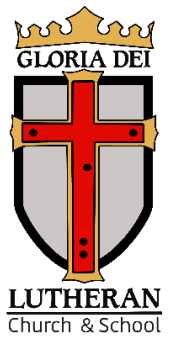


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



**PRELUDE**

**O God, Thou Faithful God**

*Johannes Brahms*

**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

**GATHERING**





1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**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)

*Today we welcome into God's family Spencer Thomas Waldrop, born on September 16, 2025, in Newport News, Virginia. His parents are William Buck and Alexina Katherine Waldrop, III, and siblings are William Buck Waldrop, IV, and Isabella Kathrine Waldrop. Spencer's sponsors are Patric Gloman and Jessica Monroe.*

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.

Parents and sponsors present this child:

**We present Spencer Thomas Waldrop for baptism.**

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

Parents, as you bring Spencer to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he 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 Spencer grow in the Christian faith and life? **We do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Spencer 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 Spencer and pray for him in his 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?

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*\*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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

*Children are welcome to join us at the font.*

## **BAPTISM**

Spencer Thomas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal blanket.*

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

May this 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.

Let us pray.

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

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

Sustain Spencer 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.*

Spencer, 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.*

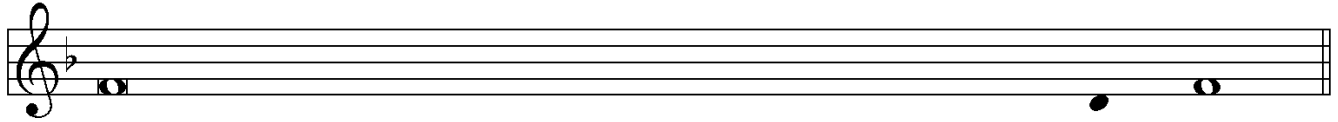
*Congregation (refrain):*

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

**KYRIE**



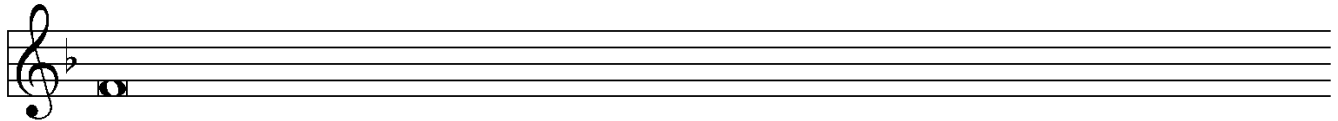
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



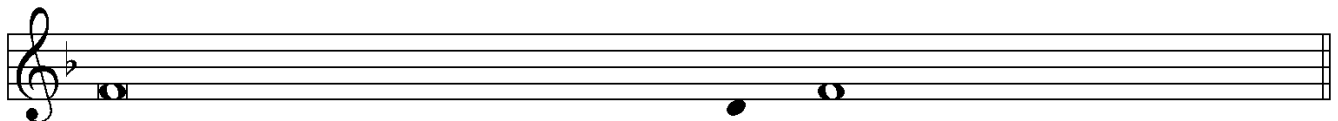
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



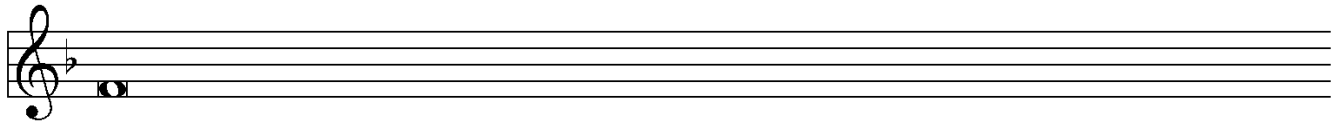
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



