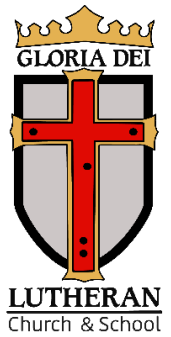


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



GATHERING MUSIC

Fugue sur Le Cromhorne

Francois Couperin

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.

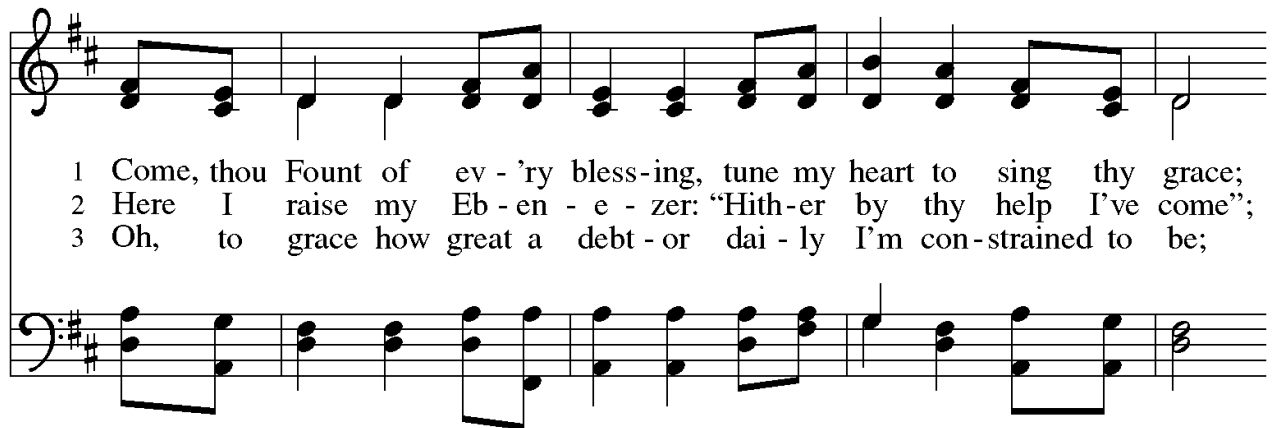
Let us confess our sin to God.

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.



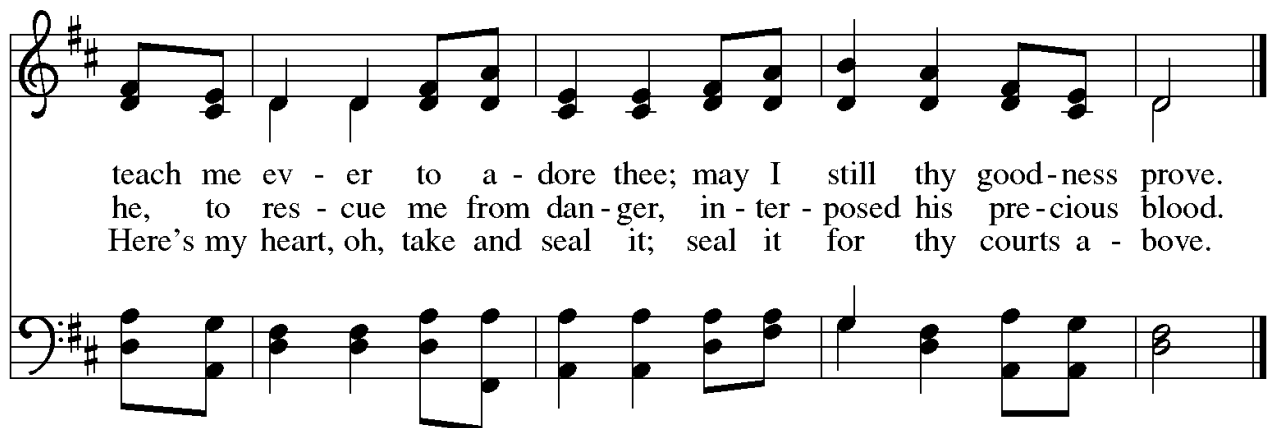
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

