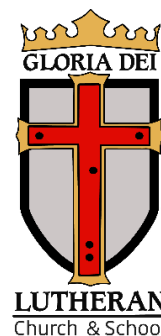


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 807 (*Stand*) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM *(page 227 in the ELW)*

Today we welcome into God's family both mother and son, Isabel Reid, and Xandyr Blake Wilco. Father of Xandyr is Matthew Wilco. Xandyr was born on June 25, 2022, in Newport News, Virginia. Sponsors for Xandyr are Max Wilco and Mikayla Bowers.

In baptism, our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Isabel Reid, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

I do.

Now I ask that you and Matthew present your child for baptism.

We present Xandyr Blake Wilco for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child to be baptized into Christ?

We do.

Isabel, as you receive the gift of baptism you are entrusted with these responsibilities. And both you and Matthew are entrusted with these responsibilities for your child.

to live among God's faithful people,
come to hear the word of God and receive the holy supper,
learn and teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
read the holy scriptures,
be nurtured in faith and prayer,
in order that your family may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Isabel Reid, do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Do both of you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Xandyr* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Isabel and Xandyr* and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the entire assembly.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

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

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the Promised Land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Children are welcome to join us at the font.

BAPTISM

Isabel Reid/Xandyr Blake Wilco, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a prayer square/baptismal blanket.

This prayer square/baptismal blanket was prepared for you by the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Gloria Dei. Within their stitches are the love and prayers of the congregation.

May this prayer square/baptismal blanket serve as a reminder that you are wrapped in Jesus' loving arms and in the hearts of this congregation. May our community of faith be the mentors and teachers that you need us to be.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have given *Isabel and Xandyr* new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the heads of the newly baptized, the minister prays for them:

Sustain *Isabel/Xandyr* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Isabel/Xandyr, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor presents the newly baptized to the congregation.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places. Pastor parades the newly baptized.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Wade in the Water

Cantor:

*See that host all dressed in white,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the leader looks like the Israelite.
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.*

Congregation (refrain):

*Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water (sing four times)*

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READINGS

A reading from Exodus (32:7-14). *(Sit)*

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from First Timothy (1:12-17).

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Stand)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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

Congregation sings:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

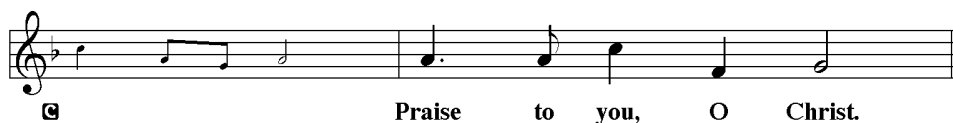
¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:

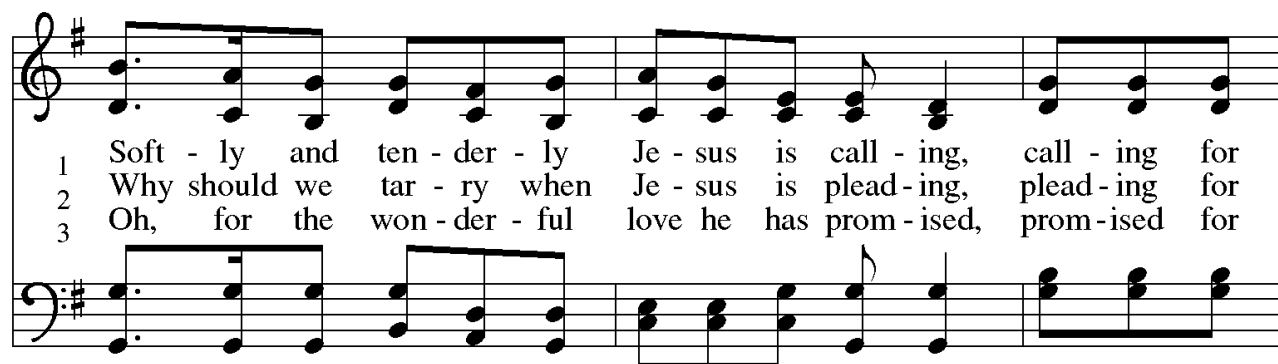


Praise to you, O Christ.