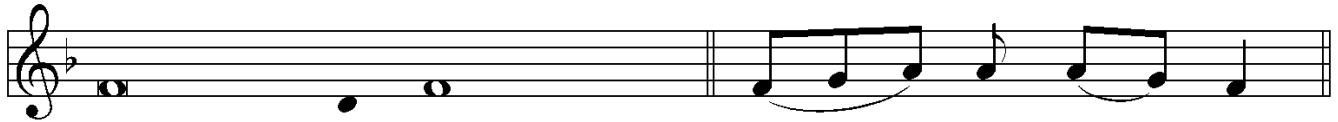
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

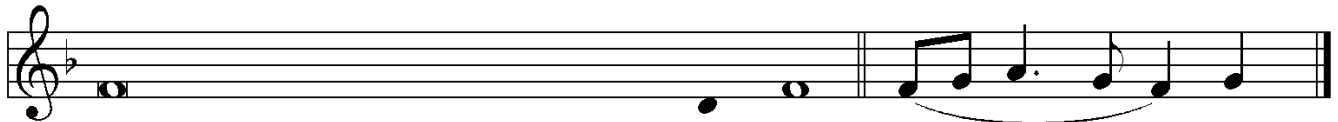


**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

# THE WORD

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

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

## WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

### **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 Acts (2:14a, 36-41).

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (116:1-4, 12-19) is read responsively.

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

A reading from First Peter (1:17-23).

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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

*Congregation sings:*

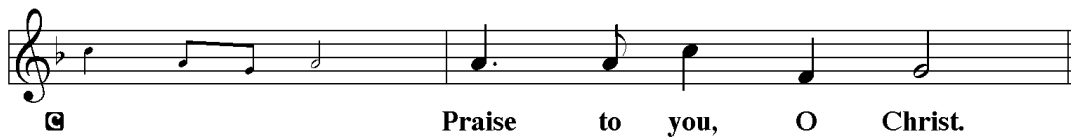


<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation sings:*

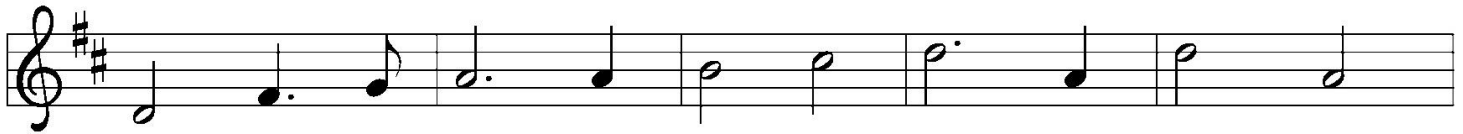


**SERMON** (*Sit*)

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 389 (Stand) Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Truro



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**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

### My Faithful Heart Rejoices

Johannes Brahms

## OFFERTORY HYMN (Stand)

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



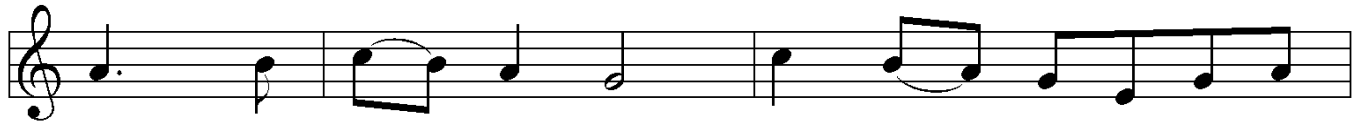
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



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:

