



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



GATHERING MUSIC

Voluntary in D Minor

Samuel Long

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

GATHERING

WELCOME

You are invited to stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Kneel/stand as you are able.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

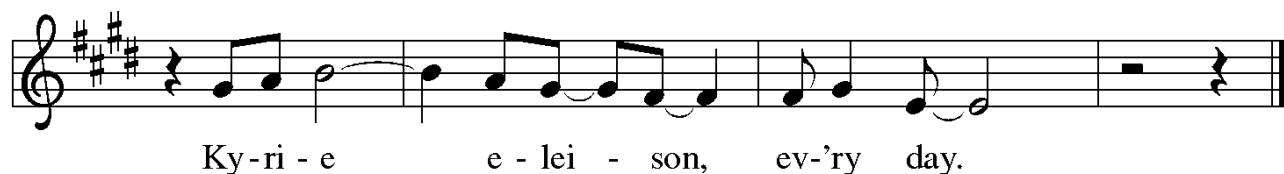
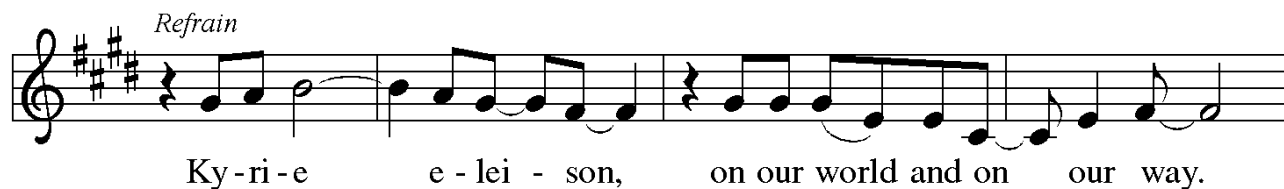


we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

KYRIE



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for

hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,

life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 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.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, 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 Isaiah (55:10-13) (Sit)

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from
Heaven and do not return there until they have
watered the earth, making it bring forth and
sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to
the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (65:1-13) is read responsively.

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

A reading from Romans (8:1-11).

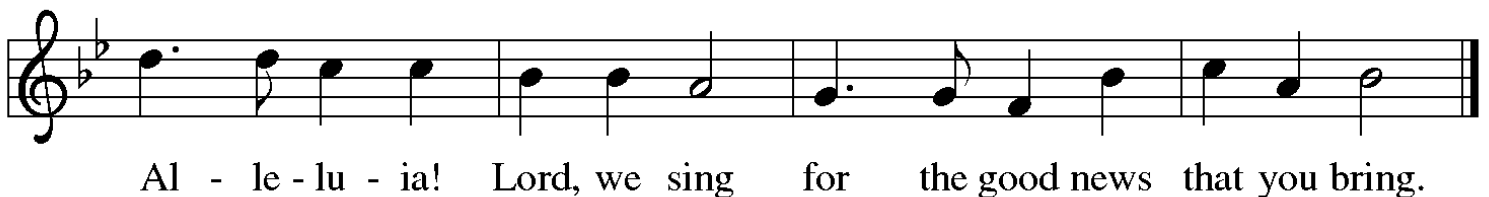
¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

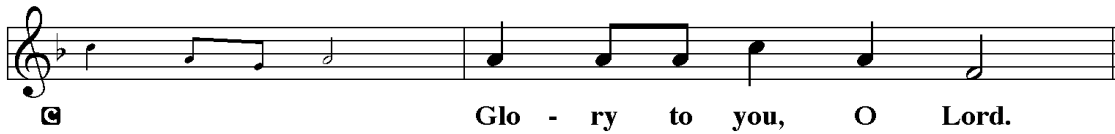
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Congregation sings:



¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

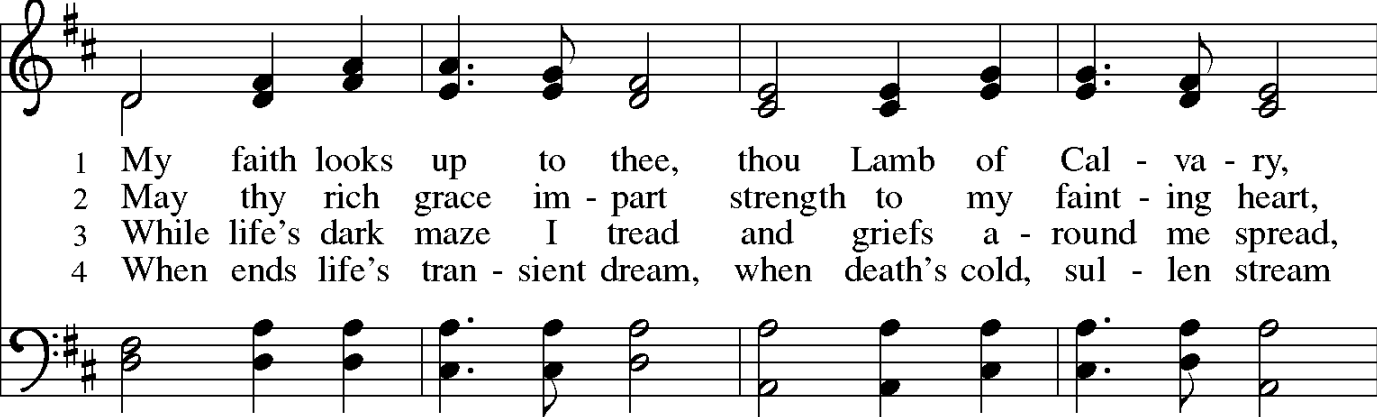
The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation sings:

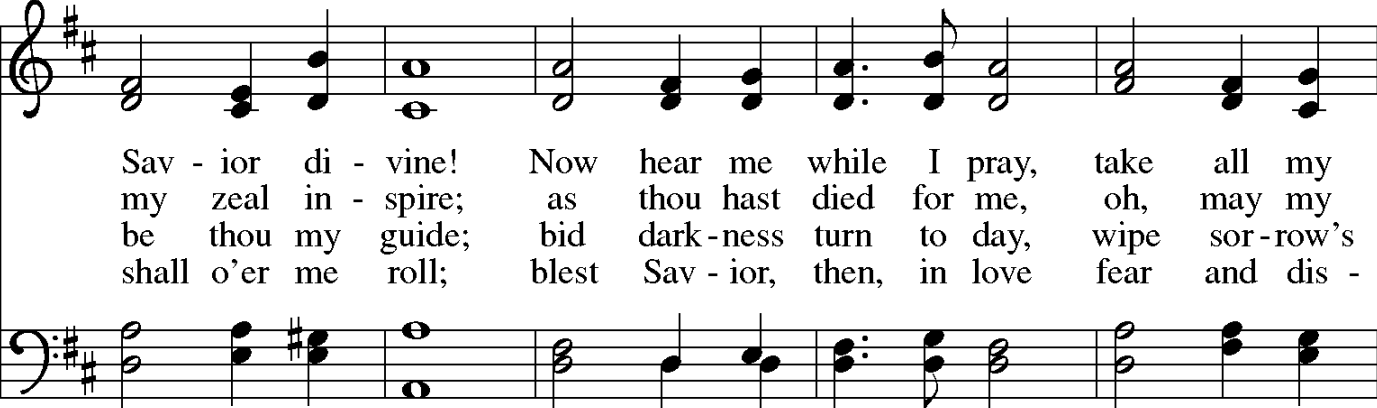


SERMON (*Sit*)

