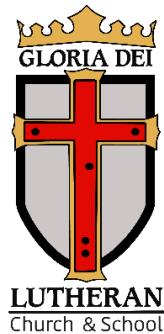


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Building Faith \dagger Building Community \dagger Building Lives



PRELUDE

All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name

Johann Sebastian Bach

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSIO N AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

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

*Kneel/Stand
Silence is kept for reflection.*

Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.
 \dagger You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 263 (*Stand*) Savior of the Nations, Come *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
 3 Won-drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

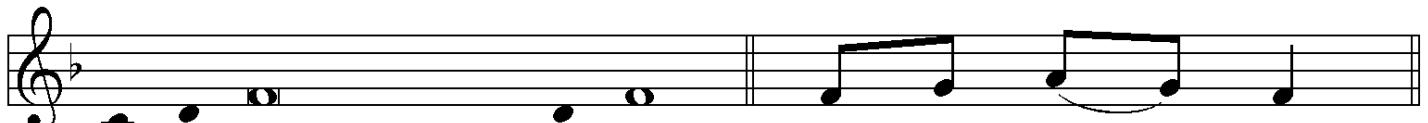
5 Now your manger, shining bright,
 hallows night with newborn light.
 Night cannot this light subdue;
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity
 praise we sing eternally!

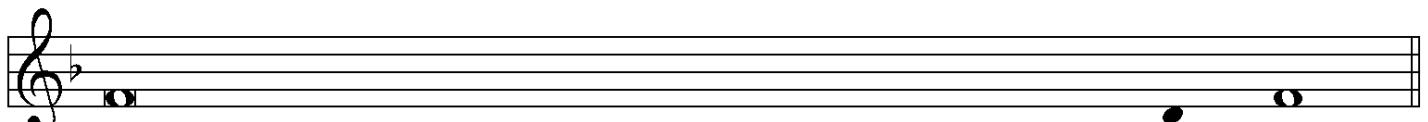
GREETING

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.

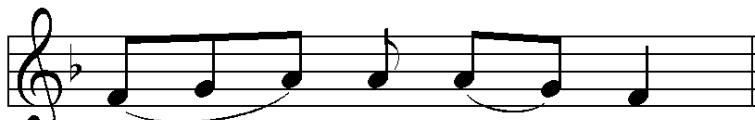
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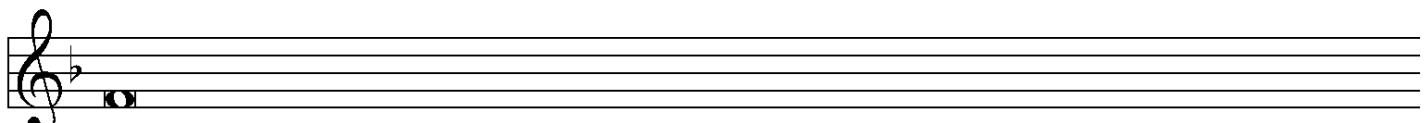
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



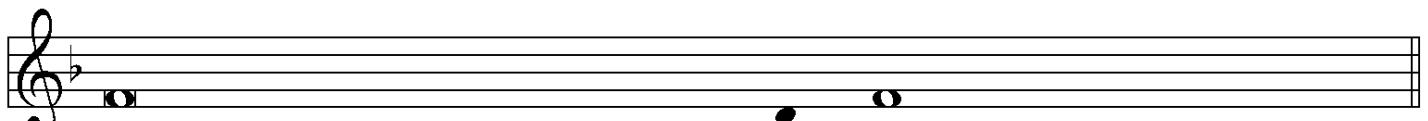
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



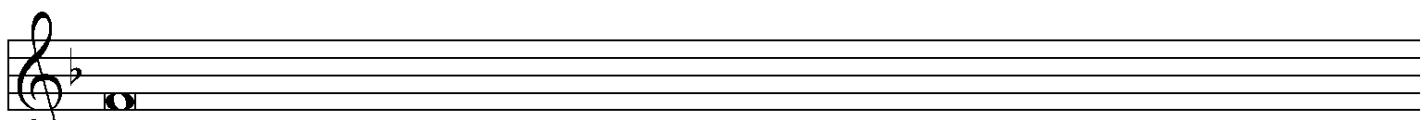
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