**Merciful God,**

**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**

**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.**

**Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,**

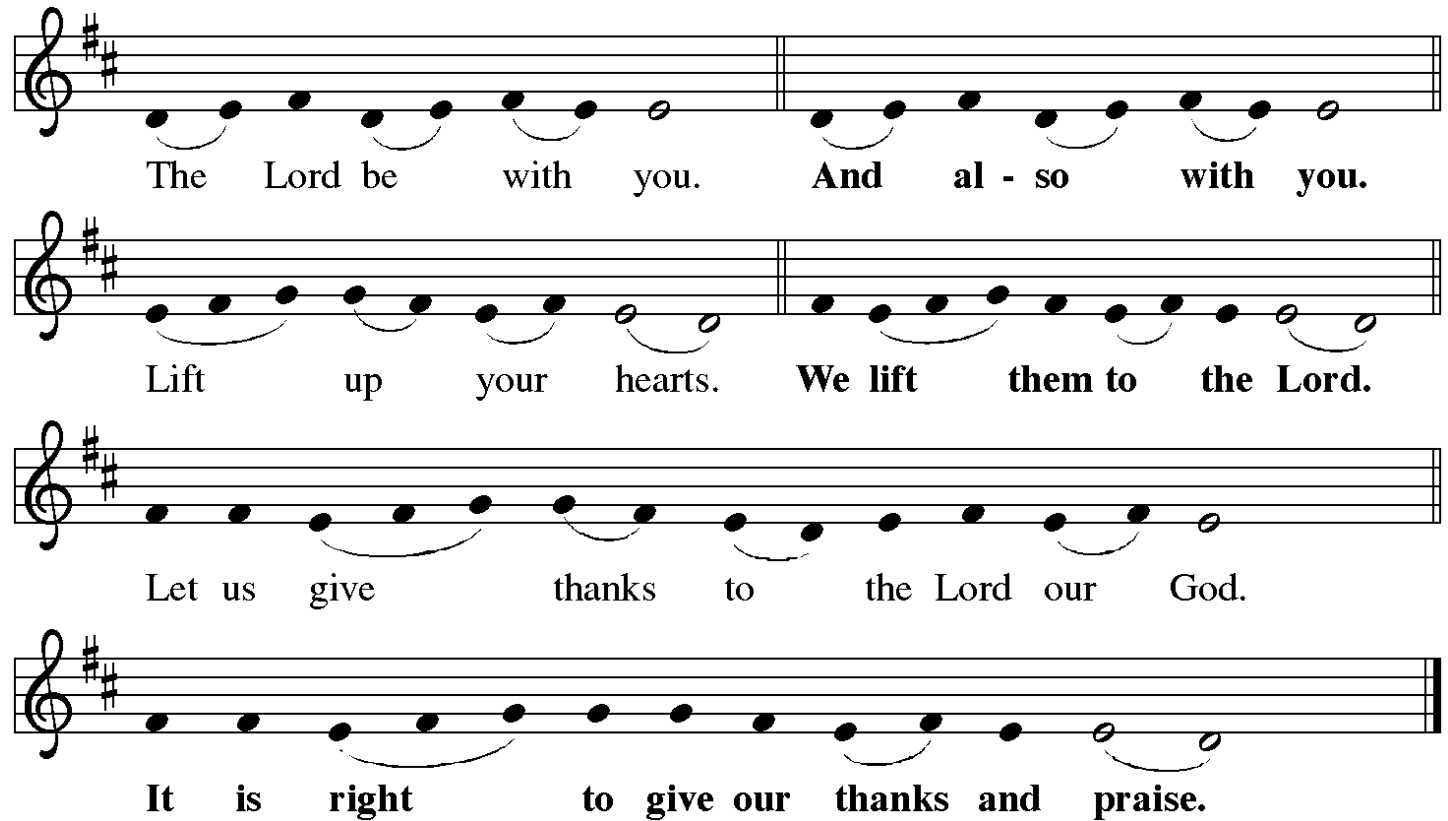
**that goodness and mercy may follow us**

**and bless the world you love.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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.**

