

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith + Building Community + Building Lives



March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

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.

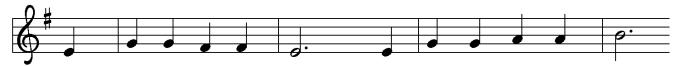
ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 606 (Stand) Our Father, We Have Wandered



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:

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 Deuteronomy (26:1-11).

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. It Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (91:1-2, 9-16) is read responsively.

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
- ² you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰ no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

A reading from Romans (10:8b-13).

8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION (Stand)





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

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

Congregation sings:



¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you.

to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit) Pastor Dave

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 793 (Stand)

Be Thou My Vision



APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

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.

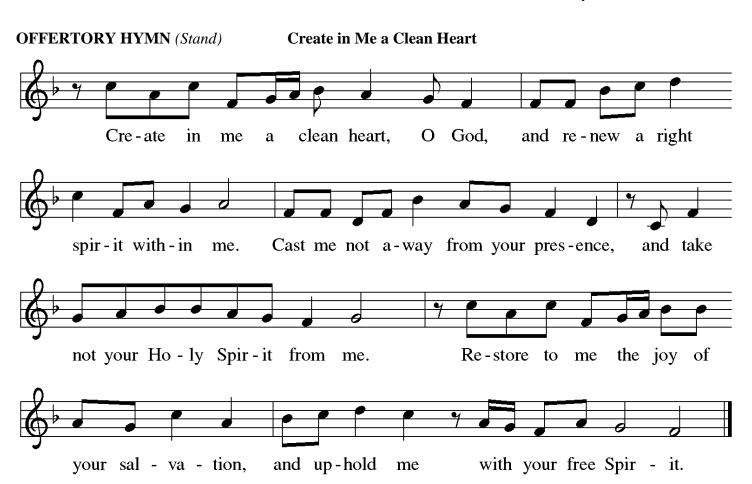
For electronic offerings, see back page for QR codes.

^{**}Lower case "c" means universal.

Ubi Caritas. Ubi Caritas. Deus ibi est. Ubi Caritas. Ubi Caritas. Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and love, God is there, God is there. Where there is charity and love, God is always there. We have gathered in this place, Joining hearts in love and praise. Giving thanks to God above, We go out to serve in love.

Where there is charity and love, God is there, God is there. Ubi Caritas. Ubi Caritas. Deus ibi est. God is always there