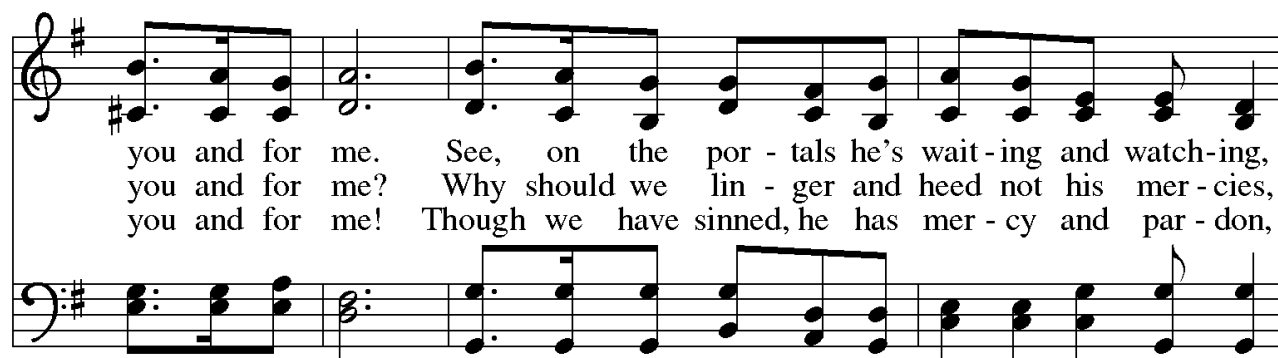
SERMON *(Sit)*

Pastor Dave

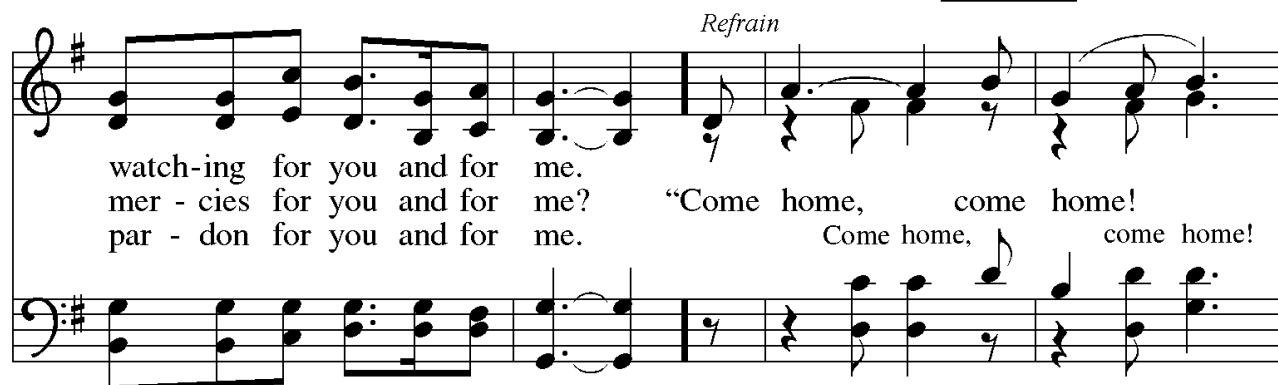
Silence is kept for reflection.



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF OUR SCHOOL STAFF, CHURCH EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS, CHURCH COUNCIL (*Sit*)

A reading from First Corinthians. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. (*1 Cor. 12:4-7*)

School Staff:

Brothers and sisters, as teachers, administrators, and support staff, you have been called in many and various ways to use your time, your energy, and your gifts to the teaching ministries of this congregation and the school that bears its name. And so, I ask you who serve in our school, “Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?”

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Church Educational Volunteers:

To those who have accepted the call to teach at our Wonderful Wednesdays, confirmation ministry, discipleship groups, Bible studies, and in all the teaching ministries of this congregation, I ask you, “Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?”

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Church Council:

I address those of you called by this congregation to serve as members of our congregational council. You have been elected to positions of leadership in this congregation and have accepted to lead this congregation by listening to the words, actions, and teachings of Jesus and by following where the Holy Spirit leads us. On behalf of your brothers and sisters, I ask you, “Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?”

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

School Staff, Church Educational Volunteers, Church Council:

Will all of you carry out these ministries, centered in Christ’s call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you trust in God’s care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands.

I now ask you, people of Gloria Dei: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation’s ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. By your Holy Spirit give them insight into your Word, holy lives as examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

On behalf of all those who rely on you for your faithfulness and devotion, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either stand or kneel as you are able.

