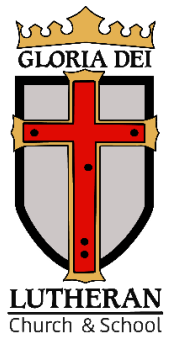


# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## Day of Pentecost

### May 24, 2026

Building Faith ✚ Building Community ✚ Building Lives



**PRELUDE**

**Renew Me, O Eternal Light**

*Paul Manz*

**RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

## **GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
It's your leading that we're needing. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
Guide our thinking and our speaking. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
Motivate all in their seeking. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
Keep us fervent in our witness. **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
Ever grant us zealous fitness. **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

**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 WORD

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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 (2:1-21) (*Sit*)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**When You Believe**  
Chorister Choir

Steven Schwartz

*Many nights we've prayed.  
With no proof anyone could hear.  
In our hearts a hopeful song  
We barely understood,  
Now we are not afraid  
Although we know there's much to fear  
We were moving mountains  
Long before we knew we could...*

*There can be miracles  
When you believe  
Though hope is frail  
It's hard to kill  
Who knows what miracles  
You can achieve  
When you believe  
Somehow you will  
You will when you believe*

*In this time of fear  
When prayer so often proved in vain  
Hope seemed like the summer birds  
Too swiftly flown away  
Yet now I'm standing here  
With heart so full I can't explain  
Seeking faith and speaking words  
I never thought I'd say*

*There can be miracles  
When you believe  
Though hope is frail  
It's hard to kill  
Who knows what miracles  
You can achieve  
When you believe  
Somehow you will  
You will when you ....*

*Ashira l'adonai; ki gaoj ga-ah  
Ashira l'adonai; ki gaoj ga-ah  
Mi chamocha baelim adonai  
Mi kamocha nedar ba kodesh  
Nachita v'chas-d'cha am zu ga-alta  
Nachita v'chas-d'cha am zu ga-alta  
Ashira, ashira, ashira*

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Somehow you will  
Now you will  
You will when you believe...  
You will when you believe*

A reading from First Corinthians (12:3b-13).

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 20:19-23**

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

*Congregation sings:*

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

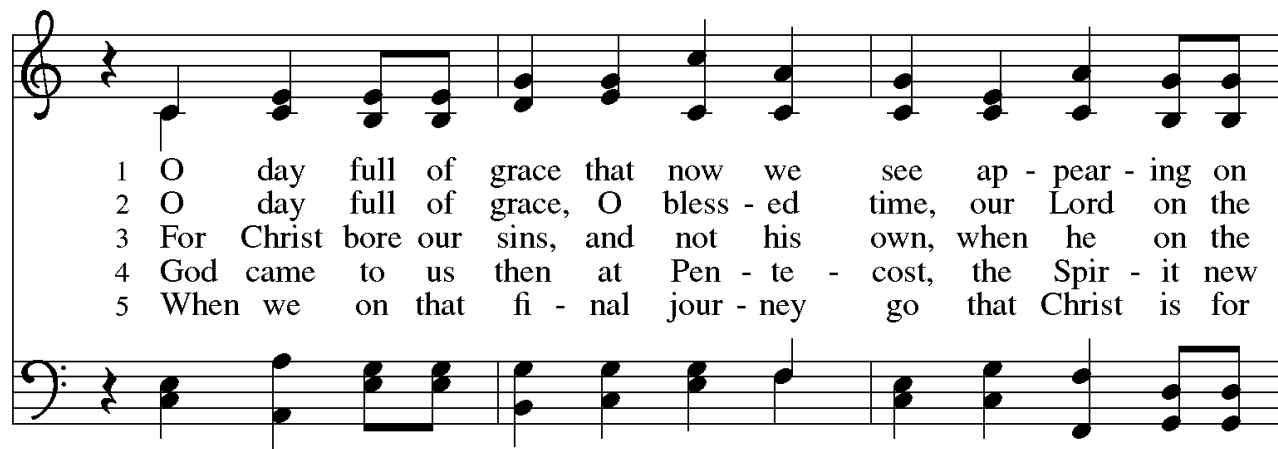
<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Congregation sings:*

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** (*Sit*)

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

*Pastor Dave addresses the congregation.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Micaela, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism. I present Micaela who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism:

*Micaela Marian Ruhl*  
2026 Confirmand

Let us pray. *(Sit)*

Merciful God, we thank you for this child of God,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called her to yourself,  
enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished her in the community of faith.  
Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Pastor Dave addresses Micaela.*

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?