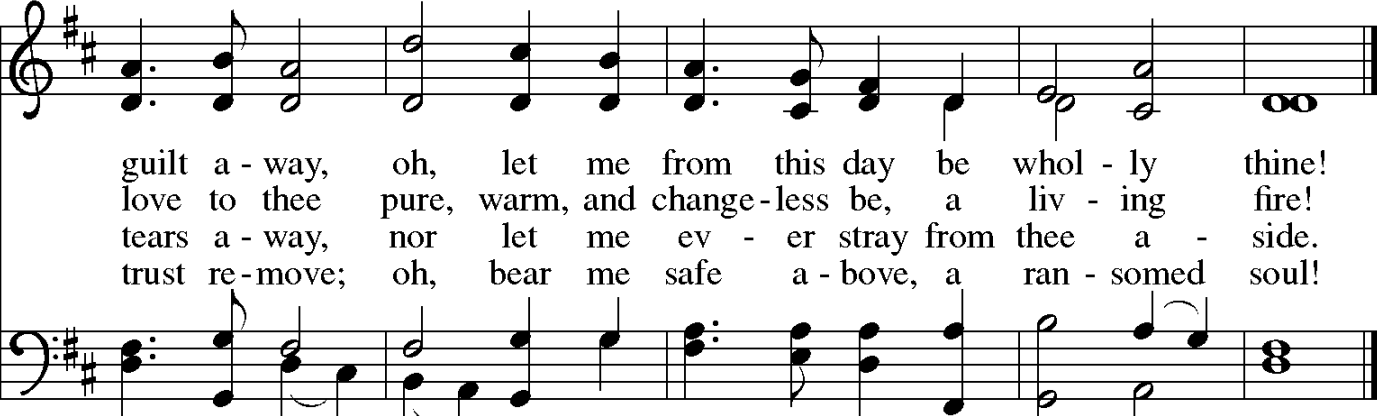
Silence is kept for reflection.



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

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

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

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

My Heart is Filled with Longing

Johannes Brahms

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Stand*)**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some slurs and ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Loving God,

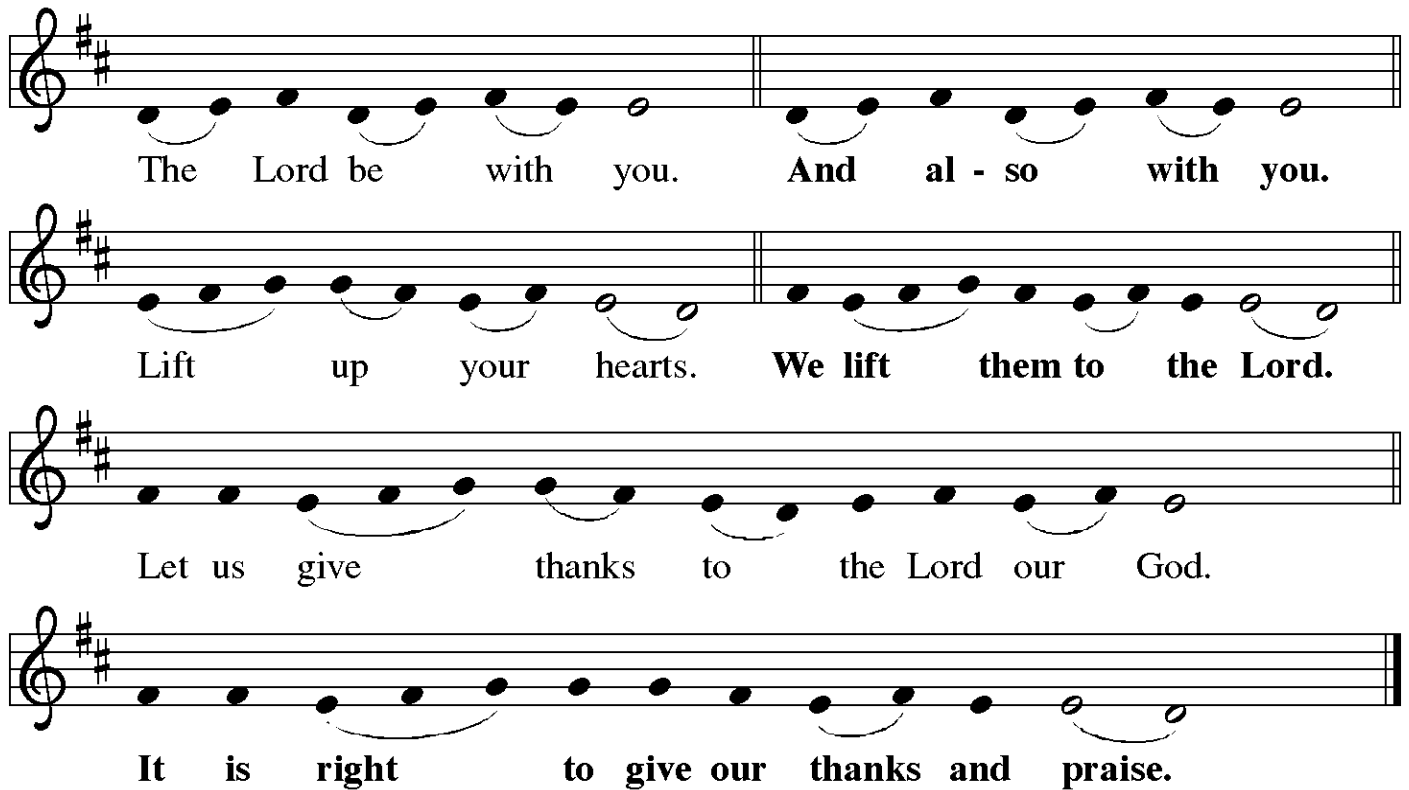
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**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.