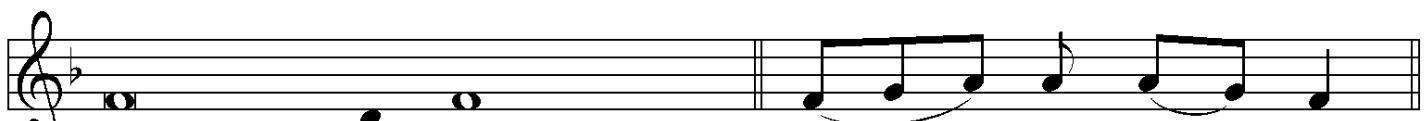
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



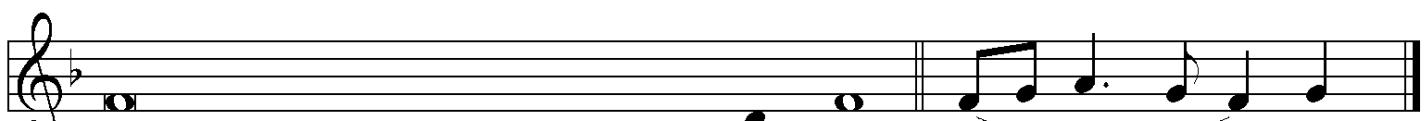
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all crea-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE WORD

Light One Candle

Michael Bedford

4. Light four can-dles for wel - come, light four can-dles for wel - come,

light four can-dles for wel-come as we look for the com-ing of Je - sus.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (*Sit*)

Chip and Dawn Lomax

In this final week of Advent, our attention is on love. Listen for the call to love in these words.

Matthew 22:36-40 says, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Credit: DeBenedetto, Susannah. Liturgy Link.

4th candle is lit.

Let us pray together:

**We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wreath,
open our eyes to see your presence
in the lowly ones of this earth.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may sing of your advent among us
in the Word made flesh.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.**

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

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

This Little Light

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

READINGS

A reading from Isaiah (7:10-16).

¹⁰ The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (80:1-7, 17-19) is read responsively.

¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

³ Restore us, O God;
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴ **O LORD God of hosts,**
 how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶ **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷ **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
 the one you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁸ And so will we never turn away from you;
 give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

A reading from Romans (1:1-7).

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Stand)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a single measure of rests followed by a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The second staff continues the pattern, with the lyrics "Lord, to whom shall we go?" and "You have the words of eternal life." written below the staff. The third staff concludes the acclamation with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The music is set in common time with a consistent key signature of one sharp (F#).

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the first chapter.

Congregation sings:

A musical score for a single melodic line. The key signature is C major (one sharp). The time signature is common time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to you, O Lord." The first note of the melody is on the C note of the staff. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: "Glo" (two eighth notes), "ry" (one eighth note), "to" (one eighth note), "you," (one eighth note), "O" (one eighth note), and "Lord." (one eighth note). The melody ends on the G note of the staff.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, "God is with us."²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:

A musical score for a single line of music. The key signature is common C (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Praise to you, O Christ." The word "Praise" is on the first beat of a measure, "to" is on the second, "you," is on the third, "O" is on the fourth, and "Christ." is on the fifth. The note heads are black, and the stems extend downwards.

SERMON (*Sit*)

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 242 (Stand) Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Rejoice, Rejoice

A musical score for a single instrument, likely a woodwind or brass instrument. The score consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with a prominent eighth note on the first beat.

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - the and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and

lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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 stand or kneel as you are able.

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

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stand*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING (*Sit*)

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- mailing to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 250 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, Virginia 23669.
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MUSICAL MEDITATION

He Is Born
Sandy Dunn, piano
Cassie Todd, vocalist

Bach-Chris Everett/Amy Grant

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

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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. 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 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

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

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

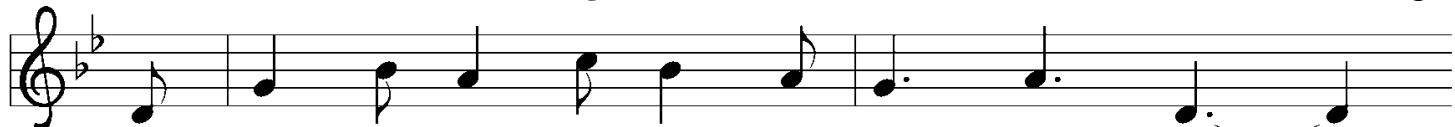
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 265 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