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Who You Say I Am
Nancy Haberman, soloist

Morgan/Fielding, arr. Hogan

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Stand*)**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.'

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth

and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

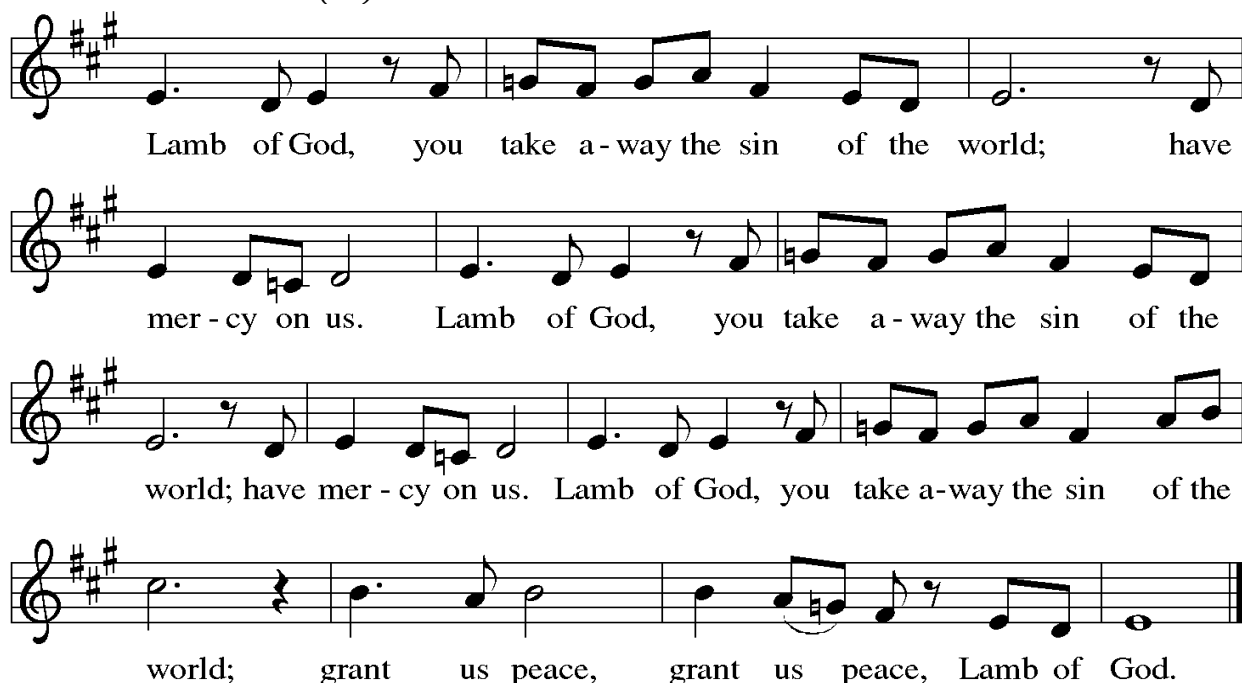
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION RESPONSE *(Sit)*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*We believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ
offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness. All are welcome to share in Communion.*

*If you would like to receive communion by common cup instead of individual cups of wine or grape juice,
after you consume your wafer, hold your hands out (palms up), just like you did for your wafer.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

