



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Building Faith † Building Community † Building Lives



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna to the Son of David
Choir

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

Congregation will meet outside for the procession of palms.

GATHERING

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according Saint Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Congregation sings:



²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the cross into the church.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
And of the ✠ Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Kneel or sit*)

Silence is kept for reflection.

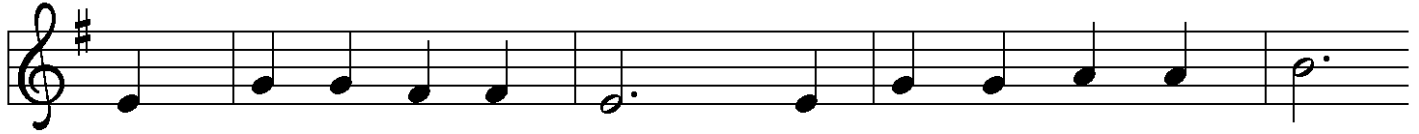
Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
With our whole heart;
We have not loved
Our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
So that we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
And for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
The entire forgiveness of all your sins,
In the name of the Father,
And of the ✠ Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GREETING (*Stand*)

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!

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, 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 (50:4-9a).

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (31:9-16) is read responsively.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

A reading from Philippians (2:5-11).

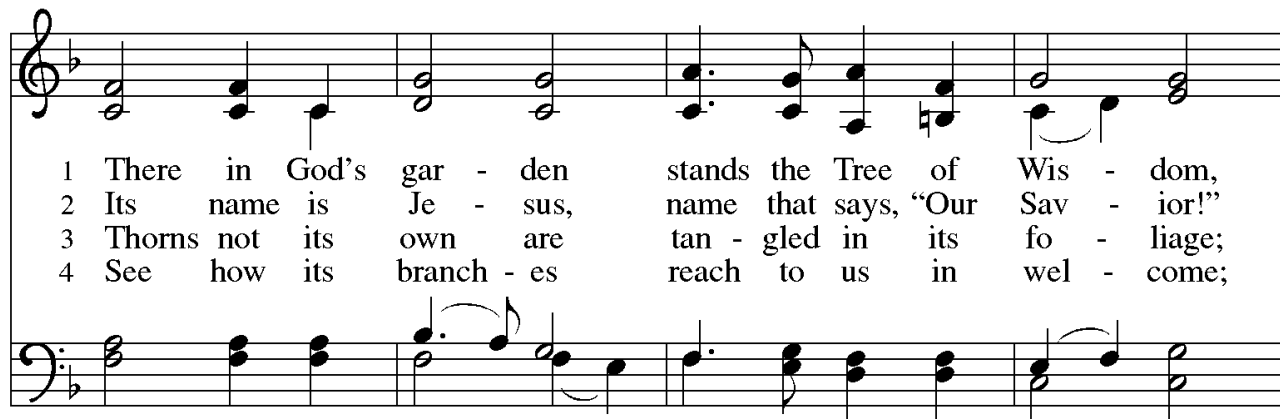
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON (*Sit*)
Silence is kept for reflection.

