

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives



March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

O Mensch Bewein Dein Sunde Gross

Johann Sebastian Bach

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another.

Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name. **Amen.**

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

God of mercy,

you delight in goodness and judge sin.

Give us open and honest hearts

to recognize the ways we have turned from you,

from our own belovedness, and from one another.

We see the world through the lens of scarcity

instead of your lens of abundance.

We see people as us and them

instead of one body in you.

We participate in the brokenness of the world,

caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong.

Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God,

and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness.

Through your divine love,

transform all that threatens to destroy

the good that you have created.

Beloved people of God:

At a table that Jesus sets,

God forgives us and feeds us with love eternal.

In water and promise,

God brings us to new life

and breathes into us gifts to serve the world.

You are forgiven, in the name of Christ (+),

who calls us into the coming of God's reign

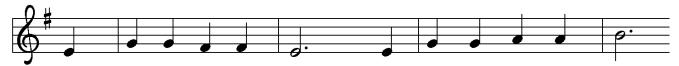
where all are supported, nourished, and loved. Amen.



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



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-emn prayer.

sin.

- 2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a way our
- 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:

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 Genesis (15:1-12, 17-18).

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (27) is read responsively.

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- ⁴ One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

 Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- ⁷ Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸ My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

 Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁰ Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹² Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

A reading from Philippians (3:17—4:1).

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION (Stand)





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

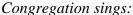
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Congregation sings:



³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord.





SERMON (Sit)

Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

I present the following who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Michael Behan

Linda Moss

Calvin and Kelly Redman

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for our brothers and sisters,

whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, Michael, Linda, Calvin, Kelly, and the whole Congregation, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support them and pray for them in their life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in these new members the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either sit or kneel.

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

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE (Stand)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING (Sit)

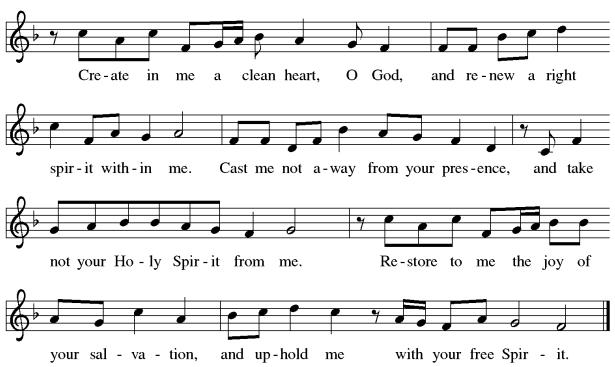
Support the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei by giving your financial tithes and offerings by:

- 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.



Create in Me a Clean Heart

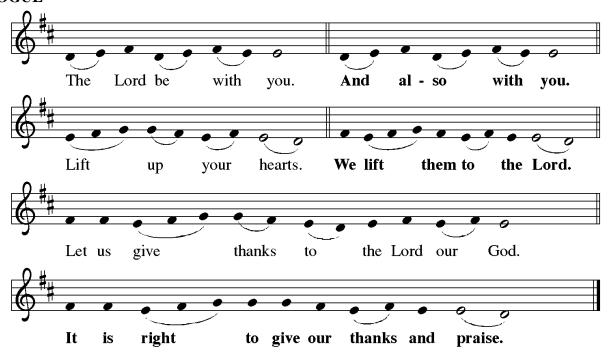


OFFERING PRAYER

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



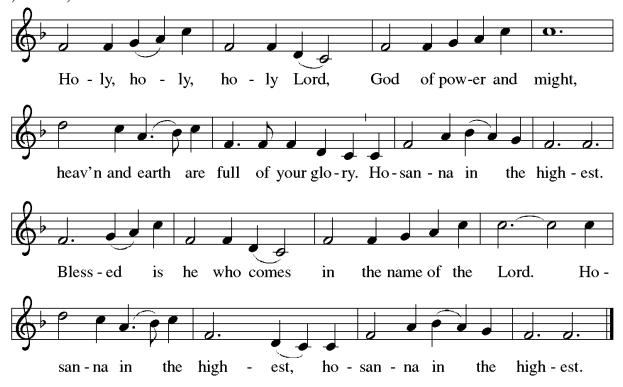
PREFACE

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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.

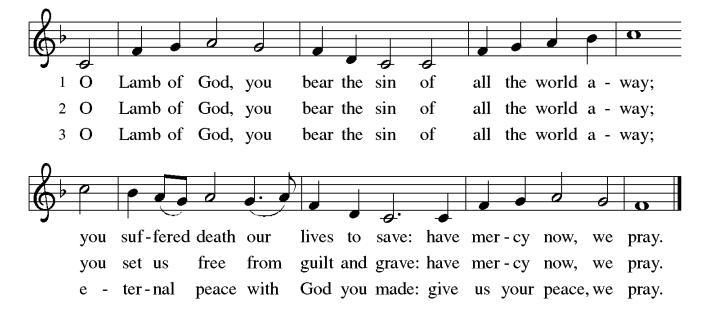
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION RESPONSE (Sit)

Lamb of God



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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.