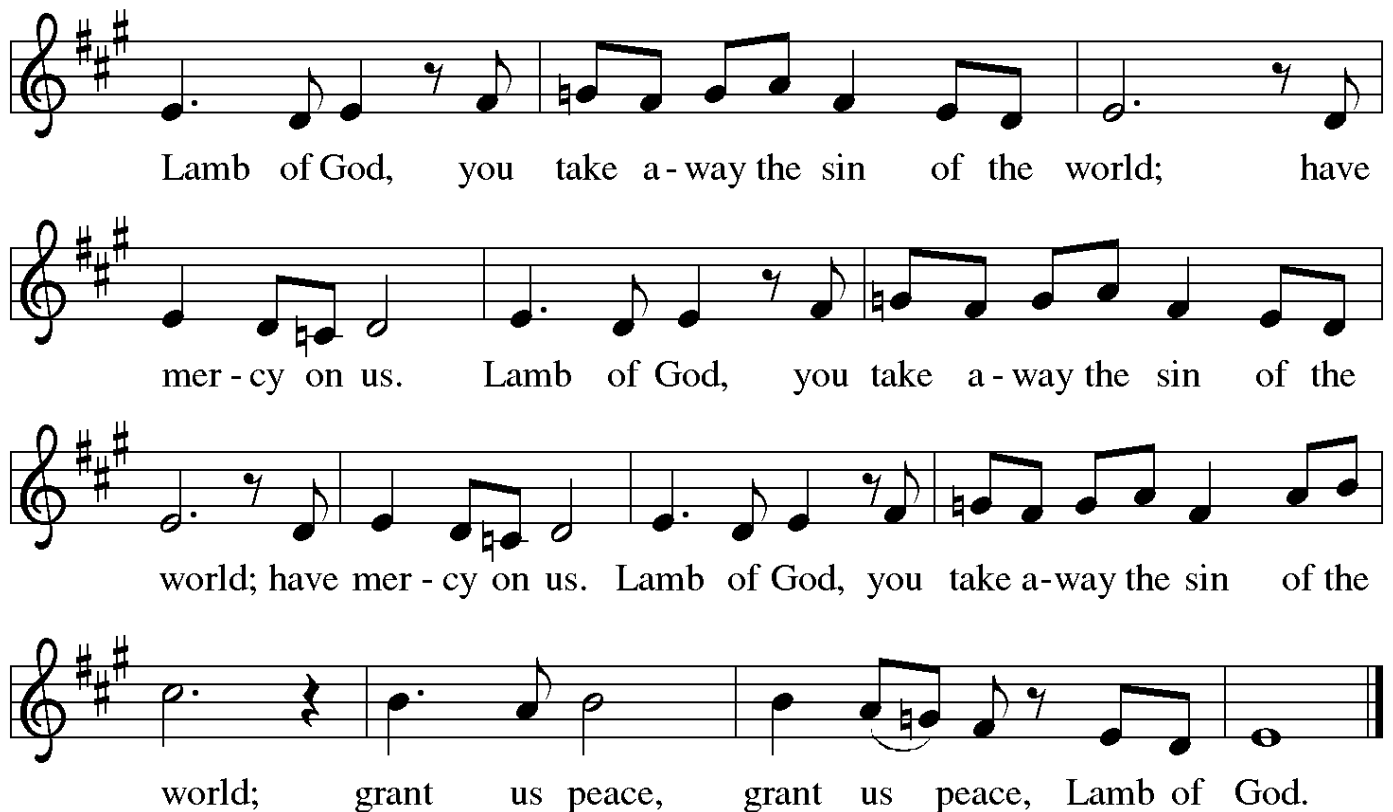
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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.

