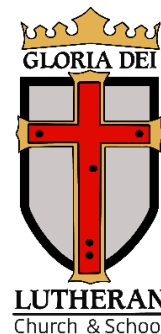


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 10, 2026

Building Faith ✚ Building Community ✚ Building Lives



**PRELUDE**

**Prelude in E Minor**

Frederick Chopin

**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

## **GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

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

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 840 (Stand) Now Thank We All Our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

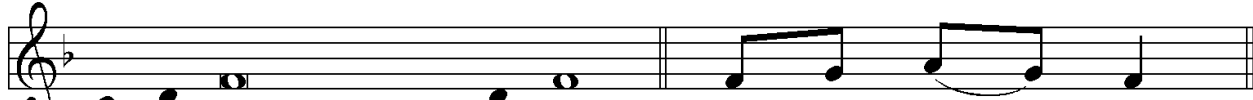
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

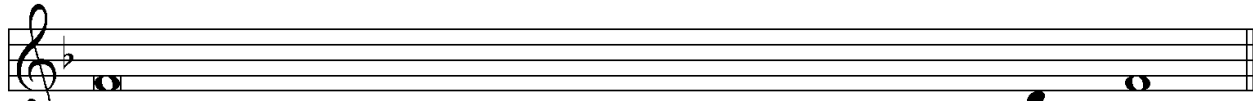
## GREETING

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.**


## KYRIE



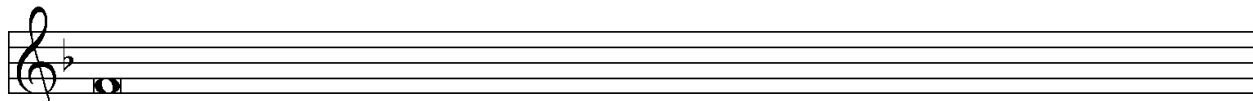
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



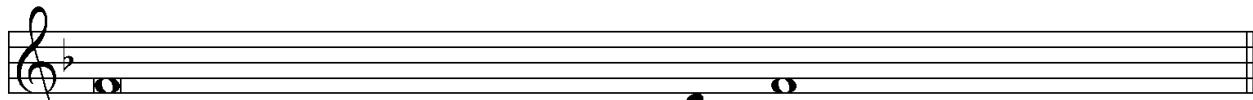
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



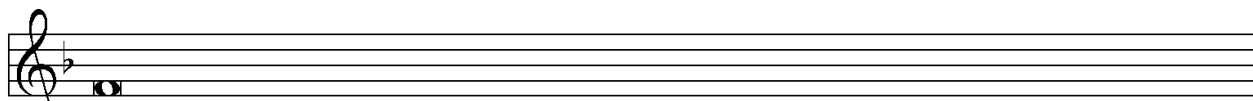
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



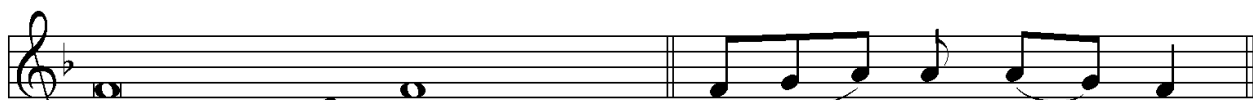
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



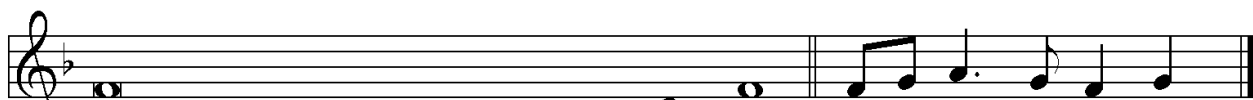
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ④ For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
☐ 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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 (17:22-31).

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (66:8-20) is read responsively.