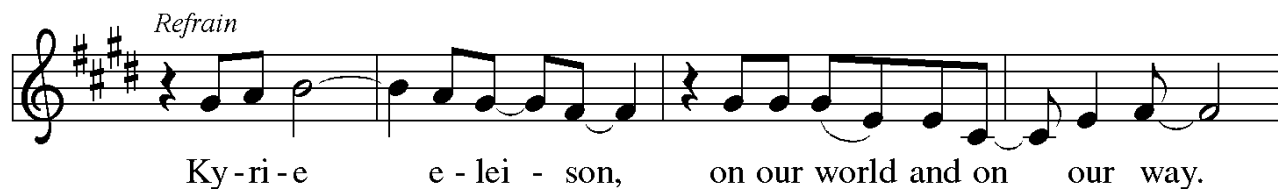


teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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:

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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 First Kings (3:5-12) *(Sit)*

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (119:129-136) is read responsively.

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

A reading from Romans (8:26-39).

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

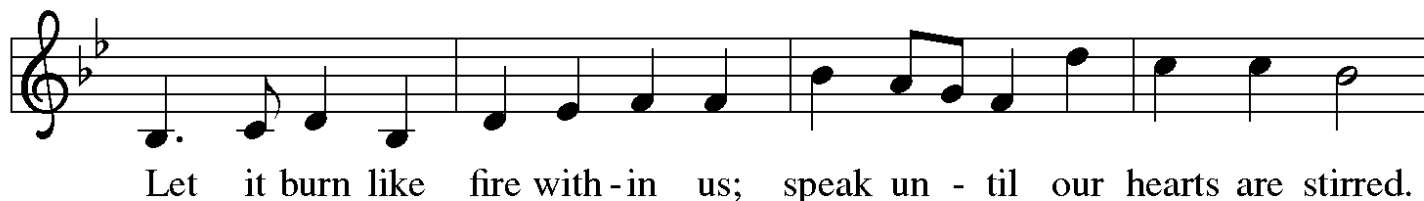
“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

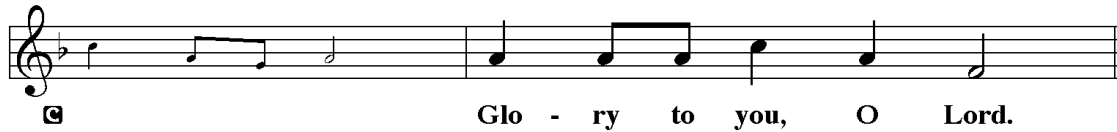
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

Congregation sings:



³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

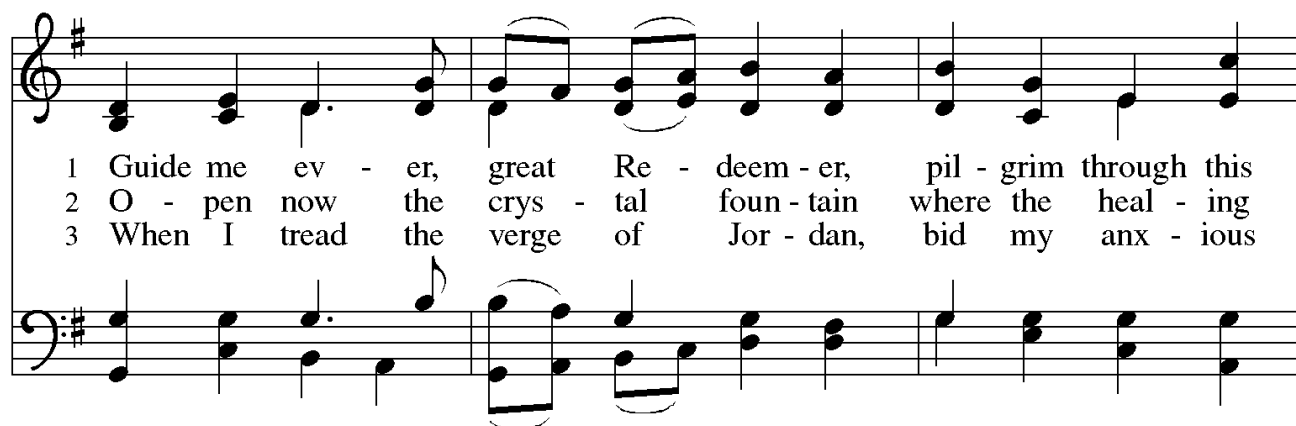
⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit)

