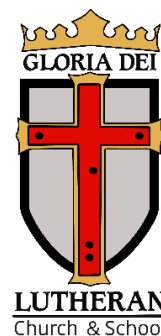


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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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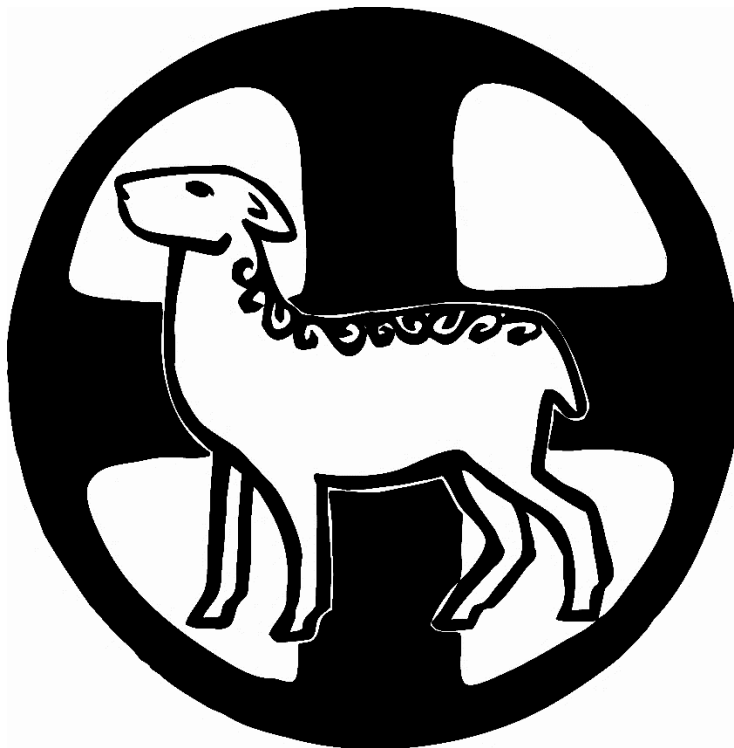
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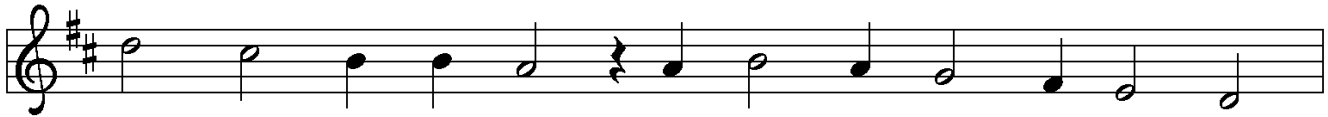
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GATHERING





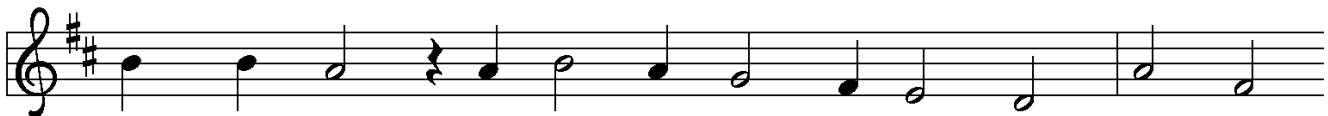
1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



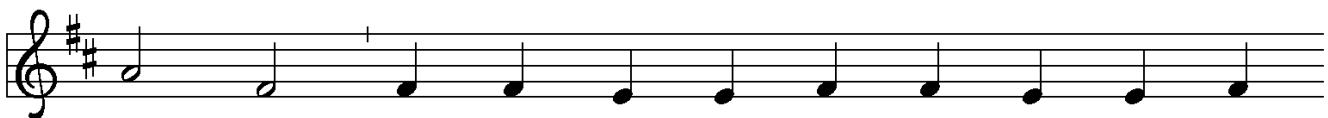
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

WELCOME AND 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) (Sit)*

Today we welcome into God's family Avaly Grace Miller, born on April 8, 2019, in Hampton, Virginia. Her father is Ryan Miller and big brother is Ryan Miller. Avaly's sponsors are Jim and Jeane Fullen, Sherry Miller, and Matthew Booth.

