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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026



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Building Faith † Building Community † Building Lives

GATHERING MUSIC

Mitten wir im Leben sind

Samuel Scheidt

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

GREETING (*Stand*)

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

Today we welcome into God's family sisters, Brielle Elyse Worley and Emery Jade Worley. Their parents are Jerrick and Kaela Worley. Brielle was born on October 23, 2021, in Misawa, Japan. Her sponsors are Olivia Mei and Landon Gonzales. Emery was born on August 1, 2024, in Panama City, Florida. Her sponsors are Sydnie Worley and Justin Nagowski.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Jerrick and Kaela Worley, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Brielle and Emery baptized into Christ? **We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Brielle and Emery and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly joins in the responses.

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,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

***Lower case "c" means universal.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Brielle Elyse/Emery Jade, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

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

This 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 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 give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse Brielle/Emery from sin, and raise her to eternal life.

Sustain Brielle/Emery 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. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Brielle/Emery, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

I present Jerrick and Kaela Worley who affirmed their baptism with the congregation when we all professed our faith just moments ago and present them as new members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for our brother and sister,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them 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.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

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)*

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Send Me

Here I am, are you calling to me?

I am only a child, how can I be what you need?

But I keep hearing your call - telling to follow where you lead.

So here I am; send me.

READINGS

A reading from Romans (6:12-23).

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

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

Congregation sings:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (*Sit*)

Silence is kept for reflection.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either stand or kneel.

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

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Stand)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *(Sit)*

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.

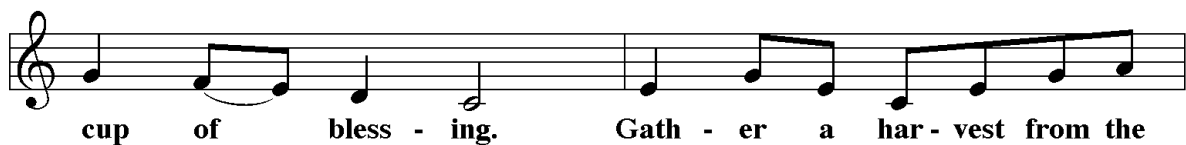
MUSICAL MEDITATION

Wer nur den lieben Gotta

Georg Bohm

OFFERTORY HYMN *(Stand)*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

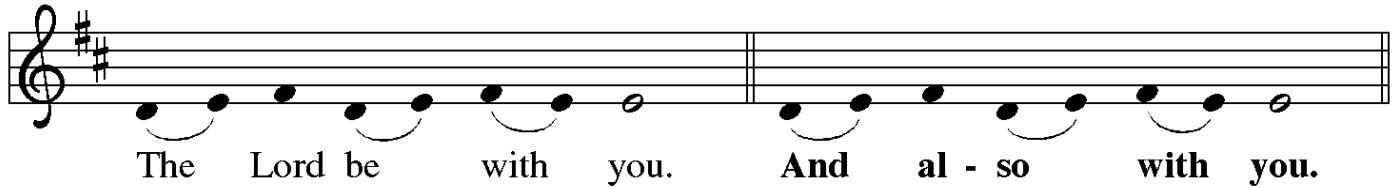
**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

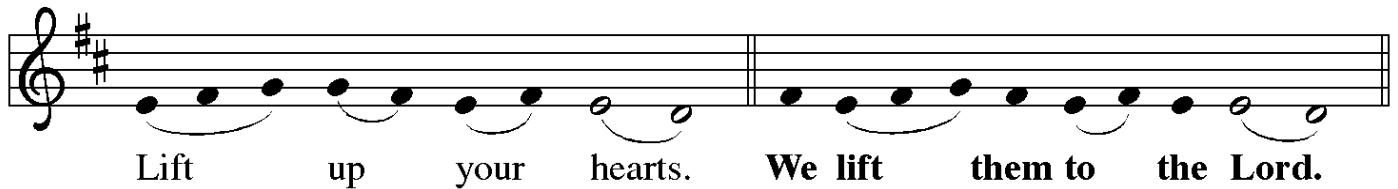
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

