

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives



# March 23, 2025

# Third Sunday in Lent

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

Were You There

Eugene Hancock

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.

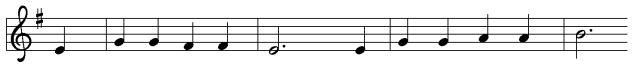
Amen.



#### **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.
- 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:

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation sits. Children are invited to come forward during the song and sit on the chancel steps.

#### WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

#### Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know For the Bible tells me so Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but he is strong! Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

#### READINGS

A reading from Isaiah (55:1-9).

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

The Psalm (63:1-8) is read responsively.

- <sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.
- <sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.
- <sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

A reading from First Corinthians (10:1-13).

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **LENTEN ACCLAMATION (Stand)**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



#### **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

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

Congregation sings:



<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit) Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.



#### **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.

#### 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)

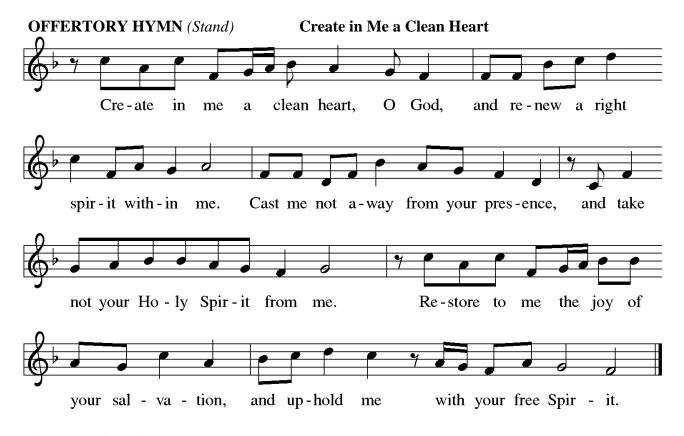
Support the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei by giving your financial tithes and offerings by:

- 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Lower case "c" means universal.

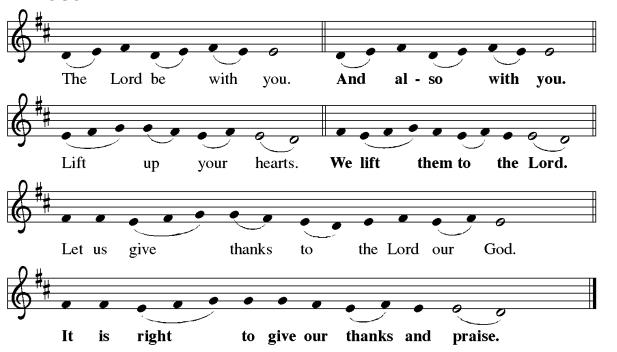


#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

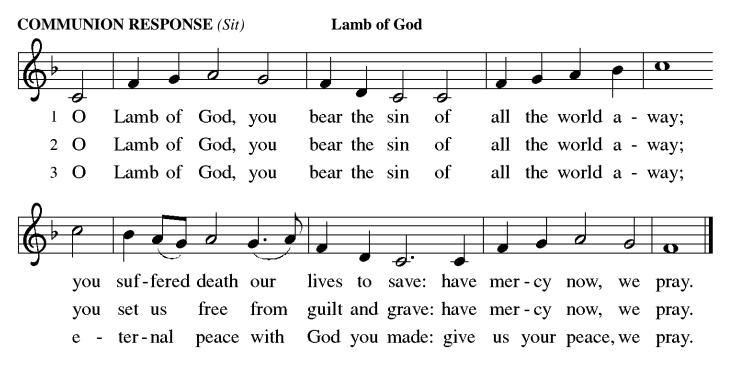
#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.



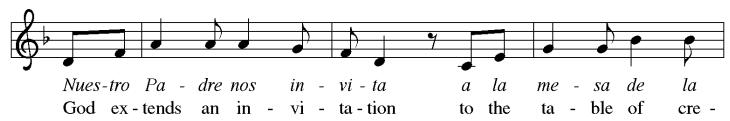
We believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness. All are welcome to share in Communion. If you would like to receive communion by common cup instead of individual cups of wine or grape juice, after you consume your wafer, hold your hands out (palms up),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

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

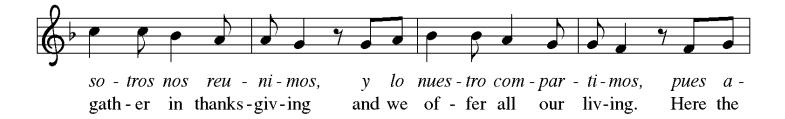
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.