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.

Parent and sponsors present this child:

We present Avaly Grace Miller for baptism.

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

We do.

Ryan, as you bring Avaly to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she 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.

Do you promise to help Avaly grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Avaly in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her 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 Avaly and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Stand)*

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.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children are welcome to join us at the font.

BAPTISM (*Sit*)

Avaly Grace, 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.
Alleluia.**

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

This prayer square 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 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.

Let us pray.

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

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for her:

Sustain Avaly 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.

Avaly, 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 to the newly baptized.

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

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.

Wade in the Water

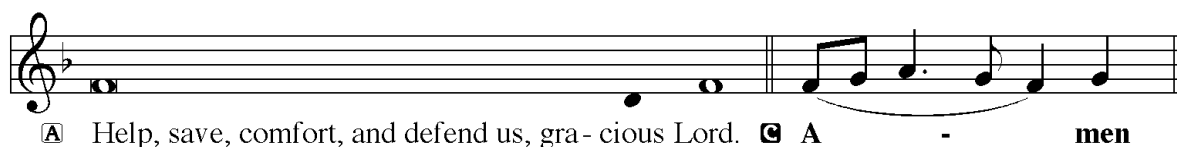
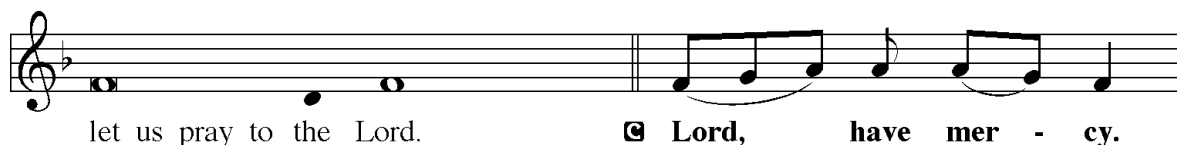
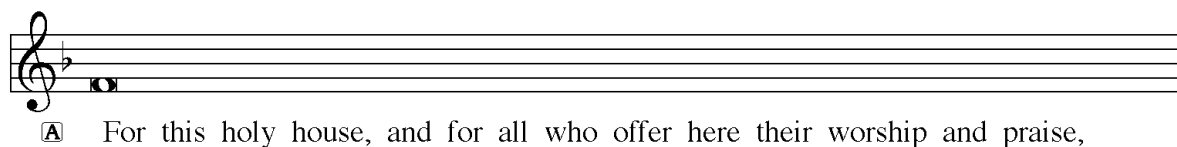
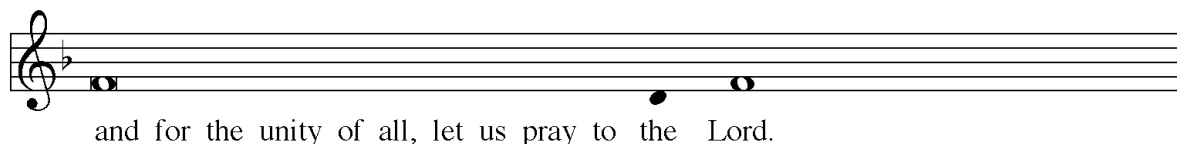
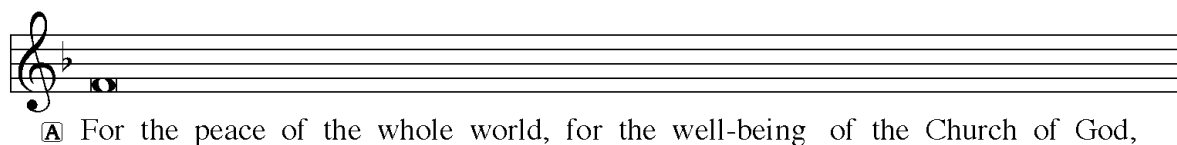
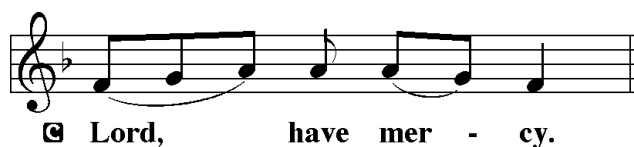
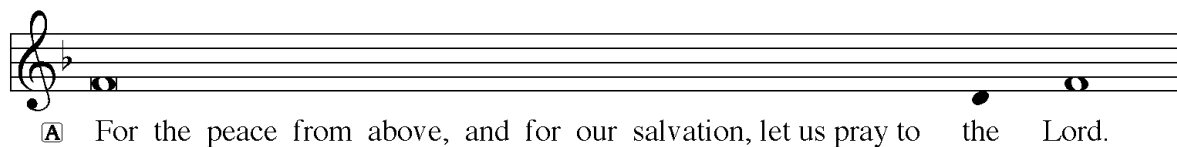
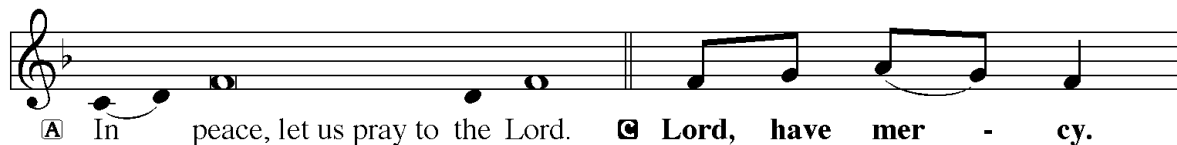
Cantor:

*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)*

KYRIE



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Congregation sits. 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 (49:1-7).

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (40:1-11) is read responsively.

¹ I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

² **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶ **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷ And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ **'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹ You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

A reading from First Corinthians (1:1-9).

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

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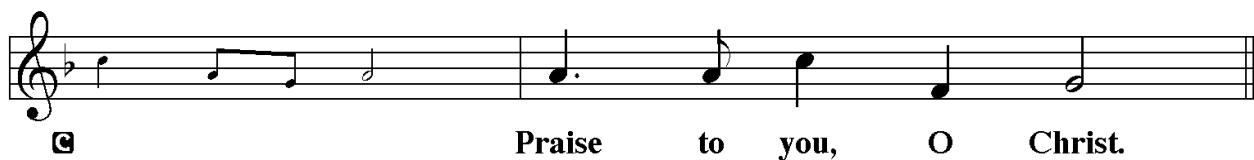


²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:




SERMON (*Sit*)


Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 696 (Stand) Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult


Galilee



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

THE PRAYERS

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

The response to each prayer will be *Merciful God, 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 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

Go Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Eugene Hancock

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.

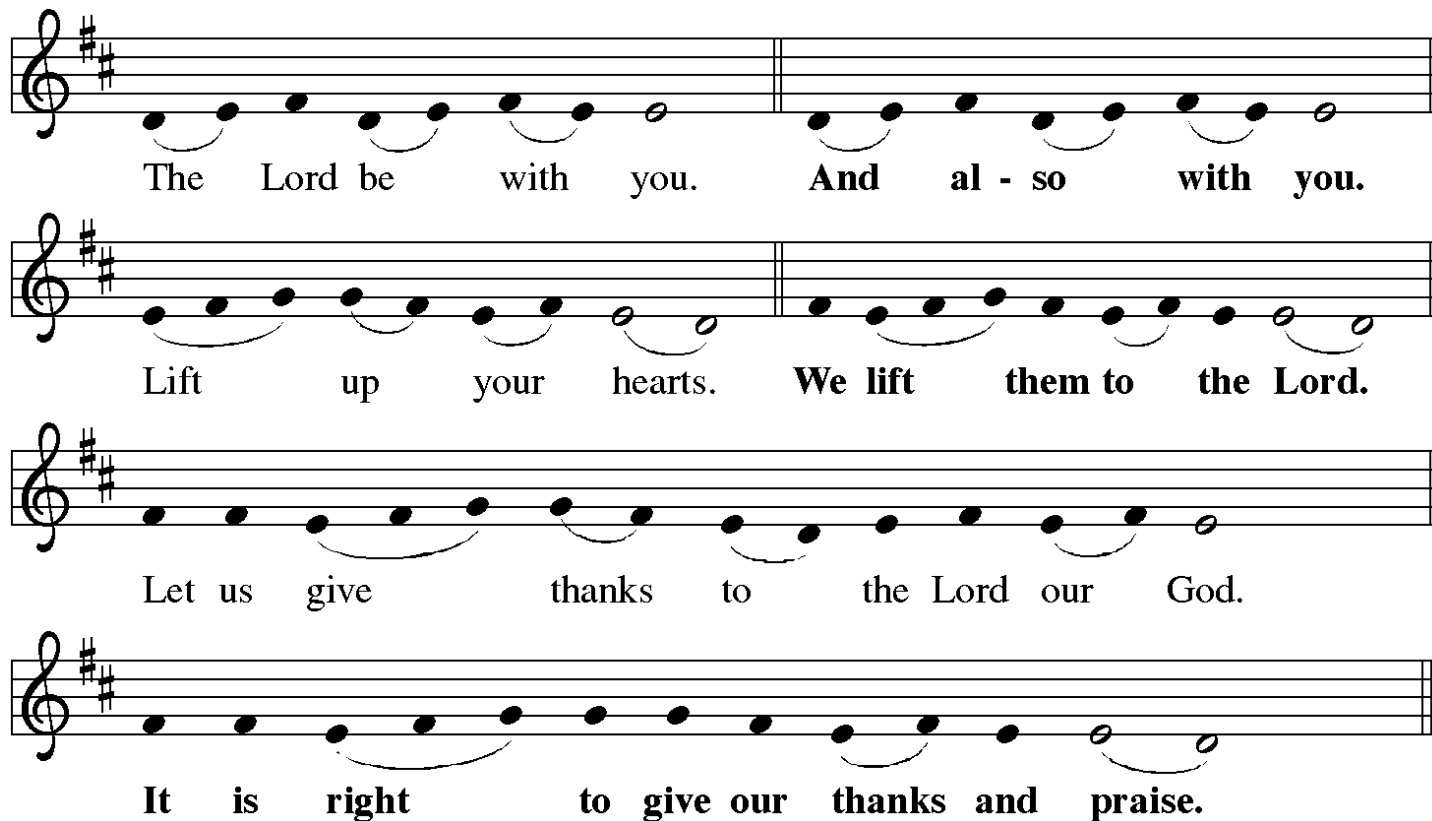
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