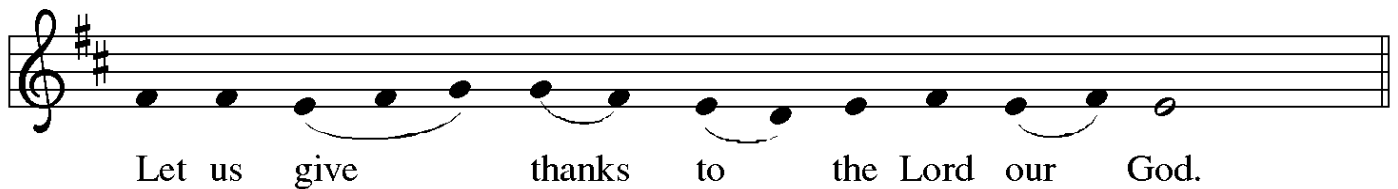
DIALOGUE



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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, 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.

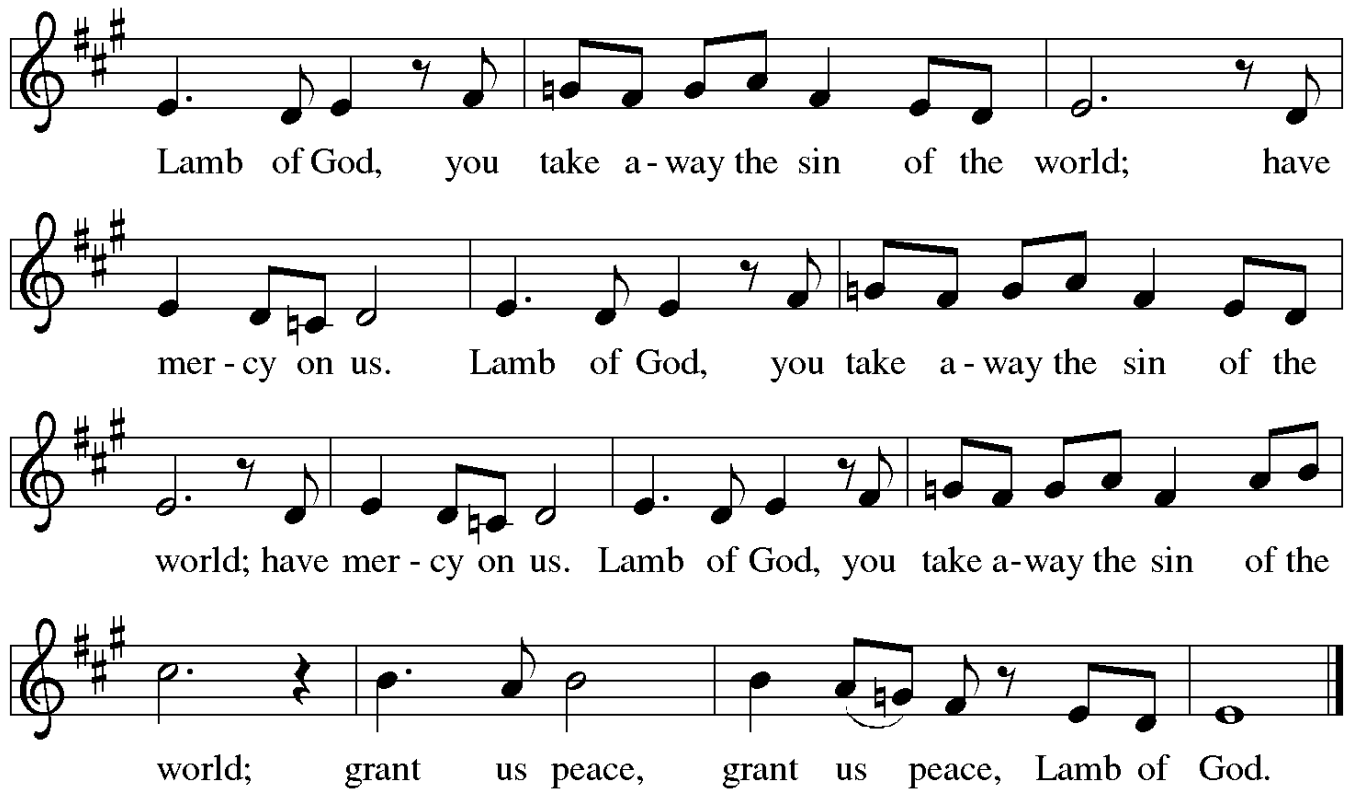
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION RESPONSE *(Sit)*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*We believe that in the Eucharist our Lord Jesus Christ offers us His gifts of love and forgiveness.
All are welcome to share in Communion.*