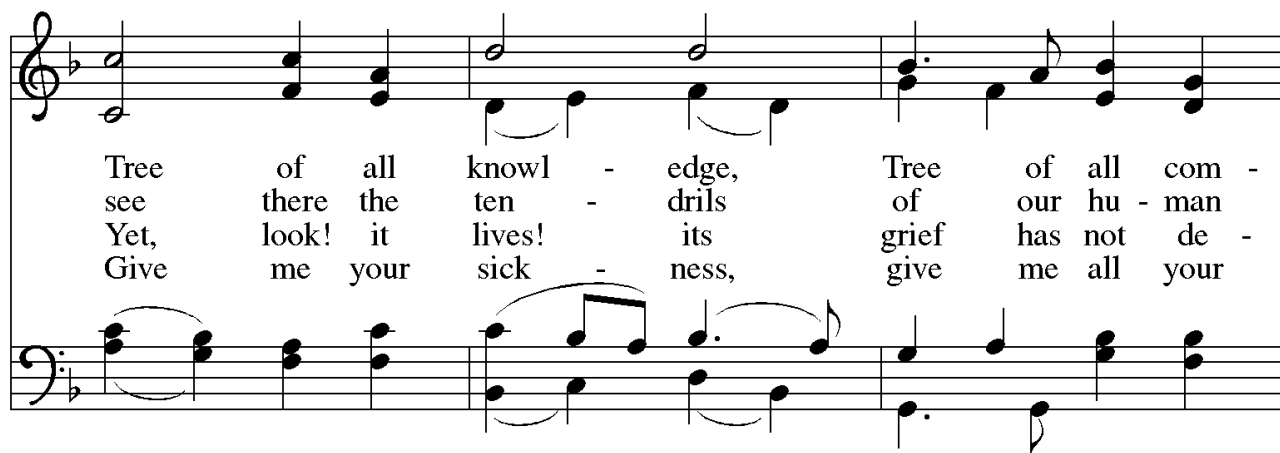
Pastor Dave



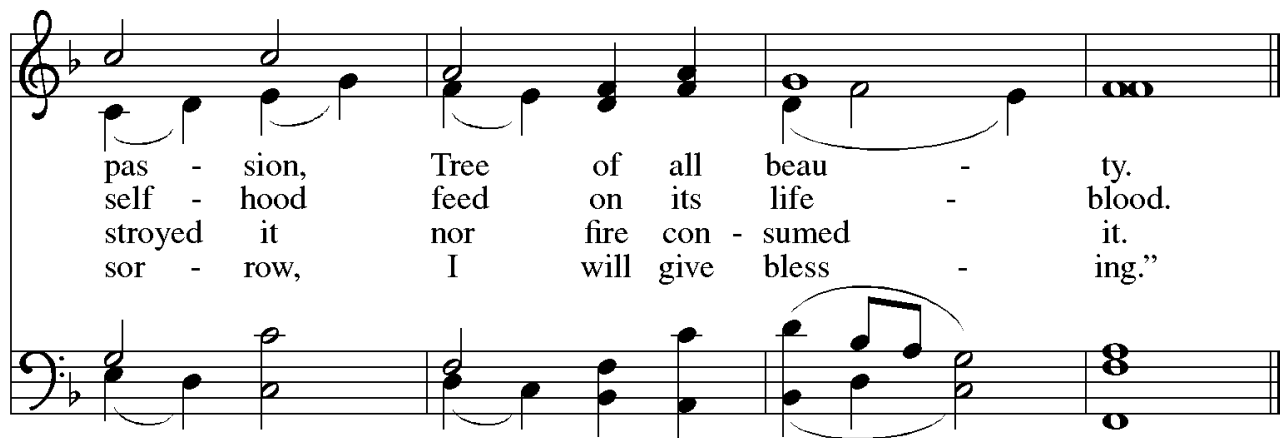
1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

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

***Lower case "c" means universal.*

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either sit or kneel.

The response to each prayer will be *God, 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.*

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MEDITATION

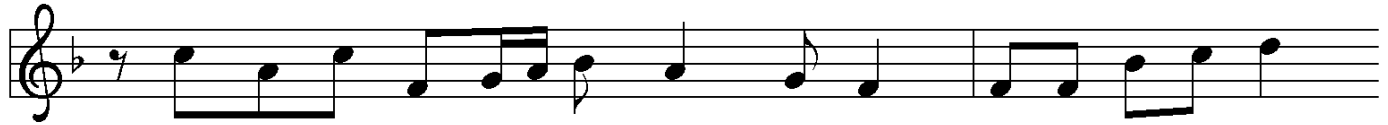
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Sheree Harper, flute
Sandy Dunn, piano

Jack Schrader

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW 186 (*Stand*) **Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Hillert



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Blessed are you, O God,

Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings

and guide us on our journey.