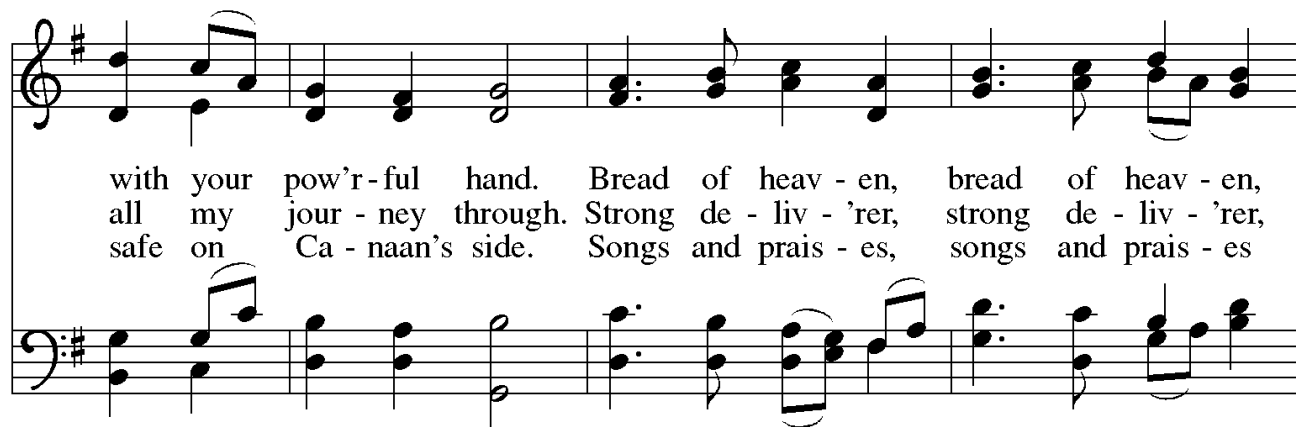
Silence is kept for reflection.



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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>.*
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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Then Sings My Soul
Tom Clasen, saxophone
Sandy Dunn, piano
Gabe Hutchison, trumpet

Stuart K. Hine

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:

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

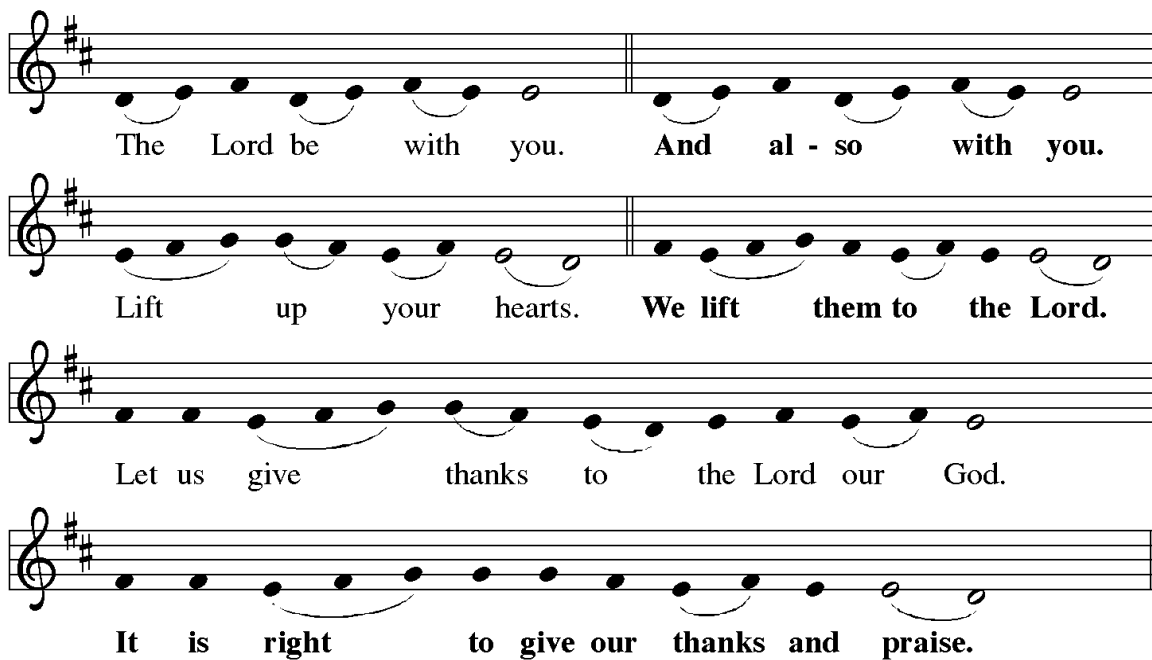
**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

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.

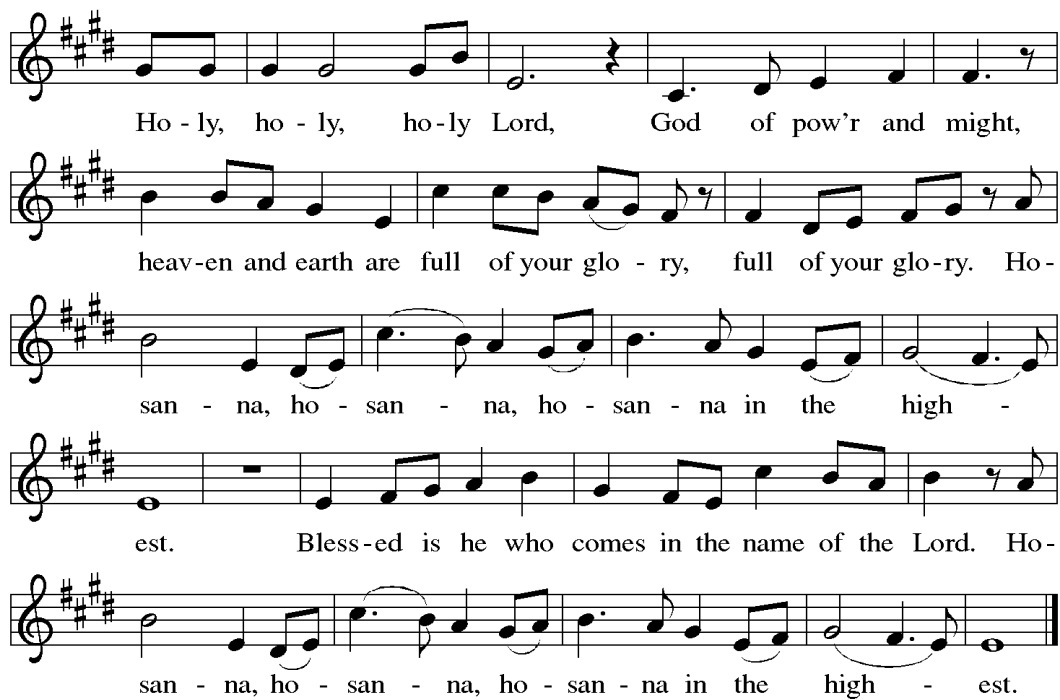
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