*If you would like to receive communion by common cup instead of individual cups of wine or grape juice, after
you consume your wafer, hold your hands out (palms up), just like you did for your wafer.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.



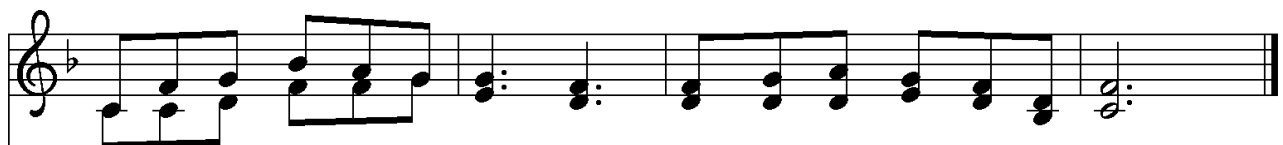
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



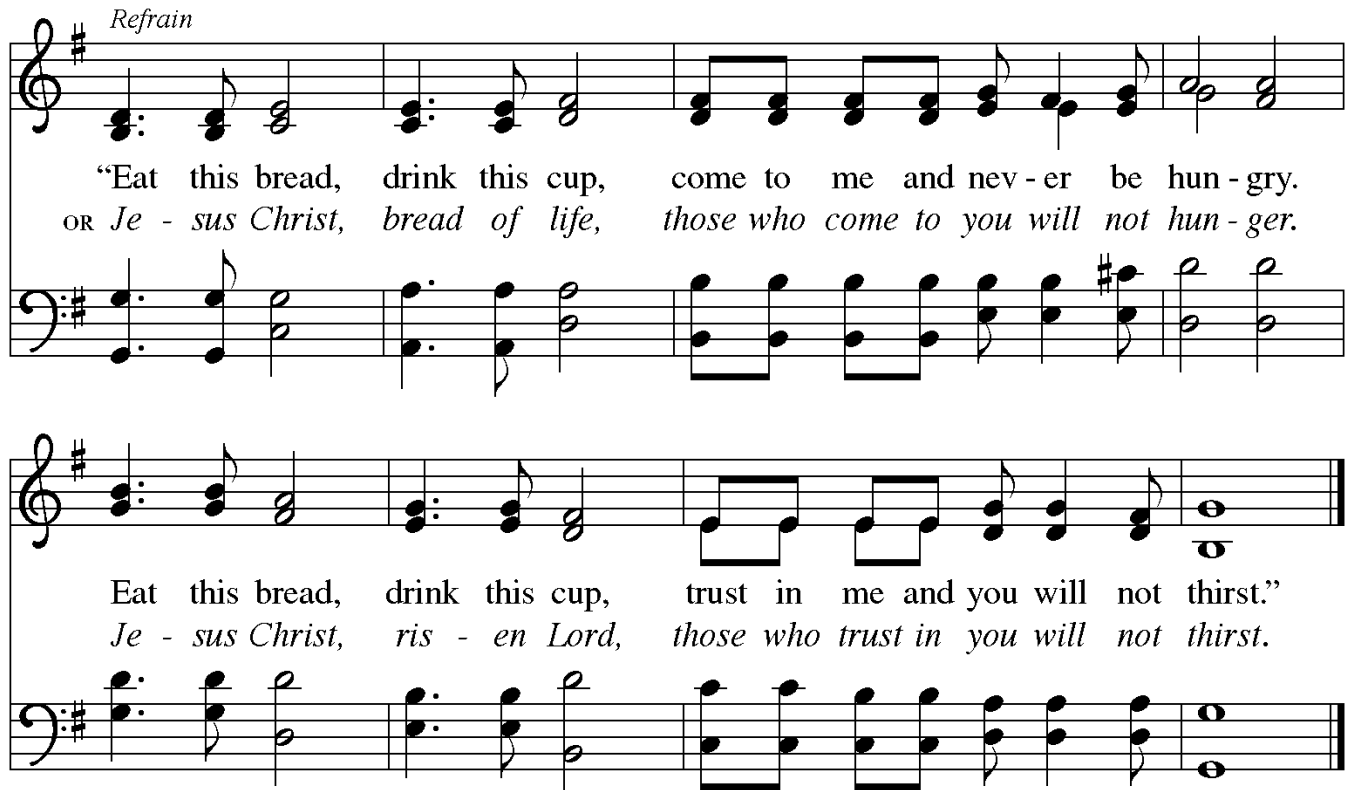
Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