SENDING

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL (Stand)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

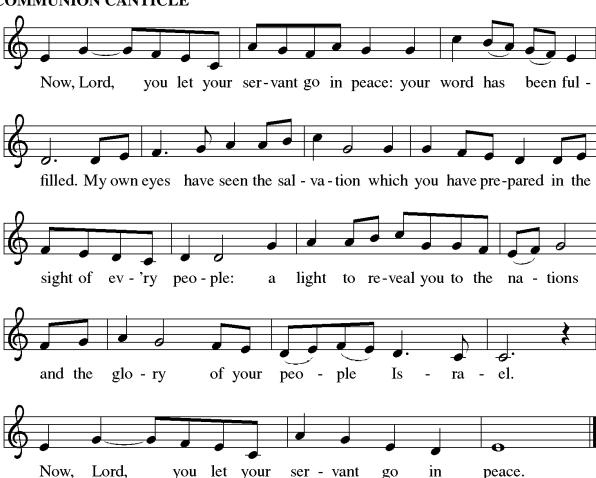
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,

that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,

in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



BENEDICTION



and be gracious to you.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

POSTLUDE

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Bach

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

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Martha Bauer in honor of her son, Eric.

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

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

RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.

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

#1—Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS: Rowena Cornwell, Debbi Ortiz CROSS AND CROWN: Dallam Brown, Wade Brown,

Thomas Kipper

GREETER: Rita Foringer LAY ASSISTANT: Anne Perry

#2—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.

#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.

#5—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!

#6—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:

* Soap

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

READER: Jerri Dickseski

TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley,

Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

USHERS: Tom Clasen, Don Padula

#7—Easter Sunday Lilies

It's time for us to begin placing orders for Easter lilies to grace our Nave for our Easter worship service. Lilies are \$25 each. Please turn in completed envelopes to the church office by **March 18**. If using online bill pay or *Tithe.ly*, note how many lilies in the memo line and call the church office, 757-851-2838, to let us know if your order(s) are in honor or in memory of someone. We may be able to get these for a cheaper price. Any money received over our cost will go toward the crisis fund.

#8—Join us for "Clean the Nave Day!"

Join us on **Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** to help make our beautiful worship space shine for Easter! Anyone willing to work and enjoy some fellowship is welcome. Come for an hour, or come for three! There are many different jobs. Bring a broom and dustpan; other cleaning supplies, snacks, and bottled water will be provided. Contact Vivian Griese, 757-268-5181, or Pam Hess, 757-897-5669, with any questions.

#9—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

#10—Our Love and Prayers go out to...

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

Our members: Linda Moss, 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-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:

Ashley, great-niece of Carol Godley Seamus Roark, nephew of Peggy Todd The Branca family, friends of Vickie Roark Terry, friend of Virginia Lyeth Lou Ann Tucker, friend of Debbi Ortiz Joyce Sweeney, mom of Julie Hutchison 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

#11—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:

#12—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.

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

Ian Bogy, USN Husband of Tamara Bogy Mark Bradford, USN Husband of Marilyn Bradford Colin Chambers, USA Friend of Mike Canny Ryan Curtis, USAF Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Crystal Curtis, USAF 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 Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton Megan Haskell, USA 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

#14—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today	SECOND S	SUNDAY IN LENT
	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP/New Members Join
	11:00 a.m.	New Member Reception;
		Choir Rehearsal; ExAdCom
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Pack Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Troop 10 Meeting
Tuesday	RSVP Dead	dline for Suppers at Capri
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	LENT WORSHIP SERVICE
Next Sunday	THIRD SUN	IDAY IN LENT
	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP
	11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal

#15—Birthdays

Church Council Meeting

- 16 Hayley O'Neill
- 17 Anita Hamilton
- 18 Rachel Lomax, Christopher Via, Amanda Wells
- 19 Eric Olsen, Ollie Fox
- 20 Matthew Werner, Robert Miller
- 22 Chelsea Souder

#16—Puppet Show Date Change					
The Pasta Dinner and Puppet Show	w fundraiser will now be held on Thurso	day, March 27.			
Student Name:	Teacher:				
Puppet Show & Dinner:	Adult: x \$18 =				
	Child: x \$14 =				
Puppet Show Only:	x \$10 =	TOTAL:			
*Please make a check out to "Glori	a Dei" or send cash for the exact amou	unt.			
*Please return payment and this for	rm to the student's home base teacher	by March 26.			
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	#17—Watt	erton 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.

#18—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

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.

#19—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.

#20—Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

<u>Harris Teeter.</u>—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!

#21—Papa John's School Fundraiser

<u>Papa Johns</u>—You can help Gloria Dei Lutheran School raise funds by shopping at <u>www.papajohns.com</u> 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.

#22—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.

#23—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."

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.

#24—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

#25—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 has been set up in the Rotunda. 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 Tithe.ly. 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.

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 with your suggestions.

#26—Wednesdays in Lent

March 12 – 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 <u>A Living Catechism</u>, 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 continues with our five Wednesdays in Lent, and concludes on Maundy Thursday. 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:

Lent 1, March 12	
Lent 2, March 19	
Lent 3, March 26	
	God Compels Creation Toward Mercy
	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.

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** <u>or</u> 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.

Cash _____ Check #____

Order deadline is Monday, March 31.	All orders must be pre-paid.	Make checks payable to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Questions: Mary Mace (757) 826-543	5	

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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.

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



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