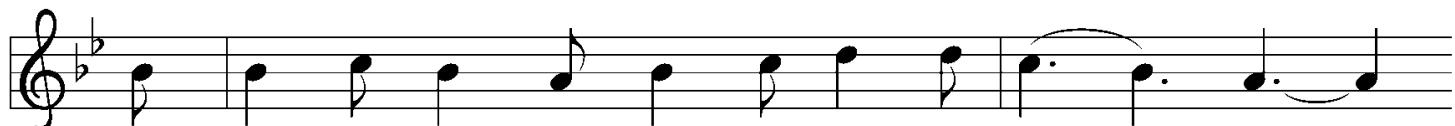
Gabriel's Message



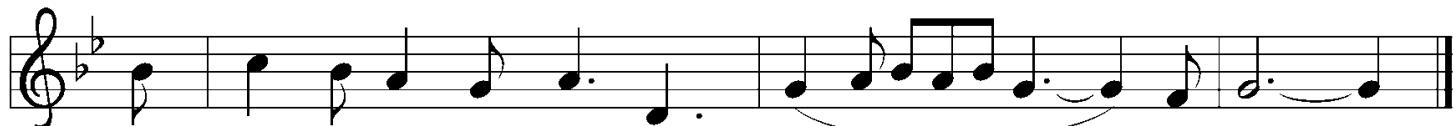
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Glo - - - - - ri - a!

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 487**What Feast of Love***Greensleeves*

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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:

God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



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

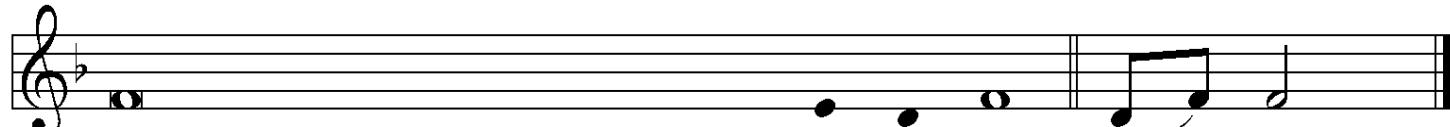


He re-calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



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

BENEDICTION



P 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 \dagger give you peace.

C A - men

SENDING HYMN ELW 267

Joy to the World

Antioch

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all the world their songs employ,
 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow; nor thorns in the ground;
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
 ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart floods, rocks, hills, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and make his bless - ings
 fest the ground; he comes to glo - ries of his righ - teous
 na - tions prove the glo - ries and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing. sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heav'n and na - ture sing, sing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Sit*)

POSTLUDE

Saviour of the Nations Come

Bach

Please take this time to ponder what Christ may be calling you/us to do through today's prayers, readings, sermons, and hymns. 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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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 CREATORS: Rowena Cornwell, Kelly Redman
CROSS AND CROWN: Wade Brown
GREETER: Linda Sutherland
LAY ASSISTANT: Peggy Todd
READER: Dan Singer

TECHNICAL TEAM: Jeremiah Green, Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS: Brown Cornwell, Jason Green

Weekly Calendar (Two Weeks)

December 21

Today FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 a.m. Caroling followed by Lunch
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Monday 6:30 p.m. Pack 27 Meeting
7:00 p.m. Troop 10/1051 Meeting;
WELCA

Wednesday-Friday.....Church Office Closed

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. **Children's Christmas Eve Worship**
7:30 p.m. **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship**

December 28

Next Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday 7:00 p.m. Troop 10/1051 Meeting;

Wednesday-Thursday Church Office Closed

January 4

Sunday CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
11:00 p.m. Unhanging of the Greens
Choir Rehearsal

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational sympathy is extended to Donna Vanorsdale and family on the death of her cousin, Annett DeLay, who died on November 19, 2025, in Egan, South Dakota. Condolences may be sent to 507 Blue Run Circle, Hampton, Virginia 23666.

First Light (Sunday School)

First Light is on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Fellowship Bible Study

Fellowship Bible Study will not meet on December 23 or 30.

Fellowship Bible Study meets from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday 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.

Suppers at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, January 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, January 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.