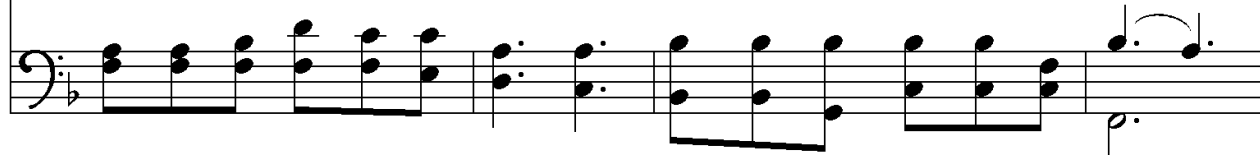
Amen.



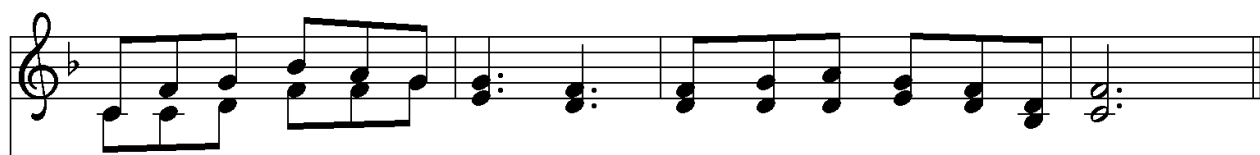
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



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.

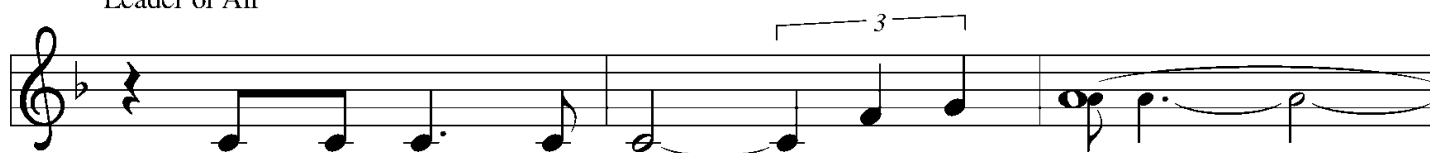


Refrain – All

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

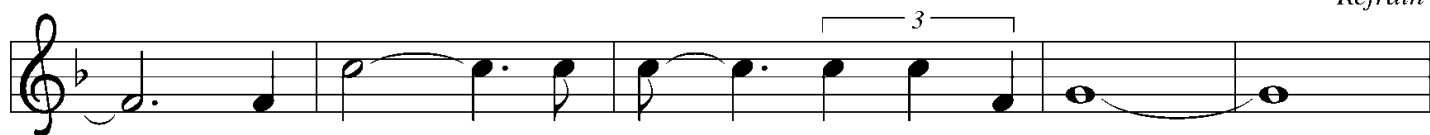
1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



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:
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.