Lead us to your table,

nourish us with this heavenly food,

and prepare us to carry your love

to a hungry world,

in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff contains 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

COMMUNION RESPONSE *(Sit)*

O Lamb of God



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



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

All those who believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness 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.

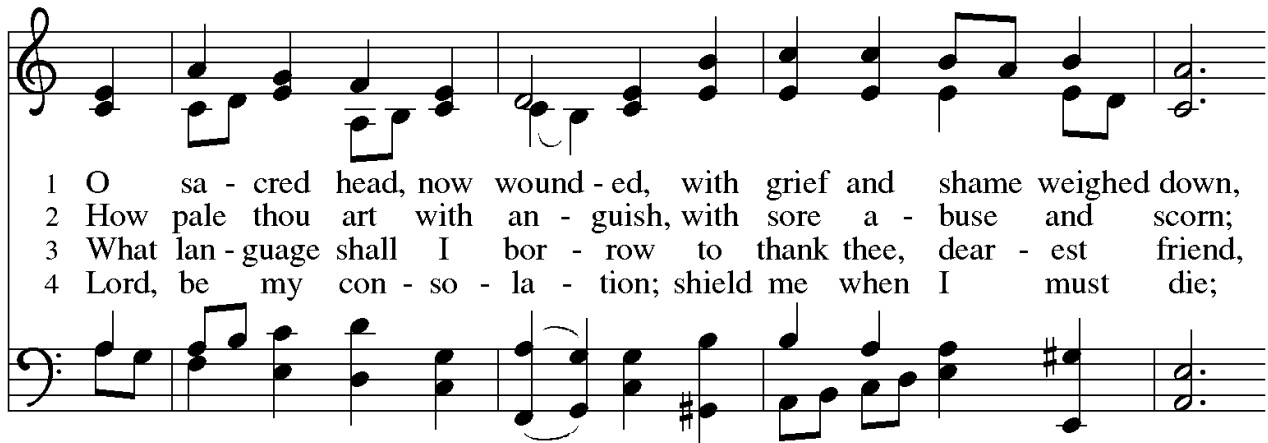
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, broken for you.
The blood of Christ, poured out for you.
Amen.