Flower Calendar

The 2026 flower calendar is posted just outside the Nave for those wishing to give flowers for our Sunday worship services. These flowers cost approximately \$65.00. You may designate your flowers in celebration of something, in memory of someone, in honor of someone, to the glory of God, etc. You will be billed directly by Jeff's Flowers, Of Course. Thank you!

Pledge Cards

Please turn in your pledge cards by placing in the offering plate or submitting them via mail, or the link on our website as soon as possible. Your pledge cards help us to plan the next year's budget.

Wonderful Wednesday Break

Wonderful Wednesday will resume on January 8, 2025!

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: Larry Dunn, Debbie Dunn, Fred Bradley, Julie Hutchison, Frank Dickseski, Debbi Ortiz, Lisa Dadez, Sharon Rose, Gordon Robertson, Ernie Atkins, Leonard Mayo, Marna 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, 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:

Nathan Williams, grandson of Donna Vanorsdale's neighbor
Vickie Allen, great-grandmother of Amelia Venable
Hayley, friend of Miranda Hutchison
Teresa Powell, GDLS parent
Hadley Powell, GDLS student
Emily Hyatt, sister of Kelly Redman
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
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

Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

The Women of Gloria Dei continue to get together for a Glass with the Girls on the fourth Monday of the month at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton. Please join us at **7:00 p.m., Monday, December 22**. This is an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of fellow Christian women in a casual atmosphere. The Glass can be anything one enjoys sipping, so don't be intimidated that it sounds like a wine thing! Come join us!

60th Anniversary Final Challenge!

60 Days of GROWTH THROUGH CHANGE

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

Gloria Dei Church, School, and community have been blessed by all your prayers, attitudes of gratefulness, and your acts of kindness, during the previous three 60 Day Challenges.

The fourth and final challenge is meant to inspire you and your family to reflect through prayer to identify an area you can commit to change, resulting in growth for you, for others, for our church, school, and missions.

Some ideas for positive change:

- Challenge yourself to daily prayer.
- Challenge yourself to regular church attendance.
- Challenge yourself to regularly read the Bible.
- Challenge yourself to let go of anger or a grudge.
- Challenge yourself to accept others with different opinions or ideas.
- Challenge yourself to welcome others.
- Challenge yourself to spend more time with loved ones.

How will you challenge yourself?

See the table and poster in the Tower of the Triumphant for more information on this challenge. Don't forget to pick up a cross penny to remind you of this challenge!

Maintenance Requests

If you see something on our church campus that needs repair or attention, please send an email to maintenance@gloriadei.net.

Calendar Request

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

Community Bible Study

We will not meet on Wednesday, December 24 or 31.

Our weekly Community Bible Study is held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, on Wednesdays at noon. All are invited to attend.

Annual Coat Drive

Through December 28

Andrew Sutherland is kicking off his annual coat drive. He is collecting coats and many other items for the homeless this winter. There is a collection box in the Atrium. He collects items for men, women, and children. All items are distributed with Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions (H.E.L.P.) at A Night's Welcome shelters in Hampton and the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula.

WINTER GEAR Items collected (PLEASE no spring and summer items):

*Coat	*Hats
*Sweatshirts	*Scarves
*Sweaters	*Long-sleeve shirts

*Belts
*Backpacks

*Gloves
*Socks

Please share the news with your family, friends, coworkers and neighbors. Feel free to call with any questions, 757-513-4943.

Thank you for your support!!

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:00 PM A brief worship service with familiar Christmas carols and special music.
Perfect for families with young children.

7:30 PM A candlelight worship service with Christmas carols and special music.

January Birthdays

1 Brody Robertson	19 Shannon Schubert, Pastor Dave Fox	27 Stephanie Williams, Amber Via
2 Vicki O'Neill	20 Sharon Rose	29 Maddie Tatum-Harper
3 Karen Igel	21 Fran Vanpelt	30 Bonnie Morelen, Michael Murphy
4 Nan Jordan, Ashley Zamora	22 Frank Saloka, Jr., Rich Fox, III	31 Susan Canny, Jeremiah Green
7 Lily Hess, Charlie Venable	24 Remi Keough	
8 Will Hess, Debbie Dunn	25 James Williams, Micaela Ruhl, Kelly Werner	
9 Dorie Scherer	26 Mike Via	

January Anniversaries

1 Jack and Jenny Robinson	2 Dana and Cheryl Smith	31 Bob and Pam Hess
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QR Codes for Online Giving to Gloria Dei

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

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