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have <sup>l</sup> tested us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,

and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

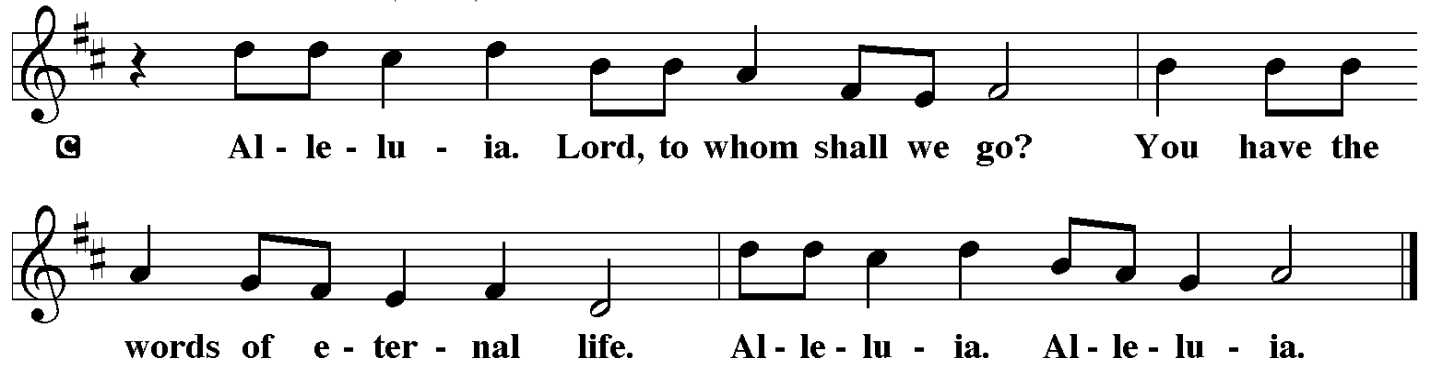
A reading from First Peter (3:13-22).

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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: John 14:15-21**

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

*Congregation sings:*

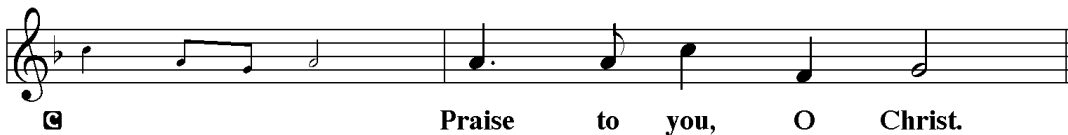


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Congregation sings:*



Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** (*Sit*)

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



1 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
 2 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
 3 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
 press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
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## NICENE CREED (*Stand*)

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

**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.**

**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.*

## 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>.
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## MUSICAL MEDITATION

### Flower Duet

Leo Delibes

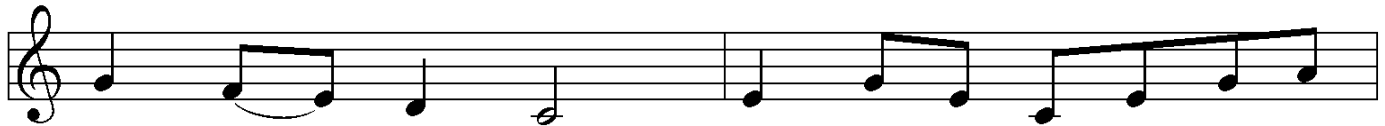
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## OFFERTORY HYMN (Stand)

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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



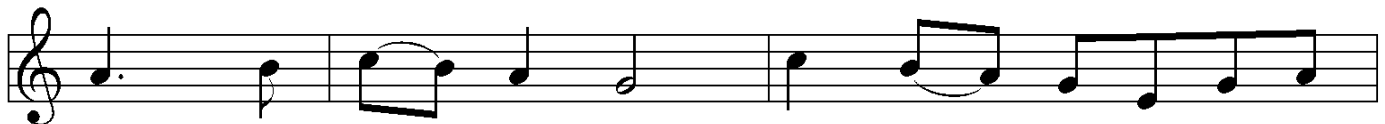
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



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,**

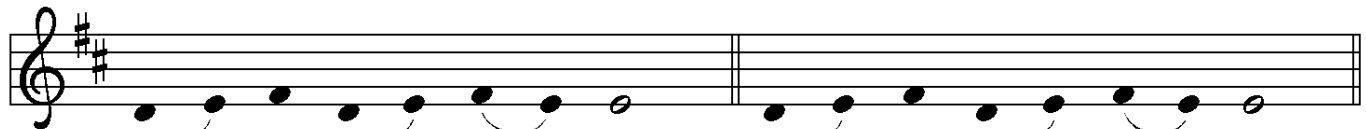
**that goodness and mercy may follow us**