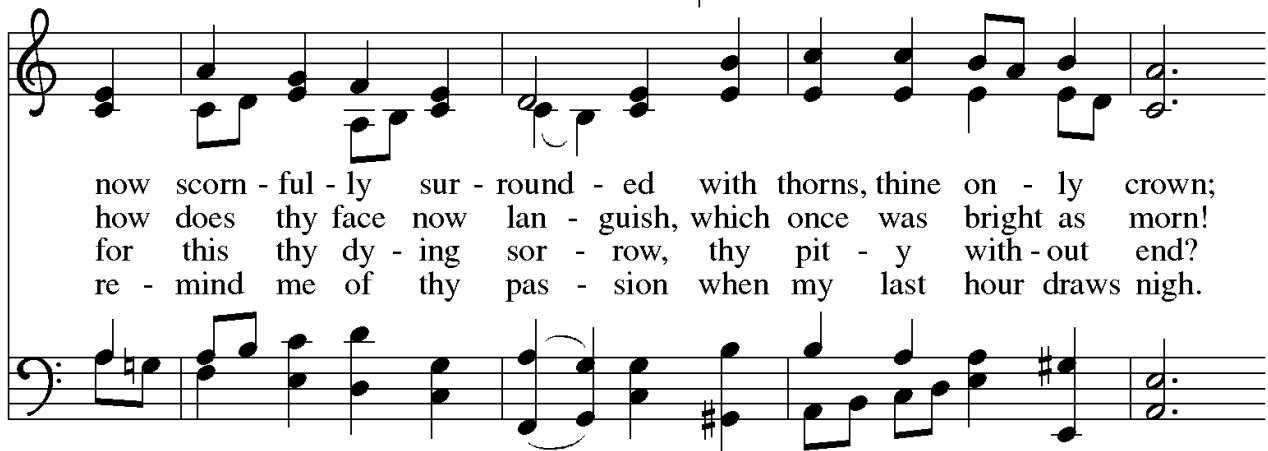
COMMUNION MEDITATION

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

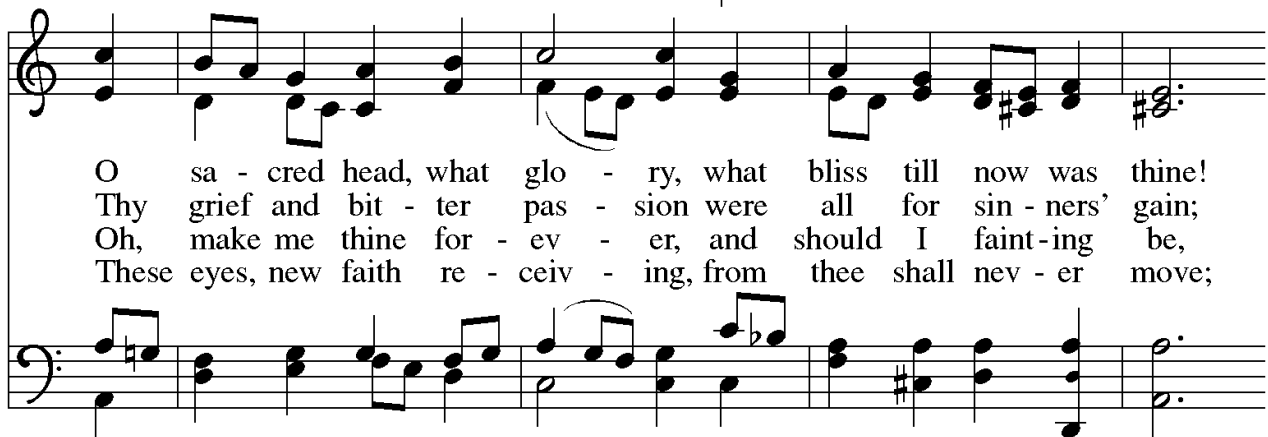
Virginia Lyeth, soloist



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws night.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.



1 *San - to Cor - de - ro, en cruz cla - va - do,*
 1 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,
 2 Mine is the trans - gres - sion that caus - es you to suf - fer.
 3 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross for - sak - en,



mue - res car - ga - do con mi mal - dad.
 all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.
 Mine is the re - bel - lion, but you re - ceive the blame.
 for our sin you suf - fered, so far from God on high.



¡A - mor ex - cel - so! Mis pe - nas pa - gas,
 What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!
 My guilt be - fore me, I come be - fore you;
 Your life sur - ren - dered in mer - cy frees us;



y por tus lla - gas sa - lud me das.
 Your bod - y, wound - ed, will make me whole.
 Lord, I im - plore you, re - move my shame.
 your name, O Je - sus, we glo - ri - fy.