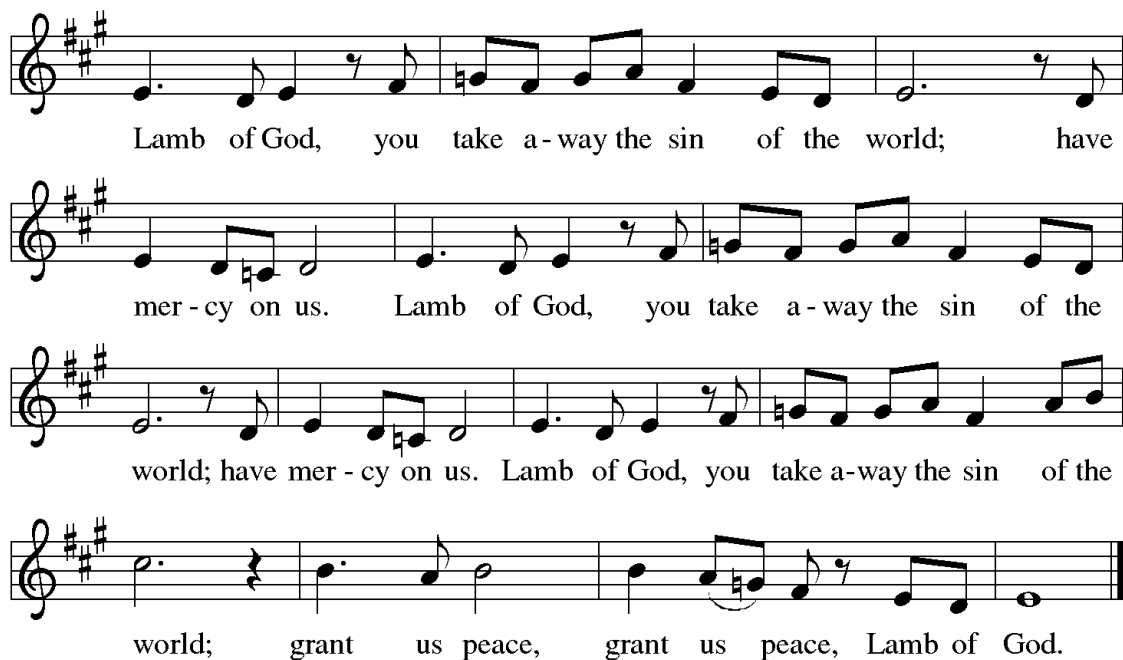
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

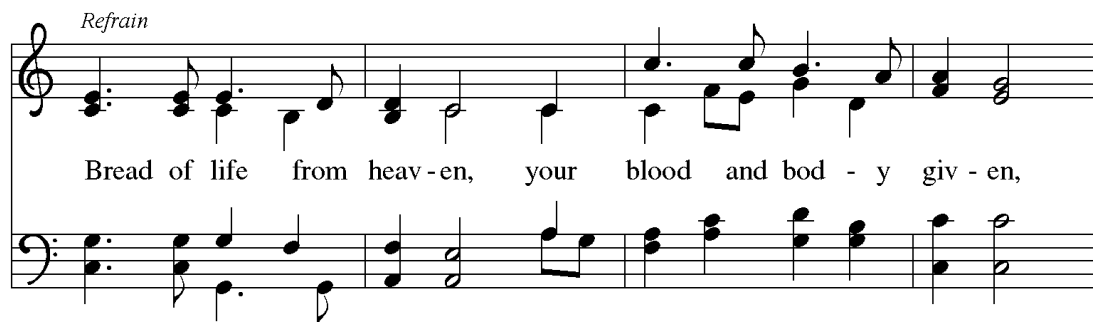
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 474

Bread of Life

Argentine Santo

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|----------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - | clare his death; | eat this |



thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the	
self for the life of the world.	Come to the one who is	
home in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly	
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with	



Refrain

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
 All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,




and I will raise you up on the last day."