**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.**

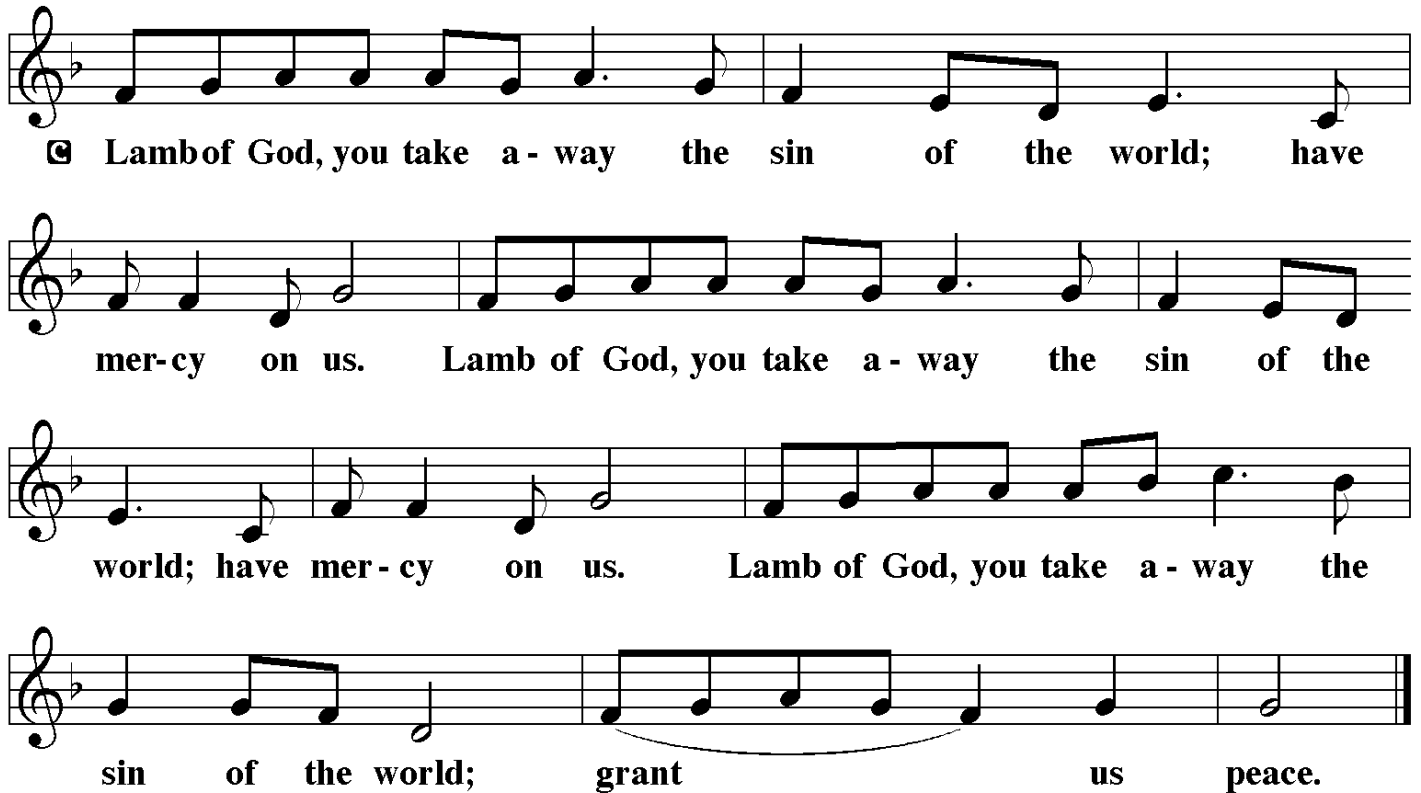
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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.**



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

*Refrain – All*

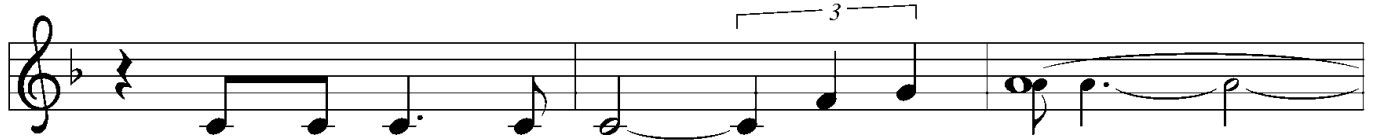


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.  
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.