SENDING

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL *(Stand)*

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,

empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors

and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

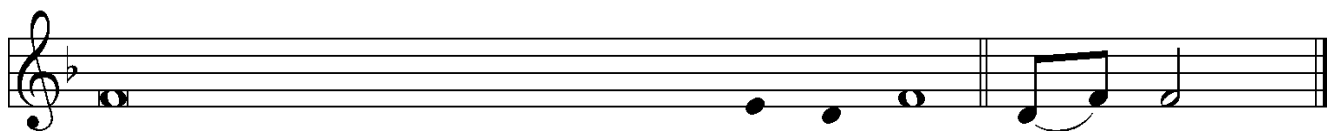


and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

BENEDICTION



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

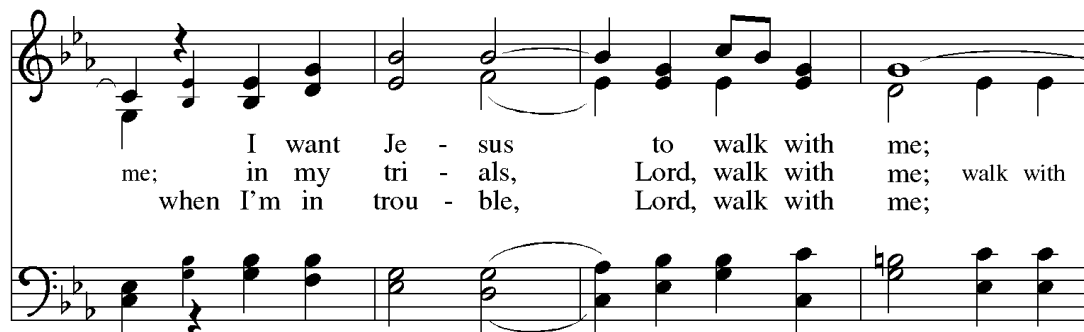
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

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

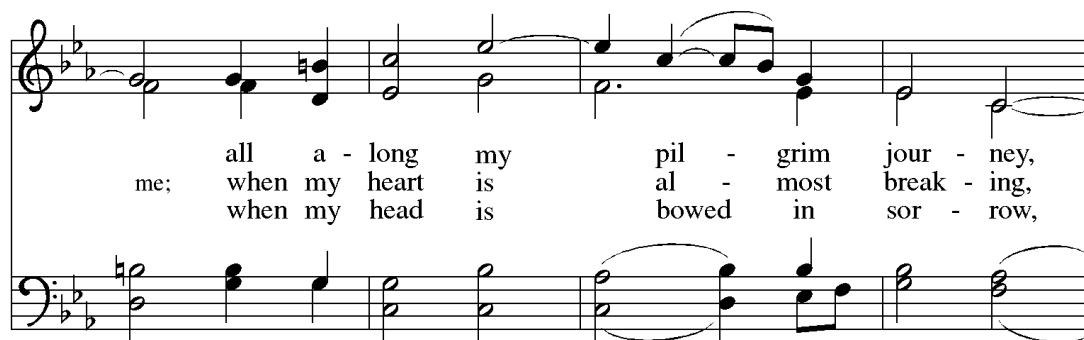
☑ A - men



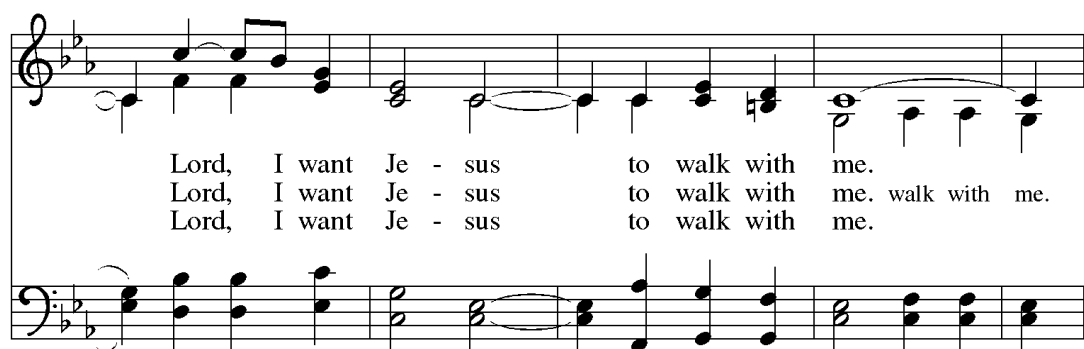
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
me; when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Sit*)

POSTLUDE

In Thee is Gladness

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. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The palms in the flower stand are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Jeane Fullen in celebration of Amy's birthday.