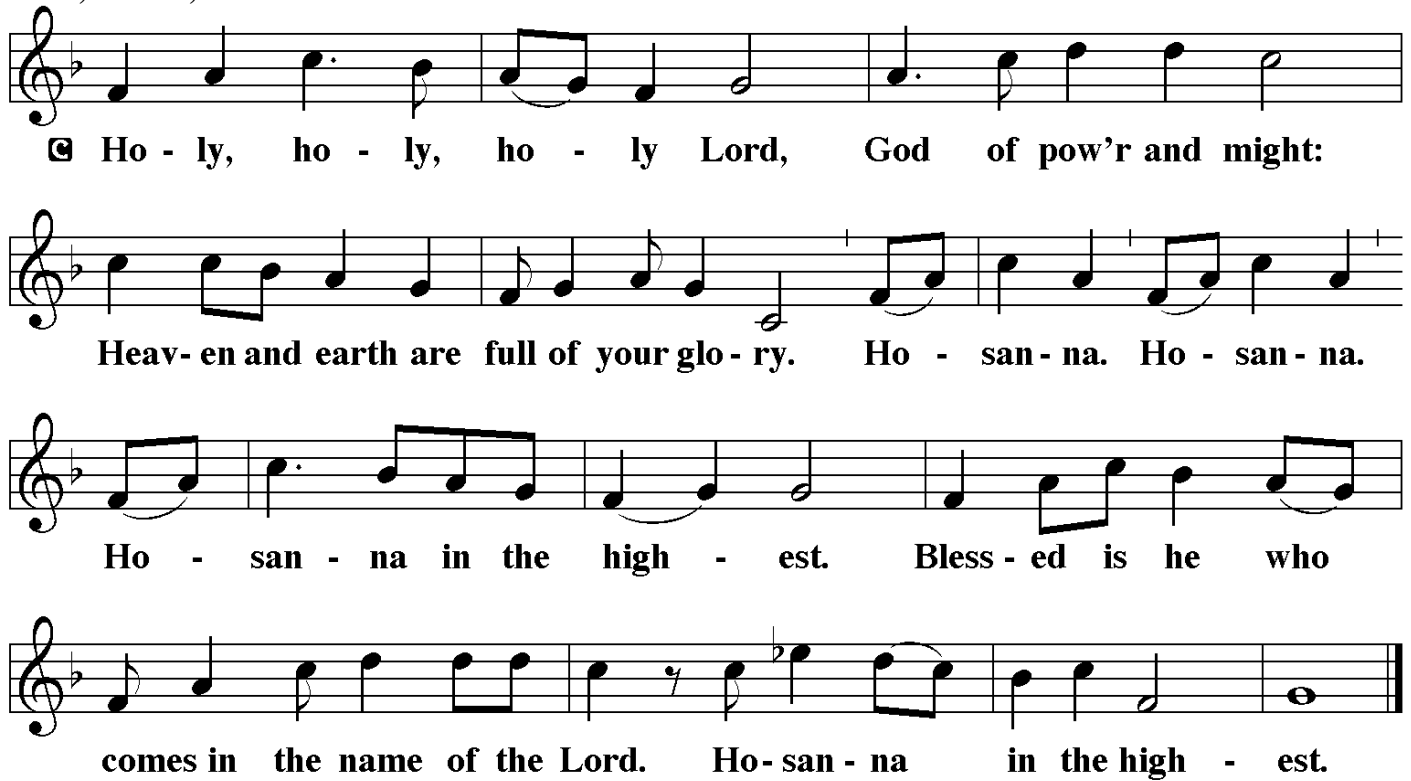
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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.