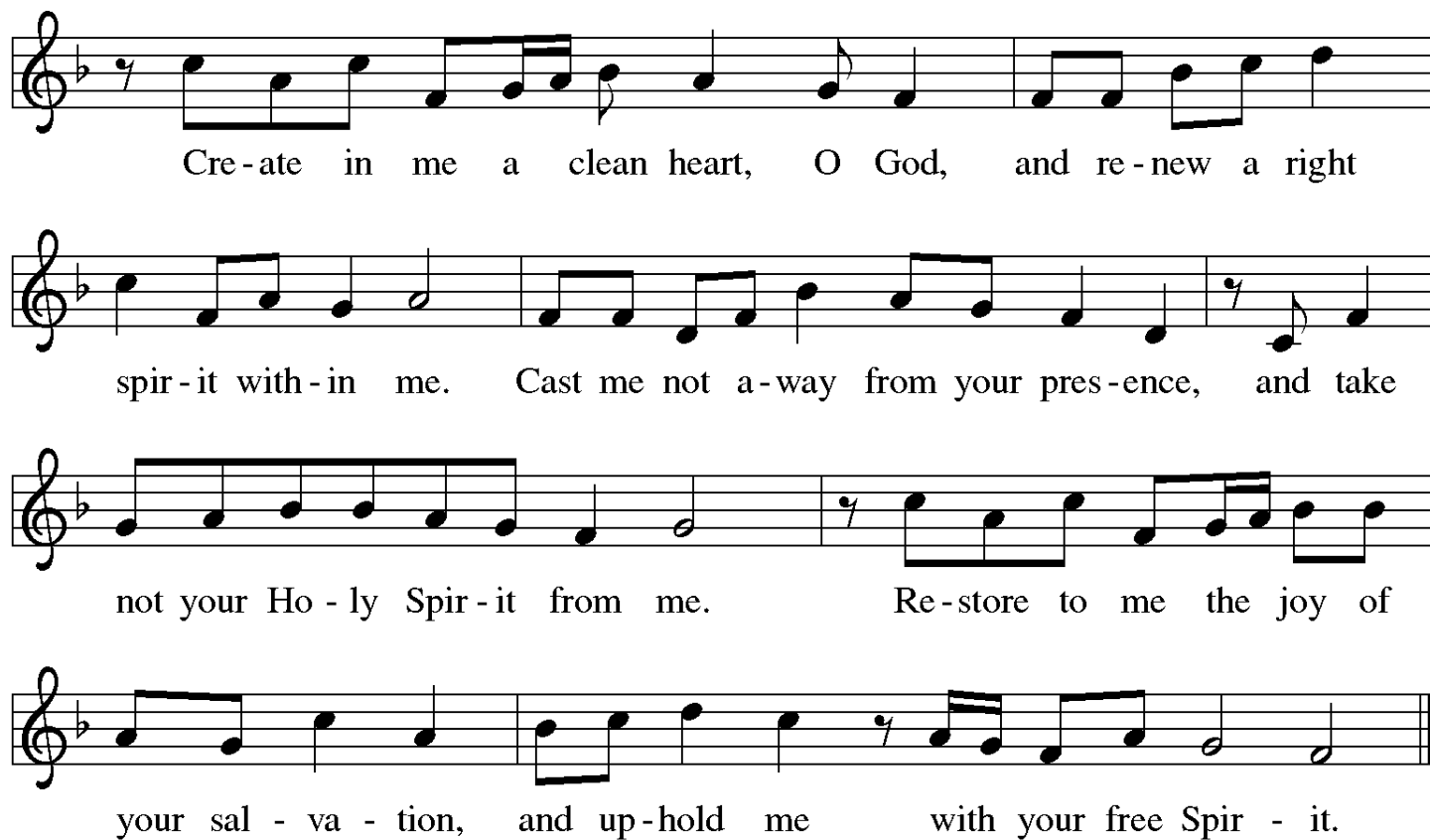
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