SENDING

BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL *(Stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

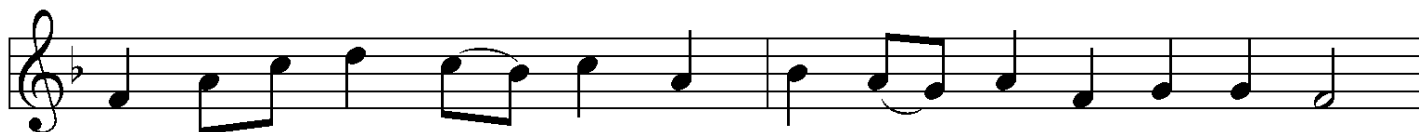
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
 Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



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

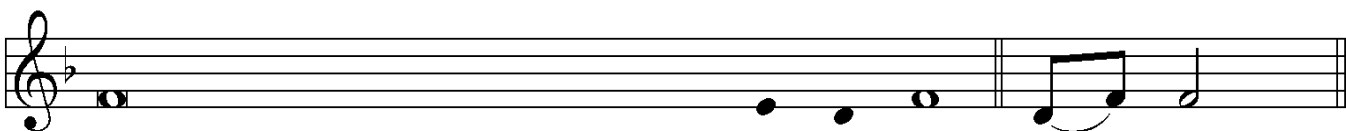


He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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

BENEDICTION



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

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

☩ A - men

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

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.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE 61st ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
June 28, 2026

I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Diane Washburn

II. Order for Opening Congregational Meeting

Pastor Dave

Invocation

Litany

The love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Brothers and sisters, God calls each of us by name.

We are a church that belongs to Christ.

Recognizing the diversity among us, we are grounded in God's love and forgiveness to live and serve here and now.

We are a church whose unity is in Christ.

Young and old together, our life in Christ compels and empowers us to be open and accessible within any community, within any context.

We are a church that believes Jesus is God's "YES" to us.

Recognizing each of us has unique gifts and a unique story, we are part of a larger body and a larger story. Together, we achieve things we could not do alone.

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world—together.

Recognizing our roots are in Scripture, tradition and the Lutheran Confessions, as well as the vibrant communities and rich history of our congregation, we are a church guided by the Holy Spirit that is both resilient and always being reformed.

We are a church that is deeply rooted in the gospel—and always being made new.