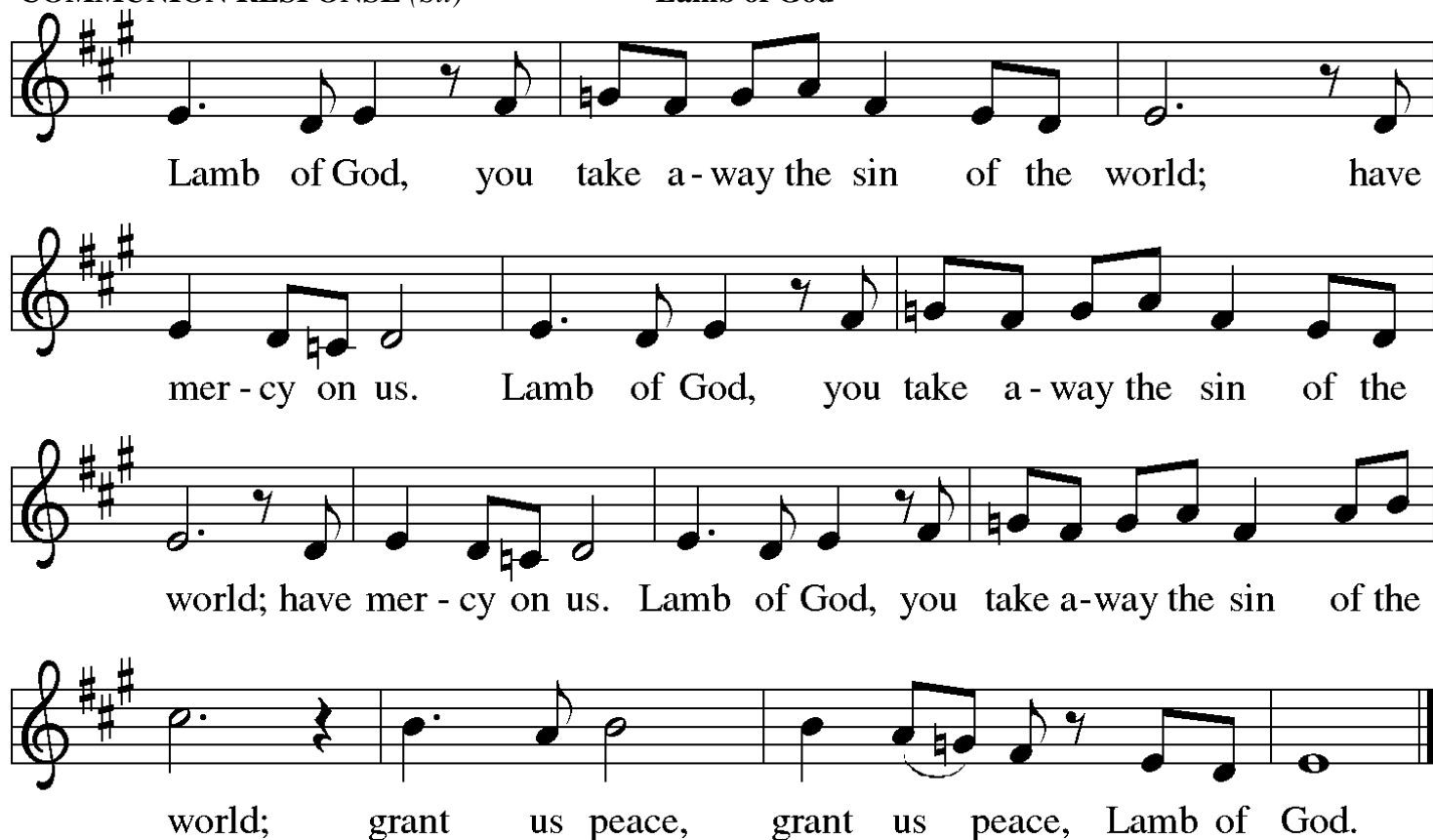
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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.