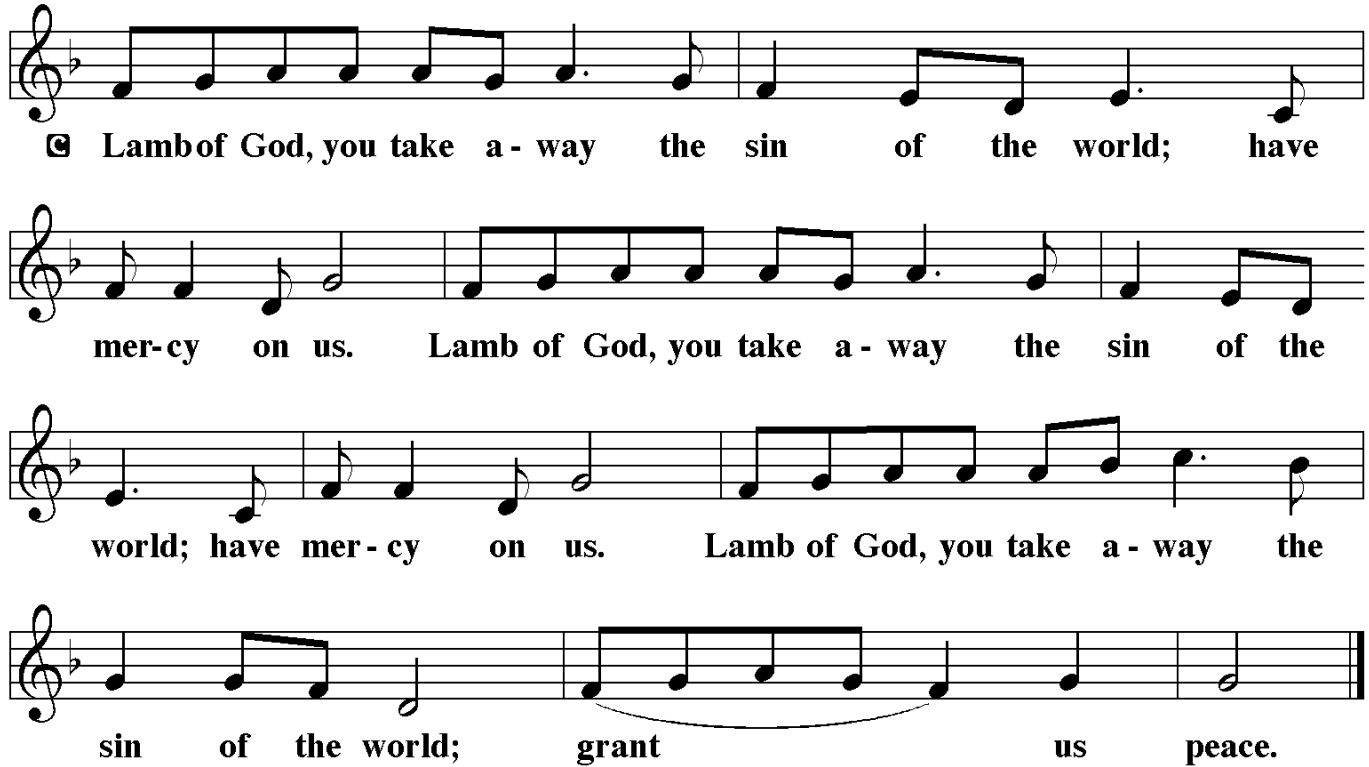
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

## 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.

*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 827 (Stand) Arise, My Soul, Arise!

*Finnish folk tune*



*Refrain / Estribillo*



U - ni - dos en la fes - ta, la a - le - grí - a  
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,  
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.  
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor  
1 We will praise God, we will sing  
2 We will praise God, we will feast  
3 We will praise God, we will play

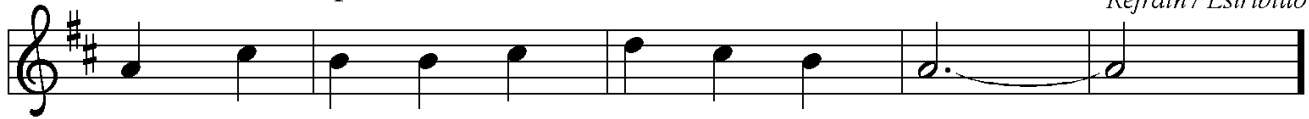


a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,  
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;  
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;  
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de es el a - mor  
we will praise God for the love  
we will praise God and give thanks  
we will praise God for the love

*Refrain / Estribillo*



que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.  
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.  
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.  
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