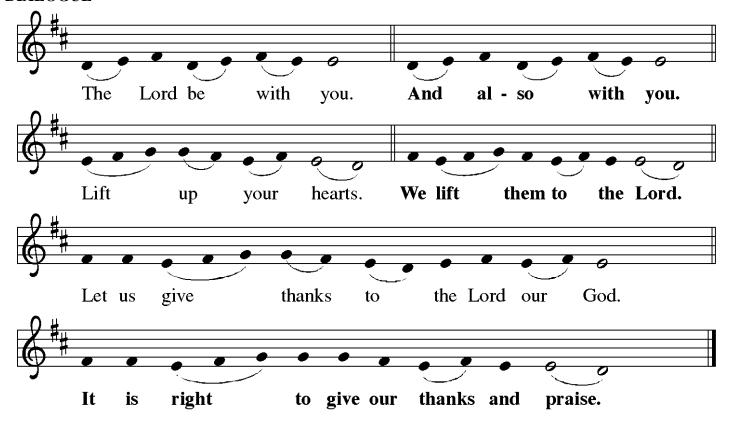


OFFERING PRAYER

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



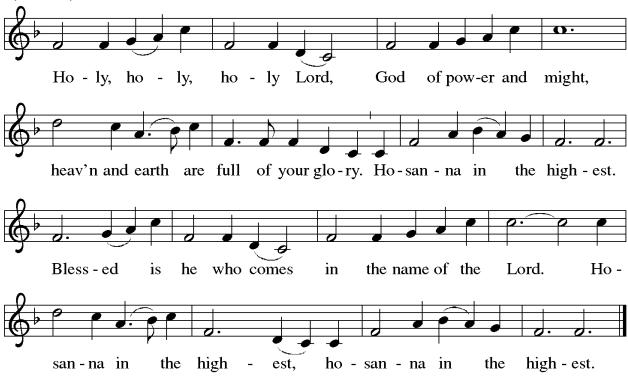
PREFACE

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,

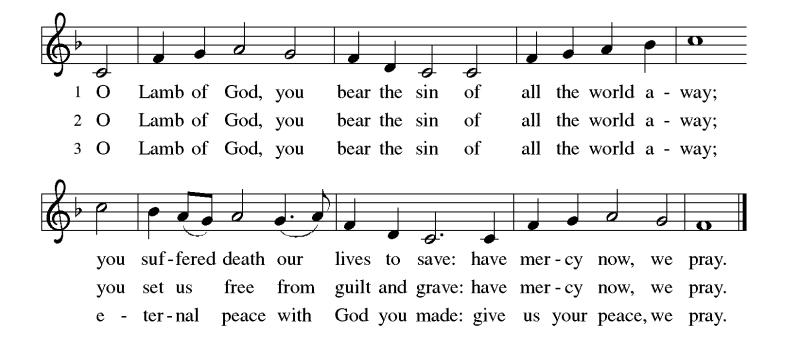
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNION CLASS STUDENTS

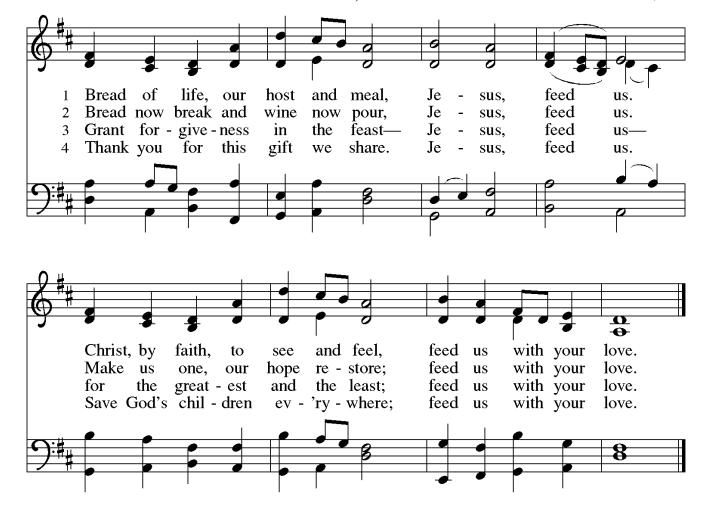
Ryan Camden Miller Emma Braelyn Olsen Meghan Natalya Willey Declan Nathanael Willey Sabrina Marie Zameito

COMMUNION OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

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

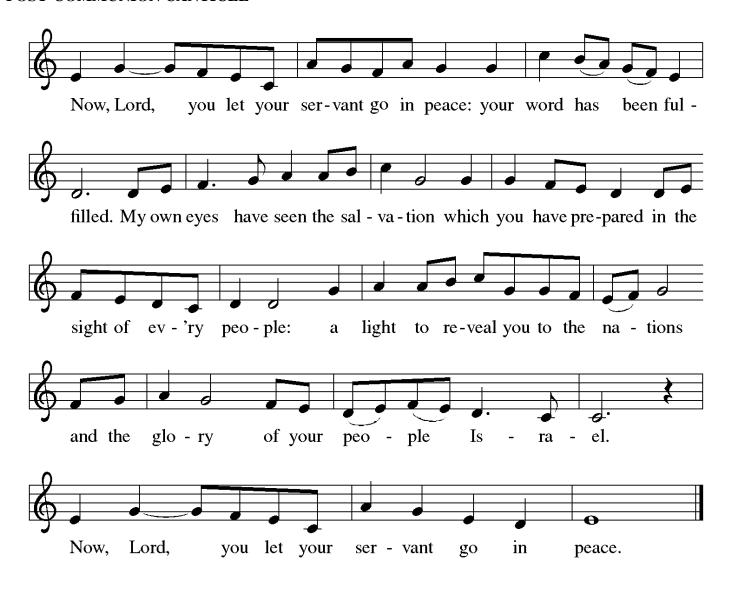
Let us pray together:

Generous Host,

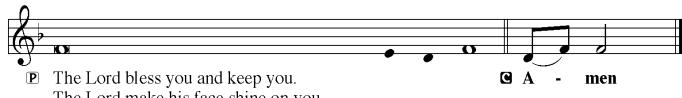
you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