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!



- 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:

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

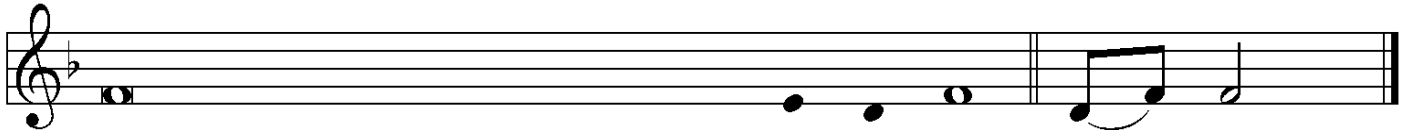


He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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.

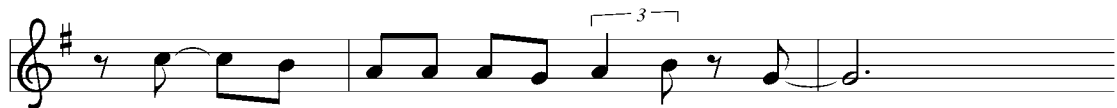
☞ A - men

The Choir sings first stanza.

1 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 2 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

3 We are dancing ...

4 We are praying ...

5 We are singing ...

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. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by John and Carolyn Campbell in celebration of Miles' birthday.

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 CREATORS: Rowena Cornwell, Kelly Redman

CROSS AND CROWN: Ruth Hutchison, Hayley O'Neill

GREETER: Linda Sutherland

LAY ASSISTANT: Peggy Todd

READER: Jerri Dickseski

TECHNICAL TEAM: Jeremiah Green, Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland

USHERS: Tim Olson, Don Padula

Weekly Calendar

Today SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Blood Drive

9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**

11:00 p.m. ExAdCom;
Choir Rehearsal

Monday *MLK Day Church, School, and Child Care Closed*

6:30 p.m. Pack 27 Meeting

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

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Supper at Capri – *RSVP Required*

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday

Friday-Sunday Winter Celebration

Next Sunday THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School

9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**

11:00 p.m. Council Meeting;
Choir Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. Winter Fellowship Walk

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational sympathy is extended to Ron Rose and his family on the death of his sister, Darlene Fish, who died on Thursday, January 8, 2026, in Norfolk, Virginia. Condolences may be sent to 332 Ambler Ct, Hampton, Virginia 23669.