#1—Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS: Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable
CROSS AND CROWN: Dakota Jenkins, Micaela Ruhl
GREETER: Debbi Ortiz
LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen
READER: Dan Singer
TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS: John Campbell, Tim Olson

#2—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:



#3—Suppers at Capri

For those who have RSVP'd, we will meet at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on **Tuesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, May 20, 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, May 13;** 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.

#4—Easter Candy and Plastic Easter Eggs Needed

Easter Candy and Eggs Needed!!!

We are asking for donations of new plastic eggs and candy. No peanut butter or nut candies please, and candies need to be small enough for filling the plastic Easter eggs. Please drop off Easter candy and egg donations no later than **Friday, April 18**, using the tub located in the Atrium near the communication board (TV). Thank you!

#5—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, April 22, at noon;** its subject is "*The Power of Pausing.*" Please visit the PPCC website to pre-register: https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm_aid=18276

#6—Attention Upcoming Graduates!

If you are graduating from college or high school this year, please notify the church office with your name, school, address, phone number, and your future plans. We will list you in our August/September newsletter and one of our Weekly bulletins.

#7—Thank You

To members of Gloria Dei,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the calls and prayers and cards given and sent to me upon the deaths of my brother-in-law and great-nephew, David Newton and Travis Anderson. God bless all of you. You are all greatly loved and appreciated.

Thank you,
Bob, Nancy, and Erik Haberman

#8—A Huge Thank You!

Did you know the Altar Guild is responsible for more than just the altar and communion set up? Keeping the nave and sanctuary neat and orderly is also part of the ministry. **Fun fact**...do you know the difference between the nave and the sanctuary? The nave is the main body of the church, where the congregation sits and gathers for worship. The sanctuary, also called the chancel or presbytery, is the area around the altar where the Eucharist is celebrated and is considered the holiest space in the church.

The Altar Guild wants to thank all those who came out to help with our "Clean the Nave" day.

Our Nave gets constant use throughout the week and just like your home, debris and dust accumulate. We are thankful for all those who gave their time to freshen up our Nave in time for Easter.

In addition, we want to recognize and thank Derry Mace for building our beautiful storage cabinets, to keep our Nave neat and organized. Bo Lomax, Mike Riley, and Aaron Sutherland helped Derry carry and install these cabinets. Thank you!

Have you noticed our beautiful flowers each week and on special occasions like Easter and Christmas? Thank you to our Flower Ministry for keeping them looking fresh, watered and then distributing them to area nursing homes, our shut-in members, and others who need cheering up. Carol Godley, Anita Hamilton, Bonnie Hess, and Rita Foringer, we are grateful for you and your faithfulness!

We could not maintain the beauty of our church without people willing to help. Spending an hour to all day, young or old, it doesn't matter. You are all valuable and can help make a difference.

Clean the Nave crew (Kelly Martin, not pictured).



#9—Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Rehearsals

Thursday, April 17, and **Friday, April 18**, before evening worship, the Cross and Crown and Altar Guild members who are scheduled to serve on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will rehearse their responsibilities. Please be present.

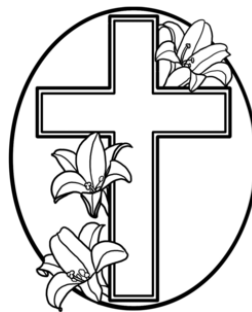
#10—Worship Schedule for Holy Week

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.

#11—Our Love and Prayers go out to...

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

Our members: Sharon Rose, Linda Moss, Leonard Mayo, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Jill Ruhl, Charlie Venable, Debbi Ortiz, Vickie Roark, Joann Morrison, Dorie Scherer, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Roger Ward, Marna Mayo, Wivi Pelt-Detlie, Bill Siefers, 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:

Jean Shelton, mother of Lisa Dadez
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