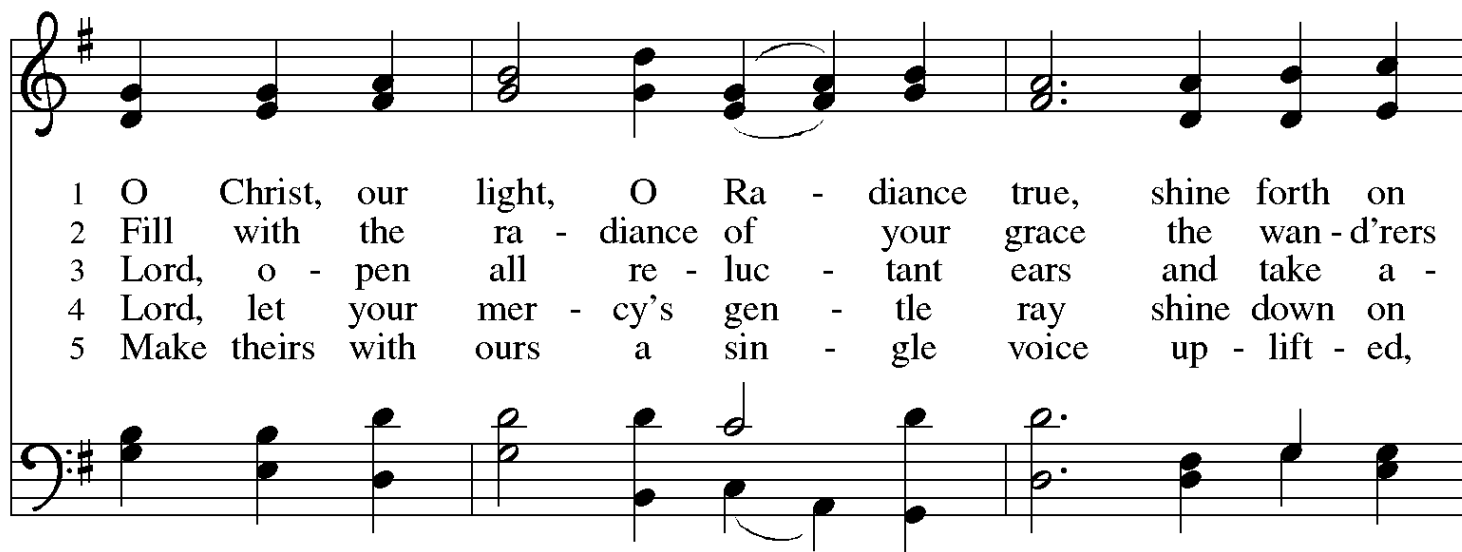
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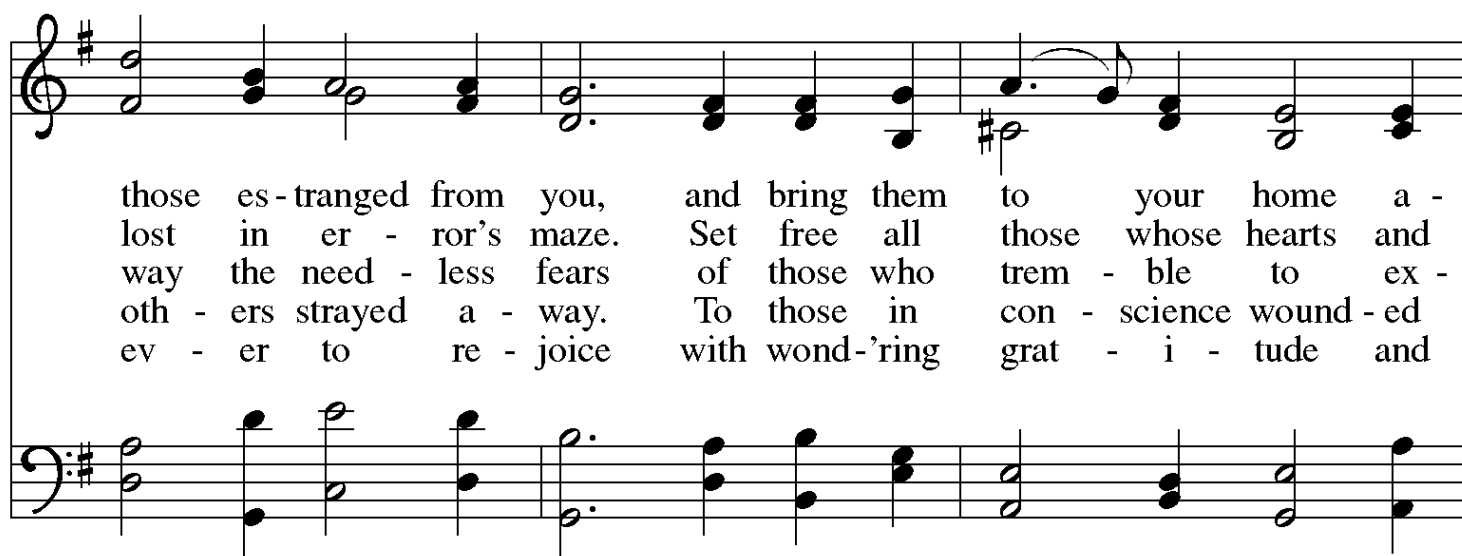
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 675 O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

O Jesu Christe, wahres Licht



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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:

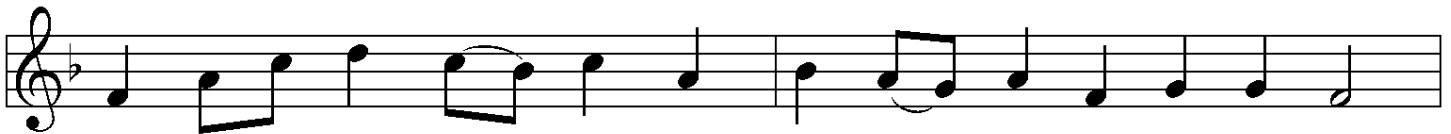
O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