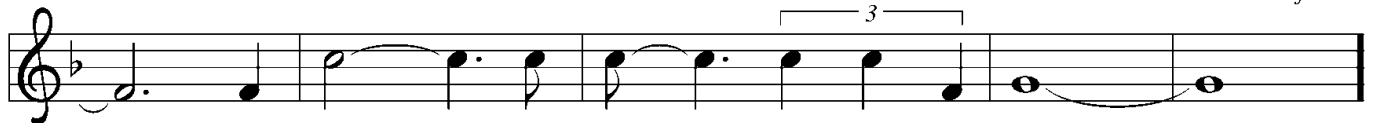


Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
 To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
 I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;  
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*



for God has been so good to me.  
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

# 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.

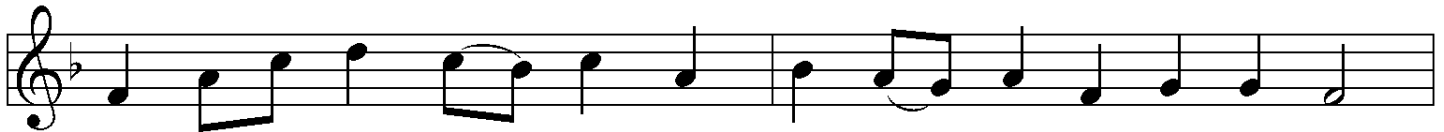
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.

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.