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

Ian Bogy, USN	Husband of Tamara Bogy
Mark Bradford, USN	Husband of Marilyn Bradford
Colin Chambers, USA	Friend of Mike Canny
Ryan Curtis, USAF	Son of Lynn and Cathy Curtis
Crystal Curtis, USAF	Daughter-in-law of Lynn and Cathy Curtis
John Demitraszek, USMC	Son-in-law of Bill and Carolyn Swanson
Matthew Dudek, USA	Friend of the Venables
Tyler Green, USAF	Son-in-law of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Nicholas Griese, USAF	Son of Vivian Griese
Megan Haskell, USA	Granddaughter of Buzz and Anita Hamilton
Jack Jones, USA	Family friend of Mike Canny
Kerri Masters, USA	Member of Gloria Dei
W. Allan Monroe, MSC	Son of Bill and Nancy Monroe
Matthew Morse, USMC	Son of Kevin Morse
Troy Newton, USN	Friend of Laura and Berto Lopez
Marc St. Pierre, USMC	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Paul St. Pierre, II, USCG/FSO	Son of Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Bradley Rollyson, USMC	Son of Mark and Marilyn Bradford
Steve Swanson, USN	Son of Bill and Carolyn Swanson
Nick Tavarez, USN	Grandson-in-law of Donna and Tom Vanorsdale
J.P. Venable, III, USAF	Member of Gloria Dei
Richard Williams, USAF	Husband of Stephanie Williams and Son of Joan Ehlers

#13—Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today..... PALM SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal; Council Meeting;
Prayer Shawl
Monday..... 6:00 p.m. Pack Meeting
7:00 p.m. WELCA Book Club
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.
Thursday 6:30 p.m. Cross and Crown, & Altar Guild Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday 6:30 p.m. Cross and Crown, & Altar Guild Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt
Next Sunday..... RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**

#14—Birthdays

14 Sharon Linnin, John Henry Yohn
15 William Waldrop, III
16 Donna Lanning, Kris Todd
17 Tamara Behan
19 Dawn Lomax, Craig Ruhl

#15—Anniversaries

13 Kris and Peggy Todd
20 Bill and Carolyn Swanson

#16—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
- * Crackers
- * Shelf-stable milk
- * Canned veggies—corn, beans, green beans
- * Toilet Paper
- * Soap
- * Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- * Peanut Butter
- * Juice (individual size)

#17—Breakfast 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.

#18—Little Library

Our Little Library, located at the middle set of doors, gets a lot of action from parents as they are dropping off or picking up their children. We are asking that you please consider donating any children's books by placing them on the back counter at the Information Desk. These books will be used to refill when the Little Library gets low on books. Thank you for your generosity.

#19—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. The items needed 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)

Soap and towels are our greatest need. An area for donations has been set up in the Rotunda and will remain through Palm Sunday. 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. On Monday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m., we will be assembling the Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief along with the Girl Scouts. This is an "All Hands on Deck" effort, so please mark your calendars now. Because of this, A Glass with the Girls will not happen in April. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

#20—WELCA Book Group

The WELCA Book Group continues to meet on the second Monday of each month. We get together to discuss a book which we have all read prior to the evening. However, that being said, we've decided to skip meeting on our regular April evening since it falls in Holy Week. Instead, we will get together on **May 5** at the home of Sharon Padula. The book selected is "The Queens of Crime" by Marie Benedict. Here's a brief synopsis of the book.

London, 1930. The five greatest women crime writers have banded together to form a secret society with a single goal: to show they are no longer willing to be treated as second-class citizens by their male counterparts in the legendary Detection Club. Led by the formidable Dorothy L. Sayers, the group includes Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, Margery Allingham and Baroness Emma Orczy. They call themselves the Queens of Crime. Their plan? Solve an actual murder, that of a young woman found strangled in a park in France who may have connections leading to the highest levels of the British establishment.