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

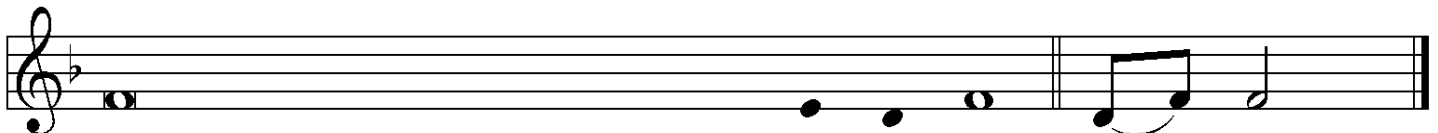


He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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

BENEDICTION



☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

**The Lord 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 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

POSTLUDE

How Majestic is Your Name/Great is the Lord

arr. Wyrzten/Torrand

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Dana and Cheryl Smith in celebration of Meghan and Michael's wedding.

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.

Serving Today

COFFEE CREATOR: Vicki Venable
CROSS AND CROWN: Jeremiah Green, Ruth Hutchison,
Hayley O'Neill
GREETER: Linda Sutherland
LAY ASSISTANT: Peggy Todd
READER: Mike Canny
TECHNICAL TEAM: Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley,
Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS: Brown Cornwell, Jason Green

Gloria Dei at the Park & Bring a Friend Sunday

On **September 28** at 9:30 a.m., we will gather for worship followed by a potluck brunch and fellowship at Gosnold's Hope Park weather permitting. Please join us, with your lawn chair, at the Cedar Shelter bring a dish to share and any type of tailgate games you may have...and bring a friend! Please, ensure your friends that they will not be asked to stand up or be introduced in front of the congregation. We look forward to seeing you and your friends and family at worship!

Become a Member



If you are interested in joining Gloria Dei in its mission and ministry in Hampton and beyond, please join us **today, September 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Simeon Center.** In this class, you will learn about what it means to be a Lutheran, the history of Gloria Dei, the ministry opportunities of Gloria Dei, and your role as a member. New Members will join on **Sunday, September 28, 2025**, during our 9:30 a.m. outdoor worship service.

60 Year Celebration

Today, September 14, we will be installing our staff, Council, and Christian Education volunteers. Following worship, we will have a bowling themed birthday party.

Good Works Tree

"Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

In the first challenge, we prayed for our church and school communities. We then acknowledged God's love for us by recognizing things for which we are grateful. Now it is time to look outward...to show God's love to others. Our third challenge is **60 Days of Good Works**. This challenge invites us all to share Christ's love through everyday acts of kindness, service and compassion. Involve the whole family and your friends!

Try to do at least one act of kindness EVERY day throughout this challenge, which ends on October 5. Check out the display on the table in the Tower of the Triumphant entrance. There, you will find a bookmark with suggestions and information about kindness. You will also find cards on which you can write a kind message to leave for someone. But you are not limited to that! There are so many opportunities to brighten someone's day. Take advantage of where God has placed you and who can you bless with a kind word or helpful gesture.

There are blank paper stars and suns representing light on which to write down how many acts of kindness you and/or your family did during the day or week. Write the total number down (include a note if you want) then attach it to the **Good Works Tree** with a clip. Continue to add your numbers to the tree throughout the 60 Day Challenge. We want to count up the total number of acts of good works during our challenge!

Make Acts of Kindness and Good Works a daily habit!

Suppers at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, September 23, 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, September 16;** 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.

Blood Drive



Today, September 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment.

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

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: Fred Bradley, Julie Hutchison, Frank Dickeski, Debbi Ortiz, Lisa Dadez, Sharon Rose, Gordon Robertson, Ernie Atkins, Leonard Mayo, Jill Ruhl, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Charlie Venable, Vickie Roark, Joann Morrison, Dorie Scherer, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Marna Mayo, Wivi Pelt-Detlie, Bill Siefers, Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Bill Swanson, 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, please call the church office the first week of each month to have them added.