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.

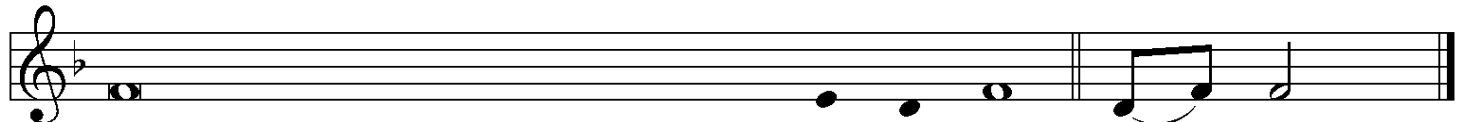


He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy to like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Sit)

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur Les Grands Jeux

Francois Couperin

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 Melanie Harris in memory of her dad, Melvin Lanning.

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, Ruth Hutchison

GREETER: Linda Sutherland

LAY ASSISTANT: Diane Washburn

READER: Julie Hutchison

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

USHERS: Brown Cornwell, Jason Green

Weekly Calendar

Today NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Council Meeting

Monday 7:00 p.m. Glass with the Girls – *Pour Girls*

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. Nancy Monroe Funeral Service

Congregational Sympathy

Congregational sympathy is expressed to Bill Monroe and his family on the death of his wife, Nancy Jane Monroe, in Yorktown, Virginia, on Thursday, July 16, 2026. Nancy's funeral service will be held at Gloria Dei on August 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the Atrium.

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 Buckroo 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.

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.

Offering Envelope Delay

Offering envelopes have been delayed due to a production issue. Envelopes should be received in time for August offerings.

Glass with the Girls

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

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.

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: Jonah Hutchison, Peggy Todd, Izzy Zamora, Donna Lanning, Pam Hess, 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:

Veyda Davis, granddaughter of a friend to Tammy Bialk
Adrienne and Bella Grace, unknown submitter
Bryan Lipp, step nephew of Jill Ruhl
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

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

Birthdays

- 4 Keeta Leckrone
- 5 Keith Leckrone
- 6 Wayne Van Kauwenbergh
- 7 Derry Mace, Jr., Tristan Morgan
- 8 Chris Robinson
- 9 Alison Phillips
- 10 Kevin Morse, Anne Perry
- 11 Jacob Hutchison, Matthew Snyder
- 14 Howie Lewis, Jose Gonzalez
- 15 Abigail Hella
- 17 Ernie Atkins, Mary Mace, Carol Godley, Elizabeth Wilson
- 18 Cameron Phillips
- 19 Terry Burks
- 20 Margie Bond
- 21 Joe Martin
- 22 Gordon Robertson
- 23 Joanie Washburn, Alex Murphy, Whitney Owens
- 25 Amanda Gonzalez
- 26 Mike Behan, T.C. Dadez, II
- 27 Matt Wilco, Isabel Wilco
- 29 Nicole Trimnal, Evanne Redman

Anniversaries

- 3 Dan and Nan Jordan
- 7 Joe and Kelly Martin
- 8 Lynn and Cathy Curtis
- 9 Walt and Laura Englund
- 13 Nicholas and Sara Griesse
- 14 Roy and Margie Bond
Barry and Julie Hutchison
Pastor Dave and Deacon Liz Fox
- 17 Tom and Cheryl Hooks
- 18 Dean and Susan Grimm
- 19 Nick and Lesa Shannon
- 23 Randy and Debbie Moore
Derry and Mary Mace, Jr.
- 28 Jim and Jeane Fullen
- 29 Merlin and Sheree Harper

First Light (Sunday School)

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

Building Foundations that Last—School Building Project

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



Venmo