May Daniels, a young English nurse on an excursion to France with her friend, seemed to vanish into thin air as they prepared to board a ferry home. Months later, her body is found in the nearby woods. The murder has all the hallmarks of a locked room mystery for which these authors are famous: how did her killer manage to sneak her body out of a crowded train station without anyone noticing? If, as the police believe, the cause of death is manual strangulation, why is there an extraordinary amount of blood at the crime scene? What is the meaning of a heartbreaking secret letter seeming to implicate an unnamed paramour? Determined to solve the highly publicized murder, the Queens of Crime embark on their own investigation, discovering they're stronger together. But soon the killer targets Dorothy Sayers herself, threatening to expose a dark secret in her past that she would do anything to keep hidden.

#21—Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Sunday of the month following worship services. We will meet in the Koinonia Atrium, near the fireplace. After an hour or so of creating shawls and lap robes, we head off to lunch. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

#22—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 spadula1@gmail.com.

#23—Community Bible Study

We will not meet on Wednesday, April 23. Our weekly Community Bible Study is held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, on Wednesdays at noon. All are invited to attend.

#24—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.

#25—Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS

4th Session

Apr. 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21 & 28

We are excited to offer this program to all students in **Grades K-12.**



Please scan this QR Code to register your child.

#26—What is the Walk to Emmaus?

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

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

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

*****Upcoming Men's and Women's Weekends*****

Men's Walk: May 1 – May 4

Women's Walk: May 15 – May 18

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

#27—Life Groups at Gloria Dei

Joining or creating a small group in your church offers a unique opportunity to grow deeper in your faith and build meaningful connections. In a small group, you can share your struggles, celebrate victories, and pray with others who understand your journey. It's a space where you can learn, ask questions, and support one another in ways that go beyond Sunday services. The relationships formed in small groups often become a source of encouragement and accountability, helping you live out your faith daily. As the early church gathered together in Acts, small groups are still a powerful way to experience fellowship, discipleship, and service. By connecting with others, you not only strengthen your own faith, but also contribute to the growth and health of the church body. Together, we can grow in love, truth, and purpose—empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as Christ's hands and feet. If you feel the call to host a small group and/or to join a small group, please email Pastor at pastordave@gloriadei.net.

#28—Calendar Request

Please email CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net for all facility usage requests.

#29—Newsletter Deadline

June/July Newsletter deadline

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Please email articles to tbialk@gloriadei.net.

#30—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.

#31—Back To School

We are now registering for the 2025-2026 School Year. Accepting student applications for toddlers – 8th grade. Please drop in for a tour of our facilities on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

#32—School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- * **Toddler & Preschool Teachers**
- * **Elementary-level Teachers**
- * **Instructional Aides**
- * **Afternoon Child Care Aides**
- * **Bus Drivers**
- * **Kitchen Staff**

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.

#33—Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

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

#34—Papa John's School Fundraiser

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

#35—60th Anniversary Challenge

Celebrating Gloria Dei's 60th Anniversary 60-Day Challenge Updates

Our 60 Days of Prayer Challenge (Jan. 19 - March 26) recently ended. Wow, what a wonderful response! School students, staff, parents, and our congregation offered up a total of 40,002 prayers. Please continue to make prayer for our church and school a part of your daily routine.

(**Fun Fact:** if everyone prayed this many prayers for the next three challenges, the prayers would total over 160,000!!).

Our next 60-Day Challenge is beginning soon! **60 Days of Gratitude begins Easter Sunday, April 20, and ends June 18.** An outgrowth of our prayers should be an attitude of thankfulness and gratitude. Too often, we complain only to God and to each other. We don't pay attention to the many positive things we encounter each day. We challenge you to turn your thinking around.

We challenge and encourage everyone to recognize at least one to three things each day during these 60 days for which to be grateful, or to let someone know that you are grateful for them. A gratitude tree will begin growing in the Tower of the Triumphant. There will be leaves available for you to write what you are grateful for, and then attach these leaves to the tree. It will be a beautiful tree!

Your Congregational Council

#36—Community Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt

Open to children ages 2 to 10

**SATURDAY
APR 19**

**START
9:00 AM**

This event is rain or shine.

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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