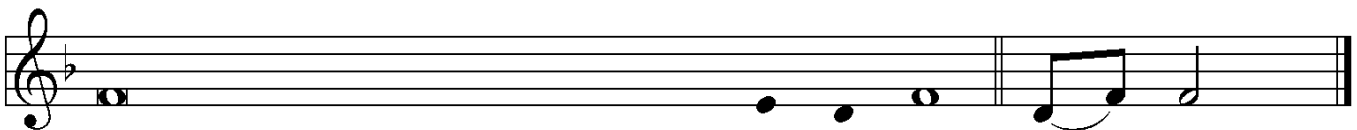


He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to give work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Henry Purcel

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

DISMISSAL

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



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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Colby and Whitney Owens in celebration of their 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: Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable

GREETER: Linda Moss

LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen

READER: Dan Singer

TECHNICAL TEAM: Jeremiah Green, Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace,

Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland,

Jenny Sutherland

USHERS: John Campbell, Tim Olson

Weekly Calendar

Today SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. A Pint with Pastor-Bull Island Brewing

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

Thursday-Saturday *Power in the Spirit*

Next Sunday EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

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

11:00 a.m. Sunday's Sundaes

Choir Rehearsal

A Pint with Pastor

Please join Pastor Dave on **Tuesday, July 14**, from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Bull Island Brewing Company, 758 Settlers Landing Rd, Hampton.

Sunday's Sundaes

Pastor Dave will be serving up ice cream sundaes in the coffee bar following worship **next Sunday, July 19**.

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. For 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.

52 Sundays Initiative

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.

Mark your calendar every Sunday, 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m., "WORSHIP." And, stick to it.

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 today, 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.

Life Groups at Gloria Dei

We have a new Life Group forming, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. This group will be capped at eight people. Please contact Rita Foringer, rforinger@verizon.net, 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.

Our Love and Prayers go out to...

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

Our members: Peggy Todd, Izzy Zamora, Donna Lanning, 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:

Bertha Spence, mother of Brandon Spence
Michelle Morgan, aunt of Kent Morgan
Liam and Megan Hull, bonus mom of Amelia Venable
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
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. 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 attendee) 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 will not meet on Tuesday, July 14. 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

A few weeks ago, we asked if any of you had flower vases we could have to support this ministry. Each week, after Sunday services, we break down the flower arrangement into three or four smaller arrangements and deliver them to those who may be ill or are shut in. You all came through in a big way and provided us many vases. Your generosity will support our efforts for a good while. Whenever we are running short, we will ask again, but for now, we do not need any more vases. Again, a great big thank you from the "flower girls" for your generosity and support.

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.

School Employment Opportunities

Join the Gloria Dei School Family! Gloria Dei Lutheran School and Child Care is seeking dedicated individuals who are passionate about working with children in a Christ-centered environment. We currently have the following opportunities available for the 2026–2027 school year:

- **Part-Time Art Teacher** – Willow Oaks Campus (2–3 days per week)
- **After-School Child Care Aides** – Fox Hill Campus (Monday–Friday, 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.)
- **Elementary Instructional Aides** – Full-time and part-time positions available
- **Bus Drivers** – Full-time and part-time positions available. CDL required with training available
- **Grounds Assistant** – Part-time, flexible hours
- **Transportation Coordinator** – Full-time or part-time. CDL required with training available

If you feel called to serve in a Christ-centered educational ministry and positively impact the lives of children, we invite you to visit our website at gdlshamptonva.com or contact the school office for more information and application details.

Women of Gloria Dei

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



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

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.

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.

Current Elected Leadership

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Council President	Diane Washburn	2027
Council Vice President	Vivian Griesse	2027
Congregational Scribe	Mike Canny	2027
Council Secretary	Eric Olsen	2029
Council Members	Don Glenn	2028
	Amanda Gonzalez	2028
	Tom Clasen	2027
	Kelly Redman	2029
	Brown Cornwell	2029
Treasurer	Dawn Lomax	(appointed)
Trustees	Ernie Atkins	2028
	Bo Lomax	2029
	Peggy Todd	2028

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