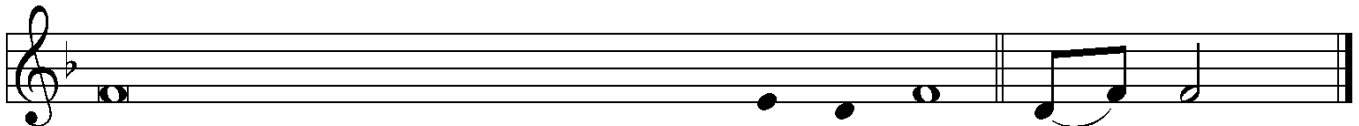


He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

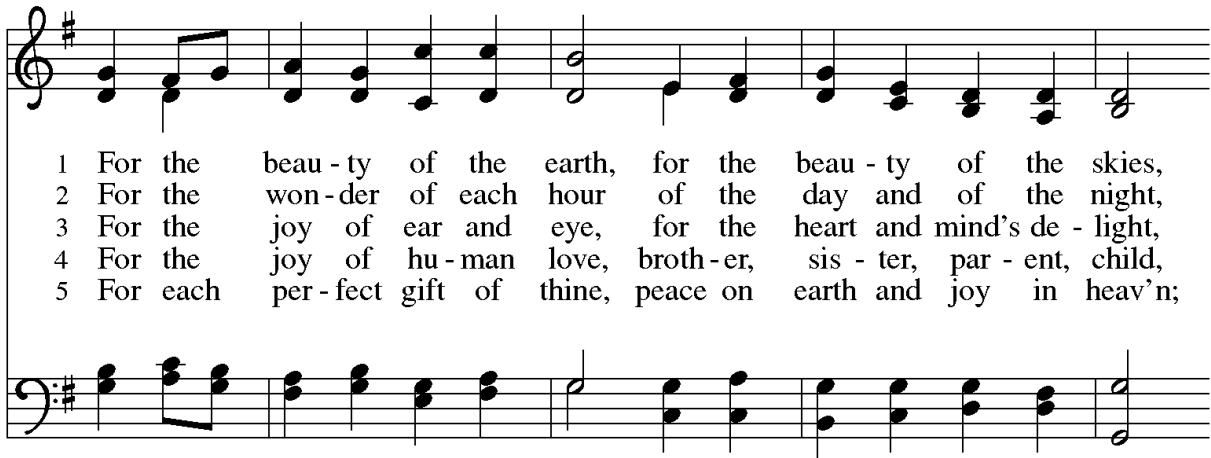
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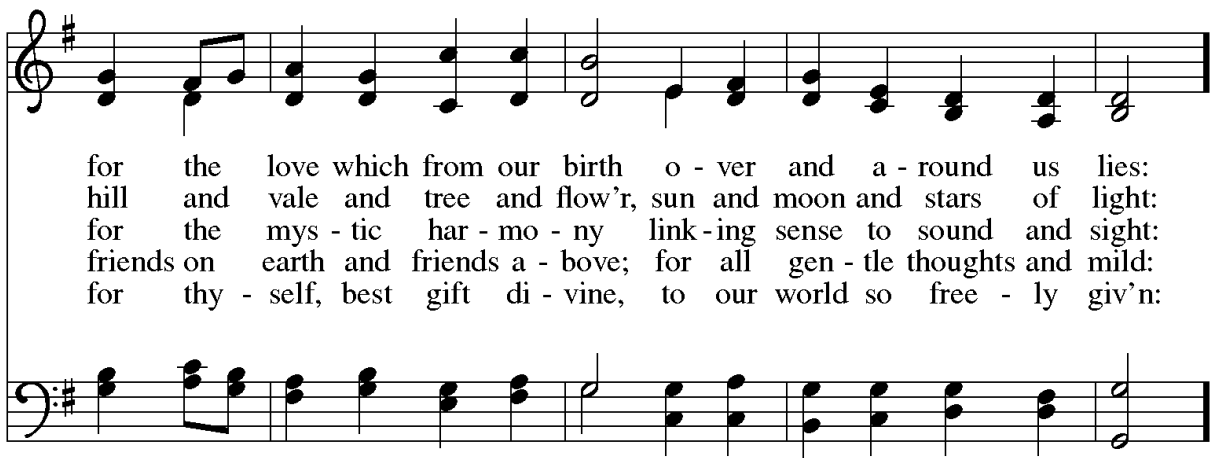
☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

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

☞ A - men



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Sit)***POSTLUDE****Mother Sea***Joe Hisaishi*

Sandy Dunn and Shannon Schubert

*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 Tim and Dawn Olson in memory of their mothers.

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: Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable

GREETER: Linda Moss

LAY ASSISTANT: Rita Foringer

READER: Dan Singer

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

USHERS: John Campbell, Don Padula

## Weekly Calendar

**Today** .....SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 8:30 a.m. First Light  
 9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**  
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday - Thursday 8:45 a.m.-2:20 p.m. Program Practice  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1041 Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Pack 27 Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Troop 10 Meeting

Tuesday .....10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study  
 Wednesday .....12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.  
 5:45 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays

Thursday ..... 6:00 p.m. Pack Committee Meeting  
 Friday ..... 7:00 p.m. Senior High Lock-in

**Next Sunday** .....SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 8:30 a.m. First Light  
 9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**/New Members Join  
 11:00 a.m. New Member Reception  
 Choir Rehearsal  
 ExAdCom

## 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 [tbialk@gloriadei.net](mailto:tbialk@gloriadei.net).

## 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. Please make sure to check your spam/junk folders so you don't miss out on any information.

## New Member Reception

Please join us at the reception next Sunday, May 17, immediately following worship welcoming our new members.

## Suppers at Capri

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.

## First Light (Sunday School)

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

## Fellowship Walk at Sandy Bottom Park

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: Sunday, June 7, 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.

## 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, [foringer@verizon.net](mailto:foringer@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).