**Response: I renounce them.**

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

**Response: I renounce them.**

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

**Response: I renounce them.**

*All may join in with the Creed.*

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.**

## **AFFIRMATION**

*Pastor Dave addresses Micaela.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism,  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response:

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Pastor Dave addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support this child of God and pray for her in her life in Christ?  
**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Joined by her family and friends, and with the laying on of hands, the following prayer:*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,  
stir up in Micaela Marian  
the gift of your Holy Spirit;  
confirm her faith,  
guide her life,  
empower her in her serving,  
give her patience in suffering, and bring her  
to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Presentation of our 2026 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Confirmand.*

## **THE PRAYERS**

*You are invited to either stand or kneel.*

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)

Please place your offering in the offering plates found at the back of the Nave. You may also support the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei by giving your financial tithes and offerings by:

- 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

### He Put a New Song In My Heart

Michael Barrett

Chorister Choir

Adult Choir

## 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:

**Risen One,**

**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,**

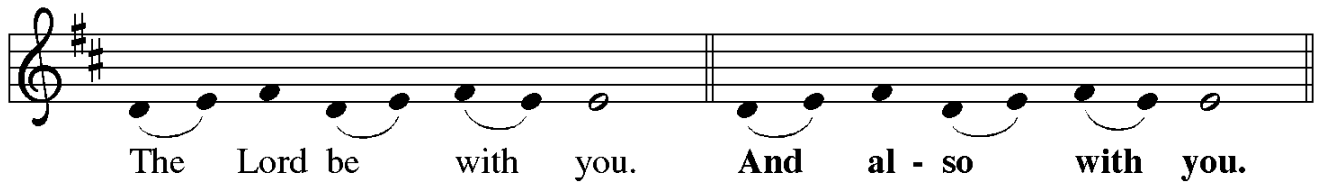
**breathe your life into us,**

**and enliven us with this meal,**

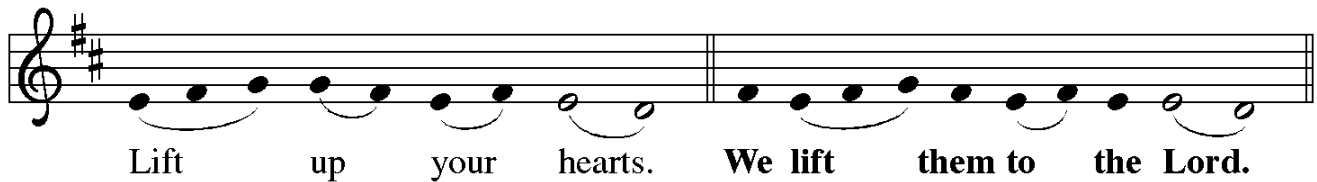
**that we may live as your risen body in the world.**

**Amen.**

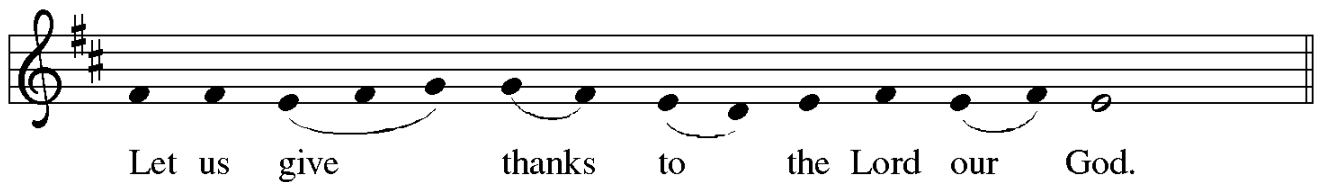
## DIALOGUE



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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,

you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **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 grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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.**

*He lifted me out of the slimy pit ... he set my feet on a rock — Psalm 40:2 NIV*

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea  
 pres-ence live, ev-er His prais-es sing; Love so might-y and so true  
 by His love out of the an-gry waves; He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me, now safe am I.  
 mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to Him be-longs.  
 bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be, be saved to-day.

Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me! When noth-ing  
 e-ven me! e-ven me!

1 else could help, Love lift-ed me. 2 Love lift-ed me.



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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:

**Living One,**  
**in this feast you have made yourself known to us.**  
**Send us now to tell of your wonders,**  
**sing of your glory,**  
**and proclaim your risen life**  
**to a wounded and weary world. 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.**

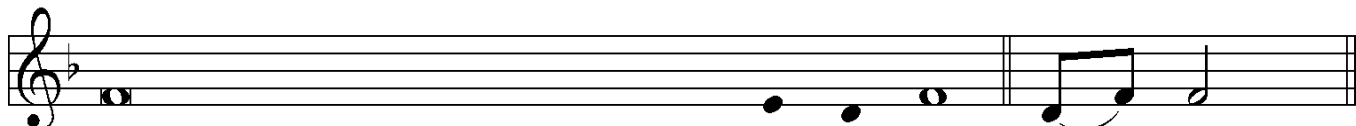


**He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with**



**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.**

**☞ A - men**

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

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**America the Beautiful**

*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 Frank and Jerri Dickeski in honor of their 36<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: Dawn Lomax, Mary Mace  
CROSS AND CROWN: Wade Brown, Jacob Zamora  
GREETER: Anita Hamilton  
LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen  
READER: Jerri Dickeski  
TECHNICAL TEAM: Jeremiah Green, Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland  
USHERS: Jason Green, Peggy Todd

## 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).

## Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**, is our next *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday*. Please, make it a priority to invite at least three people to church on this Sunday. Why should you invite folks to church? The number one reason is because it is our call as Christians. Second, 85% of people come to worship because a friend or family member asked them to come to church with them.

We are asking you to invite people you already have a relationship with and not complete strangers to join you on this Sunday. During your time together, ask them what they enjoyed about the worship service and what questions they might have. At the end of your time together, invite them to come back the following Sunday.

Please, ensure your friends that they will not be asked to stand up or be introduced in front of the congregation.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends and family at worship!

## H.E.L.P. Summer Food Drive

The HELP wagon will be going away for the summer after this Sunday, May 24, in order to fully support the Synod-wide Summer Food Drive that will still benefit the HELP Food Pantry.

## 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

## Weekly Calendar

**Today** ..... PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
 8:30 a.m. First Light  
 9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**  
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday ..... *Church, School, and Child Care Closed*

Tuesday - Thursday ..... 8:45 a.m.-2:20 p.m. Programs/Practice

Tuesday ..... 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study

Wednesday ..... 12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.

Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. VBS Decorating

**Next Sunday** ..... HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY/Bring a Friend to Church  
 8:30 a.m. First Light  
 9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP/Graduate Sunday**  
 11:00 a.m. Council  
 Choir Rehearsal  
 12:00 p.m. VBS Decorating  
 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Banquet/Bridging Ceremony

## Congregational Sympathy

Gloria Dei congregation expresses its sympathy to the family of Melvin Lanning upon his death in Hampton, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Funeral worship and burial plans will be announced as they are available to the church office. Condolences may be sent to 2220 Executive Drive, Apt. 126, Hampton, VA 23666

## First Light (Sunday School)

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

### 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:** 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 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:

Mike O'Neill, husband of Vicki  
Coochie Bailey, uncle of Diane Washburn  
Kierstin Torrey and unborn daughter, friend of Laura Lopez  
Alie Barbor, friend of Debbi Ortiz  
James Roberson, family of Debbi Walker (GDLS employee)  
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

### 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.

### 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.

### School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

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

If you are interested in applying, you can find an application online at <http://www.gdshamptonva.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.

### A Glass with the Girls

**PLEASE NOTE:** Because the fourth Monday in May is Memorial Day, A Glass with the Girls will be held on **MONDAY, JUNE 1**, at 7:00 p.m., at Pour Girls. We will get together four weeks later on **MONDAY, June 29**. That will put us back on track in July to return to the fourth Monday of the month. Mark your calendars now to reflect the change.

### 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.

### 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).

### Suppers at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on **Tuesday, June 16, 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. You are responsible for the cost of your meal and a generous tip.

### 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.

## School Building Project

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

**Starting today, every dollar given, up to \$12,500.00, will be matched dollar for dollar.**

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.

## 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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