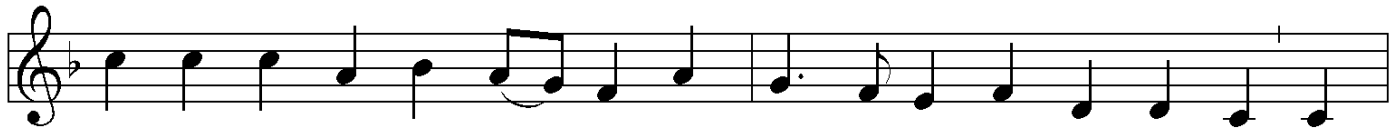
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



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



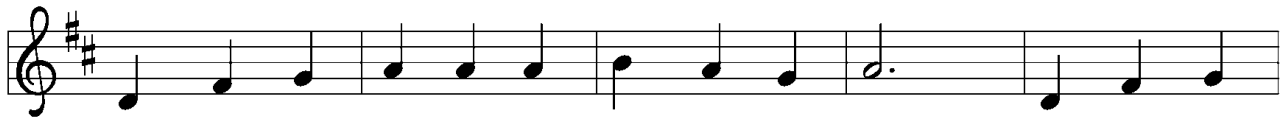
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



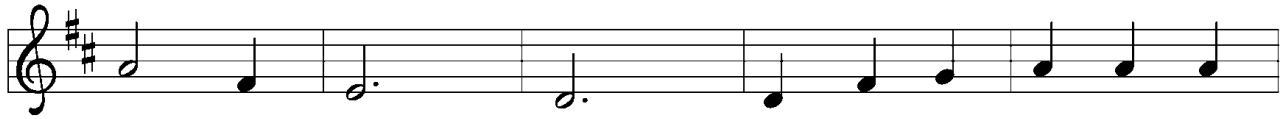
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE

Paen

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.



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Leonard and Marna Mayo in celebration of Marna'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: Sandy Dunn, Kevin Morse
CROSS AND CROWN: McKenna Behan, Jeremiah Green
GREETER: Anita Hamilton
LAY ASSISTANT: Rita Foringer
READER: Rita Foringer
TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHER: Jason Green, Tim Olson

#2—Congregational Sympathy

Gloria Dei congregation expresses its sympathy to the family of Russell "Russ" C. Morrison upon his death in Hampton, Virginia, on Thursday, February 20, 2025. Funeral worship and burial plans will be announced as they are available to the church office. Condolences may be sent to 2 Fenwick Road, Apt 701, Hampton, Virginia 23651.

#3—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, 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.

#4—Watterton Fund

Kevin Watterton, spouse of Amy Watterton (long-time teacher at Gloria Dei), has been diagnosed with a rare form of 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.

#5—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.

#6—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, March 25, at noon;** it's subject is "*The Medicine of Silliness.*" Please visit the PPCC website to pre-register: https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm_aid=18276

#7—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.

#8—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: Bob Hess, Leonard Mayo, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Jill Ruhl, Charlie Venable, Debbi Ortiz, Vickie Roark, Joann 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:

Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Adonai Bennett, son of Tamika (GDLS parent)
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

#9—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:



#10—Cereal Offering on Sunday Mornings

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

#11—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
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

#12—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today..... TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
Seventh Day Youth Retreat
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Booth
Monday..... 6:00 p.m. Pack Meeting
7:00 p.m. Troop 10
Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.
6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper
7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
Saturday 10:00 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Booth
Next Sunday..... FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**/First Communion
11:00 a.m. Reception/New Member Class
Choir Rehearsal;
Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Cookie Booth

#13—Birthdays

- 2 Aaliyah Urban
- 4 Marna Mayo, Julia Englund
- 5 Jack Robinson, Buzz Hamilton
- 7 Bob Sipes
- 8 Maddi Etheridge, Vangie Miller

#14—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, 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.

#15—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.

#16—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.

#17—Fellowship Bible Study

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

#18—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.

#21—NexTrex Recycling Challenge--Round Three!