# **SENDING**

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

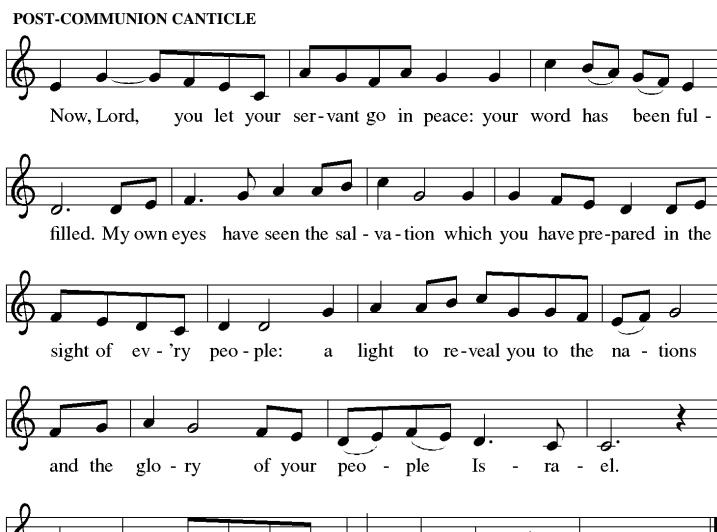
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

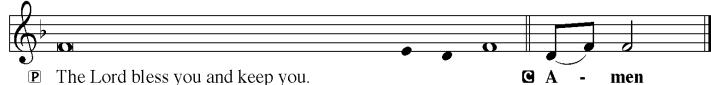
Generous Host,

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.





# **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.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Sit)

# **POSTLUDE**

#### O World, I Must Now Leave Thee

Johannes Brahms

Please take this time to ponder what Christ may be calling you/us to do through today's prayers, readings, sermons, and hymns as we listen to the postlude. If you are particularly moved by the Postlude, please hold your applause and congratulate the musician in person after worship.

# **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



# GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Ed and Susan Krebs in celebration of their birthdays.

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: Thomas Kipper, Ruth Hutchison,

Hayley O'Neill

GREETER: Anita Hamilton LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen

# #2—Suppers at Capri

For those who have RSVP'd, we will meet at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on **Tuesday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m.** 

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., next month on **Tuesday, April 15, 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, April 8;** 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—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.

# #4—Soup Supper

There are still a few Wednesdays that need individuals to sign up to bring soup. The sign up poster is just outside the Nave, near the Communications Center (TV?). Soup Suppers are now in the Coffee Bar and Simeon Center, with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m.

# #5—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.

READER: Dan Singer

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

Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

USHERS: Peggy Todd, Josh Lowman

# #6—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:

# #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—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: <a href="https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm\_aid=18276">https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm\_aid=18276</a>

# #9—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.

# #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

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—Birthdays

- 24 Shannon Mace
- 25 MacKenzie Grimm
- 26 Reed Dugger, Deacon Liz Fox
- Conner Smith, Maribel Fox
- 28 J.P. Venable, III
- 29 Dean Epps
- Rhodes Lomax, Susan Krebs, Gabby Newsome

#### #12—Anniversaries

- 25 Danny and Vickie Roark
- 28 Bill and Nancy Monroe

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

lan Bogy, USN Husband of Tamara Bogy Mark Bradford, USN Husband of Marilyn Bradford Friend of Mike Canny Colin Chambers, USA Ryan Curtis, USAF Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Crystal Curtis, USAF Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis Son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Swanson John Demitraszek, USMC 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 Member of Gloria Dei Kerri Masters, USA 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

TodayTHIRD SUI	NDAY IN LENT						
9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP						
11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal						
	Church Council Meeting						
Monday 6:00 p.m.	Pack Meeting						
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting						
7:00 p.m.	Troop 10 Meeting						
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Bible Study						
6:00 p.m.	Supper at Capri – Reservation Required						
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						
Thursday 5:30 p.m.	Fundraiser Dinner						
6:30 p.m.	Puppet Show						
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	Clean the Nave Day						
Next Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT							
9:30 a.m. <b>WORSHIP</b>							
11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal; VBS Planning Meeting						

# #15—Pasta Dinner and Puppet Show Fundraiser

Join us on Thursday, March 27, for the Pasta Dinner and Puppet Show fundraiser. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the puppet show will begin at 6:30 p.m. \*Please make check out to "Gloria Dei" or send cash for the exact amount and this form to the student's home base teacher by March 26.

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Student Name:		Teacher:	
Puppet Show & Dinner:	Adult:	x \$18 =	
	Child:	x \$14 =	
Puppet Show Only:		x \$10 =	TOTAL:

#### #16—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)
- 4. Light weight bath towel, about 20x40" to 52x28" in a medium to dark color
- 2. Comb (a large sturdy comb—no rattails)
- 5. Full-sized adult toothbrush (no travel sizes; leave in packaging)
- 3. 2 full-sized bath soap bars (no hotel sizes or travel sizes)

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 guestions 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. **tomorrow, 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 <a href="mailto:rforinger@verizon.net">rforinger@verizon.net</a> with your suggestions.

### #17—Wednesdays in Lent

March 26 – 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 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.

# #18—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.

# #19—QR Codes for Online Giving

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

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PayPal



#### Venmo



#### #20—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 <a href="mailto:pastordave@gloriadei.net">pastordave@gloriadei.net</a>.

# #21—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

# 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) 826-5435	

Orders may be pi	cked up at Gloria De	i. Pleas	e circle d	or highligh	nt your inte	ended pick	-up date.		
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Sunday, April 13	9:00 a.m 12:00	p.m.							
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