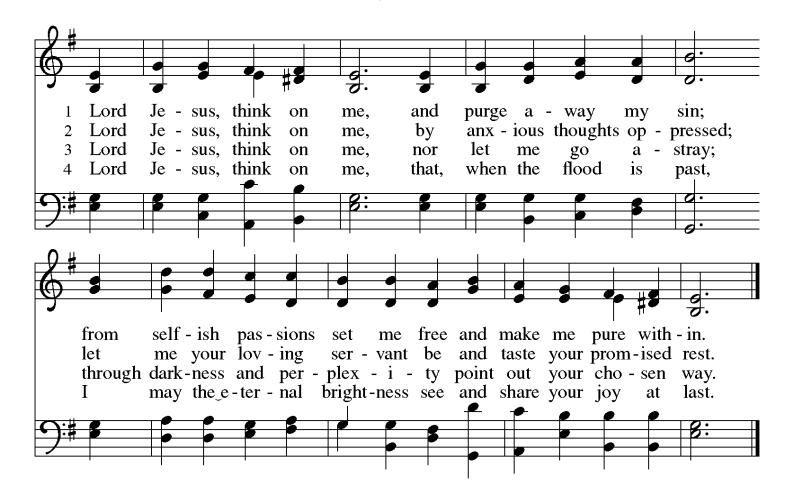


BENEDICTION



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 I Call to Thee 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.



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Melvin and Donna Lanning.

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: Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable

CROSS AND CROWN: McKenna Behan GREETER: Debbi Ortiz LAY ASSISTANT: Josh Lowman

#2—Congregational Sympathy

Congregational sympathy is extended to Bob and Nancy Haberman and family on the death of their brother-in-law, David Newton, and their nephew, Travis Anderson. Travis died in December 2024 in North Carolina, and David died on Saturday, March 1, 2025, in North Carolina. Condolences may be sent to 206 Anne Drive, Newport News, Virginia 23601.

#3—Become a Member

If you have RSVP'd for our new member class, it is today, **Sunday**, **March 9**, **2025**, following worship in the church conference room. New Members will join on **Sunday**, **March 16**, **2025**, during our 9:30 a.m. worship service. We will have a reception immediately following worship on March 16 welcoming our new members.

#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.

READER: Dan Singer

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

Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

USHERS: John Campbell, Brown Cornwell

#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—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.

#9—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-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:

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

#10—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:

Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale



#11—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.

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

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lan 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/F	SO 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 Grai	ndson-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

#13—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT						
9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP/First Communion					
11:00 a.m.	First Communion Reception;					
	New Member Class;					
	Choir Rehearsal;					
	Prayer Shawl Ministry					
Monday 3:00 p.m.	Peninsula Conference Gathering (Clergy)					
6:00 p.m.	Pack Meeting					
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Meeting					
7:00 p.m.	WELCA Book Club;					
	Troop 10 Meeting					
Tuesday 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT						
9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP/New Members Join					
11:00 a.m.	New Member Reception;					

#14—Birthdays

Choir Rehearsal: ExAdCom

- 10 Renee Wells, Andrew Moore
- 13 Spencer Urban
- 14 Kristy Fyfe
- 16 Hayley O'Neill

#15—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.

#16—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.

#17—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.

#18—H.E.L.P. Donations

Please, join us in filling up the red wagon to feed the hungry in our community. The following are items on their most needed list:

* Mac & Cheese

- * Toilet Paper
- * Peanut Butter

* Juice (individual size)

- * Soap
- * Shelf-stable milk

- Canned veggies—corn, beans, green beans
- * Crackers
- * Canned or Boxed Potatoes

#19—Puppet Show Date Change

The Pasta Dinner and Puppet Show fundraiser will now be held on Thursday, March 27.								
Student Name: Puppet Show & Dinner:	Teacher Adult: x \$18 =							
Puppet Show Only:	Child: x \$14 = x \$10 =	TOTAL:						

#20—Join us for "Clean the Nave Day!"

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

^{*}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.

#21—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.

#22—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	

#23—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 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. 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.

#24—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.

#25—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	
	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.

#26—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.

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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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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