Gloria Dei is participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge...again! We will collect a minimum of 1000 lbs. of plastic film, which will be exchanged for a **third** NexTrex bench for our school. Please use **clear trash bags** for bringing in all of your plastic donations. A donation bin is located in the Atrium for your clean, dry plastic.

#22—2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 flower calendar is posted in the Rotunda, just outside of the Nave doors, 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!

#23—Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

Harris Teeter—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at Harris Teeter. Once you ask for and receive your VIC card, you can go to <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>, click on "Link your school today," log in or register, then go to "My Account," and scroll down to "Together in Education," and click to link a school. You will then enter our School code, 6528, and click on *Gloria Dei Lutheran School*. Thank you!

#24—Papa John's School Fundraiser

Papa Johns—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at www.papajohns.com or on their mobile app. Simply apply the promo code "GDLS" and 20% of your order will benefit our school. This offer applies to delivery or carryout orders year-round. All proceeds will be donated for the new playground equipment.

#25—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
- * Juice (individual size)
- * Canned veggies—corn, beans, green beans
- * Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- * Toilet Paper
- * Soap
- * Crackers
- * Peanut Butter
- * Shelf-stable milk

#26—Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

The Women of Gloria Dei meet periodically throughout the year for fellowship and to support various mission projects. Once again we will sponsor the creation of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) as our Lenten Journey. These kits are distributed throughout the world during times of national disasters. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, so it's time to begin accumulating the needed items. They include:

1. Nail clippers (sturdy heavy-duty ones)
2. Comb (a large sturdy comb—no rattails)
3. 2 full-sized bath soap bars (no hotel sizes or travel sizes)
4. **Light weight** bath towel, about 20x40" to 52x28" in a medium to dark color
5. Full-sized adult toothbrush (no travel sizes; leave in packaging)

An area for donations will be set up on Wednesday, March 5. You can donate monetarily by placing a check or cash (in a designated envelope) in the offering plate, mailing it to the church office, or on Tithely. Please add "LWR Kits" in the memo section. You may purchase complete kits or any portion. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

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A "Glass with the Girls" continues to get together at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton on the fourth Monday of the month. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on March 24. It's always an evening of fun and fellowship. Come join us

Ideas for activities are always welcome. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I'm always open to something new or different. Contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net) with your suggestions.

**#27—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.**

**#28—Worship Schedule for Holy Week**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**  
April 17, at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP**  
April 18, at 7:00 p.m.

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD WORSHIP**  
Sunday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m.  
*Nursery available.*

*A flower cross will be created on Easter Sunday using the Lenten Cross. Children and adults are invited to bring fresh flowers to church on Easter to help decorate the Easter Cross.*

**#29—Puppet Show Date Change**

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

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Puppet Show & Dinner:      Adult: \_\_\_\_ x \$18 = \_\_\_\_\_

                                            Child: \_\_\_\_ x \$14 = \_\_\_\_\_

Puppet Show Only:              \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_              TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make a check out to “Gloria Dei” or send cash for the exact amount.  
\*Please return payment and this form to the student’s home base teacher by March 26.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Large Personalized 8 oz. eggs</b>                                                        | <b>\$6.00 each egg</b> |              |               |                 |                 |                 |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Please print clearly the names for each egg<br/>10 letters maximum or "Happy Easter"</i> | Peanut Butter          | Butter Cream | Coconut Cream | Crème de Menthe | Raspberry Cream | Chocolate Cream | Orange Cream |              |
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| <b>QUANTITY</b>                                                                             |                        |              |               |                 |                 |                 |              |              |
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| <b>Small 1.5 oz. eggs – six per box</b>    |                                                         | <b>\$7.00 each box</b> |                       |                        |                          |                          |                          |                       |              |
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| <b>No Personalization or Substitutions</b> | Assortment<br>(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 | <b>TOTAL</b> |
| <b>QUANTITY</b>                            |                                                         |                        |                       |                        |                          |                          |                          |                       |              |
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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.

Tithe.ly



PayPal



Venmo