### 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:** Jill Ruhl, Pam Hess, 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, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, Ernie Atkins, Frank Dickeski, Vickie Roark, Gordon Robertson, Debbi Ortiz, Dorie Scherer, Joan Ehlers, Donna Vanorsdale, Tommy Vanorsdale, 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:

Debbie Walker, GDLS employee  
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable  
Tommy Staton, friend of the Fullens  
Mary Bobb, mom of Mary Mace  
Brendon Roark, brother of Peggy Todd  
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  
Mike May, brother of Deborah Walker (GDLS employee)  
Sheila May, mother of Deborah Walker (GDLS employee)  
Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale

### 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

### 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 Book Club

On Monday, May 11, Mary Mace is our hostess, 106 Towler. Her book selection is "The Alice Network," by Kate Quinn. *The story is based on the real-life World War I spy ring called the Alice Network, which operated in German-occupied France and Belgium. Three historical figures are used as characters in the novel: Louise de Bettignies, the ring leader (code name Alice Dubois, called Lili in the book); Léonie van Houtte, her lieutenant (code name Violette Lameron in the book); and Cecil Aylmer Cameron, a British Intelligence officer (called Captain Cameron and Uncle Edward in the book), who recruited both women.*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

"God's Work. Our Hands." This is exactly what the Prayer Shawl Ministry does. By creating shawls and blankets to show God's love to members of the congregation, we are using our hands for God's work. Each time we meet, we work on creating a gift for someone that needs a gesture of love.

Please consider joining us on the second Sunday of the month to share in our ministry and fellowship. After putting our needles to work, we often head to Capri for lunch. You would be welcome to join us. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at [rforinger@verizon.net](mailto:rforinger@verizon.net).

### Fox Hill Community 5K

Gosnold's Hope Park, Hampton  
Saturday, May 30, 2026  
8:00 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run  
8:30 a.m. 5K

Registration forms available in the Tower of the Triumphant.

### Harris Teeter School Fundraiser

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

### School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- \* **Director of Transportation**
- \* **Part-time Bus Drivers**
- \* **Elementary and middle grades teachers**
- \* **Part-time technology teacher**
- \* **Substitute Teachers (preschool, elementary, and middle school)**
- \* **Buildings and Grounds Assistant**
- \* **Afternoon Child Care Aides**
- \* **Part-time art teacher**

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

## School Building Project

### Gloria Dei Launches Fundraising Campaign for New Elementary School at Willow Oaks

Gloria Dei School is excited to announce the official kickoff of a major fundraising campaign to support the construction of a new elementary school building on our Willow Oaks campus. This initiative marks an important step forward in our mission to provide a Christ-centered, academically excellent education in a space designed to meet the needs of our students and families.

Looking toward the future, Gloria Dei is strategically refocusing its mission to strengthen and expand our elementary school program. As we phase out middle school grades, this dedicated commitment enables us to channel all our resources, planning, and facilities into delivering an extraordinary Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade experience. Our mission is to cultivate a robust academic, social, and spiritual foundation during these critical formative years.

Beginning in 2027, Phase 1 will bring to life a comprehensive multi-purpose facility featuring a regulation-sized basketball court with performance stage, a commercial kitchen for various events, and dedicated resource classrooms, which will include art and music. This versatile space will serve us well for physical education, school assemblies, chapel services, student performances, and daily instruction. Additionally, our congregation will benefit from its use for social functions and receptions.

The second phase transforms our vision into reality through a brand-new elementary school building designed to inspire young minds. Our state-of-the-art facility will feature bright, welcoming classrooms for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, a vibrant library with a media center serving as the heart of learning, and comfortable administrative spaces that keep our community connected. This building will provide the perfect environment where children can grow both academically and spiritually.

We invite every member of the Gloria Dei family – parents, alumni, church members, friends, and neighbors – to join us in shaping the future of our school. Through prayerful support, generous giving, and our shared vision, we will create a campus that embodies our unwavering commitment to both excellence and faith.

In the future, you will receive more information about giving options, sponsorship opportunities, and upcoming campaign events. Scan this QR code, which will take you directly to our Building Project Page on the school website, where you can explore multiple ways to contribute. Would you please consider giving a gift today? We encourage every person connected to this community to prayerfully consider how they can participate in this transformative journey.

Together, we are building more than new facilities—we are building a strong foundation for generations of Gloria Dei students to grow in faith, knowledge, and purpose.



## Wonderful Wednesdays

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS**

5:45 PM - 7:30 PM

**BIBLE STUDY • FOOD • MUSIC • CRAFTS**

**4th Semester**

May 13, 20

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



Please scan this QR Code to register your child.

## 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.

Tithe.ly



PayPal



Venmo