# 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:

**Holy One,**

**through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.**

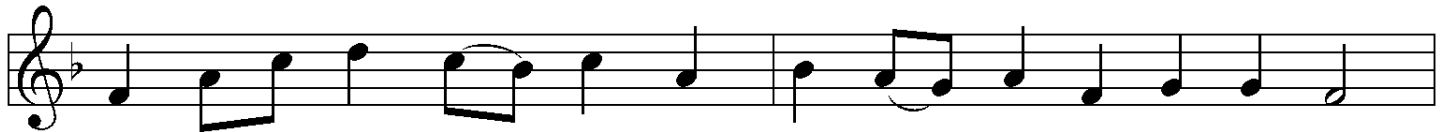
**In the name of Jesus,**

**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 - jice and proud-ly bear his name.**

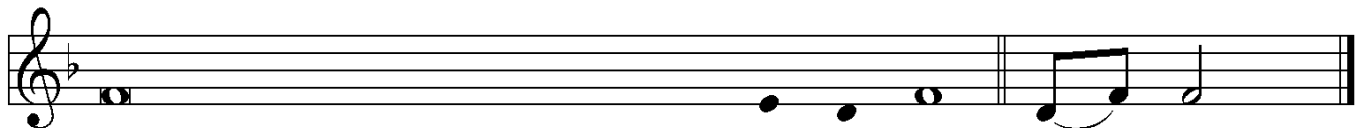


**He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with**



**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.

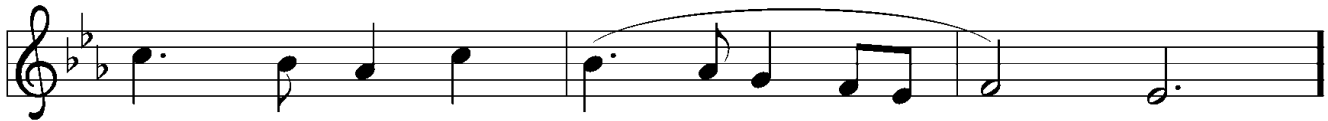
**☩ A - men**



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



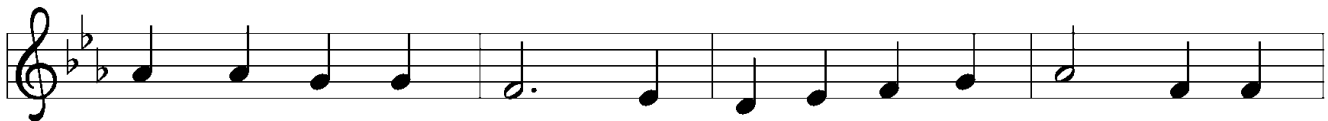
sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



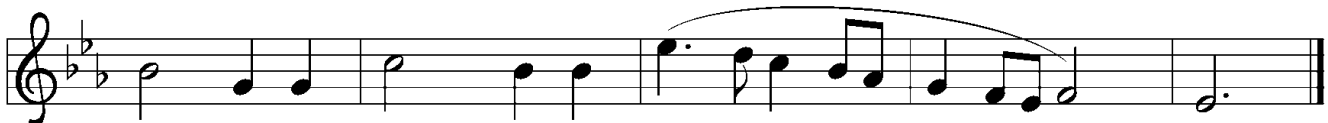
sprung to life this mor - - row.  
 wake the dead in num - - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Sit*)**POSTLUDE****The Agincourt Hymn***John Dunstable*

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

**DISMISSAL**

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



# GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Tom and Claire Clasen in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

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

GREETER: Anita Hamilton

LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen

READER: Sarah Olsen

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

USHER: Jason Green

## Weekly Calendar

Today ..... THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 a.m. First Light

9:00 a.m. Blood Drive

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

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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Monday ..... 6:00 p.m. Pack 27 Meeting

7:00 p.m. Troop 10 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 – H.E.L.P.