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!

Suppers at Capri

For those who have RSVP'd, we will meet at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, February 24, 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, February 17;** 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.

Winter Fellowship Walk

Join fellow congregants for a stroll through the woods with prayer and fellowship. All ability levels welcome, rain or shine! Contact Eric O. with any questions, 757 510-0839.

When: January 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Meet inside the Ranger Station at Sandy Bottom Park.

We will start our hike around 2:15 p.m.

First Communion

First Communion classes will be offered at **6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 4 and February 11.** This class is open to all ages. You should plan for your child to attend both classes. Please note, that your child should have this class before they begin Confirmation. We will celebrate their First Communion during Sunday morning worship on Sunday, February 15. To sign up, please call, 757-851-2838, or email Peggy Sipes in the Church Office, psipes@gloriadei.net.

Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive

Today, January 18

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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: Joann Morrison, Beverly Hamrick, Mary Capone, Larry Dunn, Debbie Dunn, Fred Bradley, Julie Hutchison, Frank Dickeski, Debbi Ortiz, Lisa Dadez, Sharon Rose, Gordon Robertson, Ernie Atkins, Leonard Mayo, Marna Mayo, Jill Ruhl, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Charlie Venable, Vickie Roark, Dorie Scherer, Joan Ehlers, Tommy Vanorsdale, Donna Vanorsdale, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Wivi Pelt-Dettie, Bill Siefers, Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Bill Swanson, Emily Urban

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:

Stevn G., son of a visitor
Jun Valenzuela, father of Joanne Whitehouse
Aaron Astray, nephew of Joanne Whitehouse
Family of Annett Delay, cousin of Donna Vanorsdale
Nathan Williams, grandson of Donna Vanorsdale's neighbor
Ann Lipp, sister of Jill Ruhl
Scarlett Nicosia, baby of a friend of Peggy Todd
The Pasqualini family, cousins of the Dickeski's
Young Judy, mother of Sandy Dunn
John & Betty Henry, friends of Gary & Bonnie Hess
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

Laughter echoed across the table as seven women gathered for an evening of fellowship, food, and faith during our monthly get-together, *A Glass with the Girls*. This tradition offers a chance to relax, reconnect, and simply enjoy each other's company in a welcoming atmosphere.



We meet at Pour Girls at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Our next get together is **Monday, January 26**. Whether you're new or a regular, all are welcome to join us for good conversation and great company.

Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to our Wonderful Wednesday program for students in grades K-12. This program includes Bible Study, food, music, and crafts and is from 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Annual Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 18

Pancake Supper, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

You are invited for pancakes, sausage, fruit cocktail, juice, and hot drinks. A free-will offering will be taken, and proceeds will be going toward the Women of the ELCA's ministry effort in making personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Every kit made will be cherished by the person who receives it in their time of need.

Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is the doorway to the season of Lent. The spirit of this service is solemn but not sad, dealing with our need for reconciliation with God. This will be a service of Holy Communion, and the optional order for the Imposition of Ashes will be offered.

Wednesday Worship and Soup Suppers in Lent

February 25 – March 25

Conversations with Jesus: Services of Word and Healing for Lent

WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.

This year, our theme for our five Wednesdays in Lent is *Conversations with Jesus*. Each of the following five Wednesdays, we will have a simple soup supper, beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. There is no meal on Maundy Thursday nor Good Friday.

7:00 p.m. begins our Evening Vespers, and the sermons will focus on the following readings:

Lent 1, February 25	Matthew 4:1-11
Lent 2, March 4	John 3:2-9
Lent 3, March 11	John 4:5-15
Lent 4, March 18	John 9:1-11
Lent 5, March 25	John 11:1-6, 17-27

Please sign up on the sheet in the Atrium or contact Kevin Morse at 757-288-0268 if you are interested in helping in the following areas: making soup, helping with setup, serving the soup, and cleaning up for our Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers.

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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