Let us pray: As we live into the church that we proclaim to be, fill us with hope as we engage in the work of serving you. Guide us that we may honor our missional heritage while opening our eyes to new ways of serving others. Steer our thoughts and words away from distraction and toward your will. In our deliberations keep us close to you and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may serve you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

III. Old Business

Diane Washburn

Presentation and approval of 2025 Annual Meeting minutes

IV. New Business

Diane Washburn

A. Approval of new Constitution

B. Election of Church Council: Brown Cornwell, Eric Olsen, Kelly Redman

C. Reelection of Trustee: Bo Lomax

D. Presentation and approval of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 2026-2027 Financial Plan

V. Closing Responses and Prayer

Pastor Dave

Scriptural Responses

P: O Lord, save your people:

C: **and bless your inheritance.**

P: My word shall accomplish that which I please:

C: **and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**

P: You shall be my witnesses:

C: **to the uttermost parts of the earth.**

P: I have chosen you, and ordained you:

C: **that we should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.**

P: And lo, I am with you always:

C: **to the end of the age.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

C: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

VI. Adjourn

Diane Washburn

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GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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

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

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for each Sunday's service on the table in the Atrium.

PARENTS, if you would like your child to have a coloring book and colored pencils during worship, please ask an usher.

RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING AIDS are available from the ushers. Please return them to an usher after the service.

Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS: Dawn Lomax, Mary Mace

GREETER: Linda Sutherland

LAY ASSISTANT: Rita Foringer

READER: Rita Foringer

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

USHERS: Tim Olson, Don Padula

Weekly Calendar

Today	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m.	First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP/Annual Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal Council Meeting
Monday	7:00 p.m. WELCA at <i>Pour Girls</i>
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. Community Bible Study – H.E.L.P.
Friday	Church Office and Child Care CLOSED
Next Sunday	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP
11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Annual Congregational Meeting

Today, June 28, 2026, following worship in the Nave

Updated Constitution, approval of financial plan, and elections are highlights of the agenda. A copy of the Annual Report will be available for you to pick up after the service on Sunday, June 21, so you may review it ahead of time.

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

If you have any prayer requests during the week, you may email spipes@gloriadei.net, or call the church office, 757-851-2838.

Our members: Tad Foringer, 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, 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:

Jack Harris, friend of Sharon and Ron Rose
Roberta Moss, mother of Linda Moss
Greg Hall, friend of John and Carolyn Campbell
Lois Peterson, mom of Craig Peterson
Kim Wood and her family, friends of Peggy Todd
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

52 Sundays Initiative

On Wednesday, July 1, at Gloria Dei, we are launching the *52 Sundays Initiative* — an invitation to intentionally prioritize weekly worship as part of our life of faith. This is not about perfect attendance or earning God's love. God's grace is already yours in Christ. Rather, this initiative is about creating a rhythm of gathering with God's people to receive Word, Sacrament, encouragement, and hope week after week.

In a world that constantly pulls us in different directions, worship helps re-center our hearts and minds on what matters most. Through prayer, music, Scripture, Holy Communion, and community, God continues to shape us, strengthen us, and send us into the world to serve. Faith grows best when it is practiced consistently, and worship is one of the primary ways we are formed as disciples of Jesus.

Throughout the year, we will share stories, encouragement, and reminders about why gathering matters. Whether you have been in the pew every Sunday for years or are hoping to reconnect with the habit of worship, this invitation is for you. We hope you will join us as we seek to make worship not just something we attend occasionally, but a meaningful foundation for our life together in Christ.

Usher Opportunity

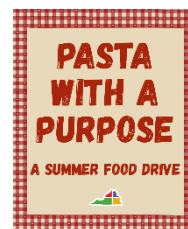
Calling all members and future members! If you or someone you know would have any interest in serving as an usher for Sunday services, I would like to speak with you! Ushering is a crucial part of the Sunday morning experience for our congregation. We serve the congregation ensuring an orderly and safe gathering as well as assist the pastor, lay assistants, cross and crown, and greeters as needed. If you or someone you know would like more information on what all serving entails, please contact Jason Green at Jason.green775@icloud.com, or 757.871.2499.