5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays

Next Sunday ..... FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 a.m. First Light

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

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Council Meeting

## Graduate Sunday

If you are graduating from college or high school this year, please notify the church office with your name, school, address, phone number, and your future plans. **We will be celebrating you during our Graduate Sunday, on Sunday, May 31, at 9:30 a.m.** We will list your name and your future plans in that Sunday's bulletin. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, May 26, 2026. Please submit to [tbiak@gloriadei.net](mailto:tbiak@gloriadei.net).

## 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.

## Weekly Newsletter

Please email [psipes@gloriadei.net](mailto:psipes@gloriadei.net) if you would like to sign up for our weekly newsletter, the *Glorious Gazette*, so that you can become acquainted with all of our ministries and activities. Two have been sent out—one on April 1 and one on April 8. Please make sure to check your spam/junk folders so you don't miss out on any information.

## Blood Drive



Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## First Light (Sunday School)

First Light is on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m., in the Simeon Center.

## You Belong Here

Whether it is your very first time with us or whether you have been a guest for quite some time, you belong at Gloria Dei. Maybe you are feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit, are exploring your faith, or know without a doubt that this is where God wants you to grow in your faith. We believe everyone needs a faith community, and God is worthy of our worship. If Gloria Dei is the community you have been looking for, sign-up today for our new member class. The class will be held on Sunday, May 3, following worship (lunch is included). **RSVP to [psipes@gloriadei.net](mailto:psipes@gloriadei.net) or by calling 757-851-2838 no later than Wednesday, April 29. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, May 17.**

### Suppers at Capri

For those who have RSVP'd, we will meet at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m. We will have a meal together and share in conversations around Scripture. At the end of our time together, we will share Holy Communion. Invite your friends and family. **Please, RSVP to Peggy in the Church Office by Tuesday, May 12;** 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.

### Our Love and Prayers go out to...

*If you have any prayer requests during the week, you may email [psipes@gloriadei.net](mailto:psipes@gloriadei.net), or call the church office, 757-851-2838.*

**Our members:** Nancy Monroe, Bill Monroe, Gary Hess, Bonnie Hess, Sharon Rose, Ron Rose, Leonard Mayo, Marna Mayo, Joann Morrison, Mary Capone, Beverly Hamrick, Bill Swanson, Fred Bradley, Larry Dunn, Debbie Dunn, Julie Hutchison, Lisa Dadez, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Ernie Atkins, Frank Dickseski, Vickie Roark, Gordon Robertson, Debbi Ortiz, Dorie Scherer, Joan Ehlers, Donna Vanorsdale, Tommy Vanorsdale, Jill Ruhl, Chris Tucker, Craig Ruhl, Susan Krebs, Bill Siefers, Charlie Venable, 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:

Norman, nephew of Vicki Venable, and his wife, Nikki Small  
Tommy Staton, friend of the Fullens  
Megan Wilco, daughter of Mike Wilco  
Fred Wilson, grandfather of Paige Wilson  
Caylyn, daughter of Cindy Sullivan's friend  
Linda Griese, sister-in-law of Vivian Griese  
Mary Bobb, mom of Mary Mace  
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable  
Brendon Roark, brother of Peggy Todd  
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

### Fellowship Bible Study

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

### Community Bible Study

Our weekly Community Bible Study, held at H.E.L.P., 329 Buckroe Avenue, **is held on Wednesdays at noon**. All are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for us to learn the needs of our community and help us to become more outreach-oriented. Please know that we will not be meeting on days when a holiday is being celebrated or when Pastor Dave is out of town.

### Women of Gloria Dei WELCA

We will continue to get together on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Pour Girls in downtown Hampton for a Glass with the Girls. Please come join us. And remember, glasses can hold a lot of different things! If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net).

### Life Groups at Gloria Dei

We have a new Life Group forming, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. This group will be capped at eight people. Please contact Rita Foringer, [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net), if you are interested.

Joining or creating a small group in your church offers a unique opportunity to grow deeper in your faith and build meaningful connections. If you feel the call to host a small group and/or to join a small group, please email Pastor at [pastordave@gloriadei.net](mailto:pastordave@gloriadei.net).

### 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

### 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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Venmo