Prayers for our families and friends:

Sylvia Cordner, GDLS employee
John Henry, friend of Gary and Bonnie Hess
Lauren Grant, friend of Peggy Todd
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Adonai Bennett, son of Tamika (GDLS parent)
Kevin Watterton, husband of Amy Watterton (GDLS employee)
Jane Barefoot, GDLS employee
Michelle Nisbet, GDLS employee
Larry Mullins, friend of the Fullens
Siggi Williams, friend of the Fullens and Atkins
Julia Mutch, friend of Jim and Jeane Fullen
Jude (GDLS student) and Monte (GDLS parent) Kuligowski
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

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 Griesse, USAF	Son of Vivian Griesse
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
Alex Murphy, USN	Member of Gloria Dei
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
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

Next Week at Gloria Dei

Today FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**/Installation
11:00 a.m. 60th Celebration;
New Member Class;
Choir Rehearsal;
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday..... 7:30 p.m. Troop 10 Meeting
Tuesday..... *Supper at Capri Reservation Deadline*
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday 5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
Next Sunday FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal;
Council

Calendar Request

Please email all facility usage requests to:
CalendarRequest@gloriadei.net.

Birthdays

14 Samantha Jenkins
15 Abigail Jenkins
16 Gary Hess
17 Dan Trimnal
19 Steve Robnett, Lou Glaab
20 Grayson Charnick
21 Peggy Sipes, Wayne Sutherland, Sharon Bennett

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:



Virginia Choral Society Production

Virginia Choral Society Presents

Gatsby's Grand Affair

Temple Baptist Church

235 Harpersville Road, Newport News

October 11 at 4:00 p.m.

October 12 at 4:00 p.m.



Fish Fry "Save the Date"

Fish Fry is coming!!! Mark your calendars!

October 11, 2025

Details will be forthcoming.

Contact Dan Singer at dan.singer62@gmail.com or 757-679-6104,
or Kevin Morse at 757-288-0268 for more information.

Looking for volunteers!!!

First Light (Sunday School)



Our new Sunday School program, First Light, is on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m., in the Simeon Center. This class is for all ages.

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.

Breakfast on Sunday Mornings

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

Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

A "Glass with the Girls" continues to get together at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton on the fourth Monday of the month. Please join us at 7:00 p.m., **Monday, September 22**. It's always an evening of fun and fellowship.

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.

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.

Fellowship Bible Study

Fellowship Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Simeon Center. We use a study called Daily Faith Practices published by the ELCA. For information, please email Sharon Padula at slpadula1@gmail.com.

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.

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, September 23, at noon**; its subject is "*Radical and Righteous Rest*." Please visit the PPCC website to pre-register: https://peninsulapastoral.org/events/?blm_aid=18276

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.

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- * **Director of Transportation**
- * **Kitchen Staff**
- * **Part-time Bus Drivers**
- * **Afternoon Child Care Aides**
- * **Buildings and Grounds Assistant**
- * **Substitute Teachers (preschool, elementary, and middle school)**

If you are interested in applying, you can find an application online at <http://www.gdlshamptonva.com/school-forms>. Part-time and full-time hours available. Once completed, you may turn it into the School Office at 250 Fox Hill Rd., Hampton, VA 23669, attention: Lisa Dadez.

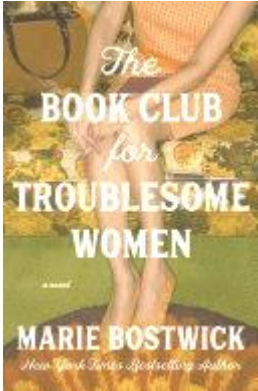
Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

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!

Take a Tour Tuesday

If you are interested in Gloria Dei School and Childcare, drop in for a tour of our facilities on Tuesdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

WELCA Book Club



WELCA Book Group
invites you to
an evening of fun and fellowship
sharing thoughts about the book,
“The Book Club for Troublesome Women,”
by Marie Bostwick.

Monday, October 13
7:00 p.m.

Diane Washburn, hostess
713 Windbrook Circle
Newport News, Virginia 23602

RSVP: Diane at 757-739-2634 or Rita at 757-870-3619

Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS

<u>1st Session</u>	<u>2nd Session</u>
Sept. 10, 17, 24	Oct. 29
Oct. 1, 8, 15	Nov. 5, 12, 19
	Dec. 3, 10

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



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