First Light (Sunday School)

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

H.E.L.P. Summer Food Drive

During the summer months, children often miss out on nutritious meals when school cafeterias are closed. Local food pantries often face higher demand while donations slow down. *Pasta with a Purpose* is our congregation's joyful response—an easy, meaningful way to support our neighbors in need.



Please bring pasta-related food items to church anytime this summer. We will weigh our collection before delivering it to HELP and share our total contribution (in pounds) so we can see how our gifts, along with those of other ELCA churches across Virginia, add up to something powerful. The Virginia Synod will celebrate the three congregations with the highest donation rate (pounds donated per average worship attender) with a \$250 grant to a food pantry of the congregation's choice!

Suggested Shopping List:

- Dry pasta (spaghetti, penne, rotini)
- Cans of pasta sauce with and without meat
- Boxes of macaroni & cheese
- Canned pasta meals (ravioli or spaghetti)
- Gluten-free pasta

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.

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.

Flower Girl Update



As many of you are aware, we three "Flower Girls" (Bonnie Hess, Anita Hamilton, and Carol Godley) take the flowers after Sunday service and break them down into three or four arrangements. These are delivered to those who may be ill or shut in as a means to brighten their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten. Many of you have been generous in donating vases to support this ministry. We are grateful for your past support. If you have any medium to large vases to donate, please leave them in the lower left cabinet in the Coffee Bar. Thank you again for your support and helping to brighten someone's day.

Prince of Egypt – Ruth Hutchison

Come see Ruth Hutchison as Moses in Centerstage Academy's musical production, "The Prince of Egypt". Ruth is in the "Nile Cast". The last show is today, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the James-York Playhouse in Williamsburg. Tickets are available at williamsburgplayers.org.

Weekly Newsletter

Please email 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.




**JOIN US!
GIVE BLOOD.**

Blood Drive
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
250 Fox Hill Road
Hampton, VA 23669

Sunday, July 19, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



To schedule an appointment, click the QR code, visit redcrossblood.org and enter GloriaDei, or call 1-800-733-2767

July Birthdays

- 1 Josie Feld
- 3 Kelly Morrison
- 5 Carolyn Campbell, Logan Robinson
- 6 Virginia Saloka, Sylvie Shannon
- 8 Rick Graves
- 9 Susan Feld
- 10 Dylan Kremp
- 12 Lauren-Grey Igel
- 13 Rita Foringer, Jason Green
- 14 Addison Rice
- 17 Dana Smith, Karen Zorumski
- 18 Michael Zamora
- 21 Tim Olson
- 22 Lynn Curtis, Debbi Ortiz
- 25 Vickie Roark
- 26 Melanie Harris, Nellie Wilson

July Anniversaries

- 2 Jeff and Page Kremp
- 3 Thomas and Lisa Dadez
Tim and Dawn Olson
- 4 Francisco and Debbi Ortiz
- 7 Bill and Juanita Cawley
- 8 T.C. and Emily Dadez, II
- 9 John and Andrea Cerone
- 13 Joe and Gabby Hella
- 16 Todd and Lisa Pfahl
- 17 Stephen and Amber Via
- 20 Fred and Alison Phillips
- 21 Bill and Karen Igel
- 22 Mile and Susan Canny
- 26 Mike and Tamara Behan
- 27 Michael and Susan Feld
- 30 Rick and Lynn Graves

School Employment Opportunities

Gloria Dei Lutheran School has the following positions available:

- * **Director of Transportation**
- * **Buildings and Grounds Assistant**
- * **Part-time Bus Drivers**
- * **Afternoon Child Care Aides**
- * **Elementary and Middle Grades Teachers**
- * **Part-Time Art Teacher**
- * **Part-Time Technology Teacher**
- * **Substitute Teachers (preschool, elementary, and middle school)**

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.

Building Foundations that Last—School Building Project

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

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 5th 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 5th 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.

Tithe.ly



PayPal



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