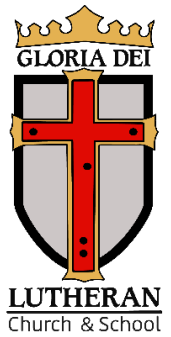


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



GATHERING MUSIC

Chaconne

Louis 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.

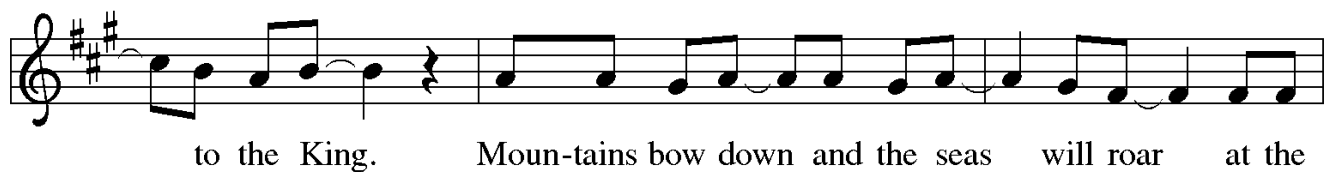
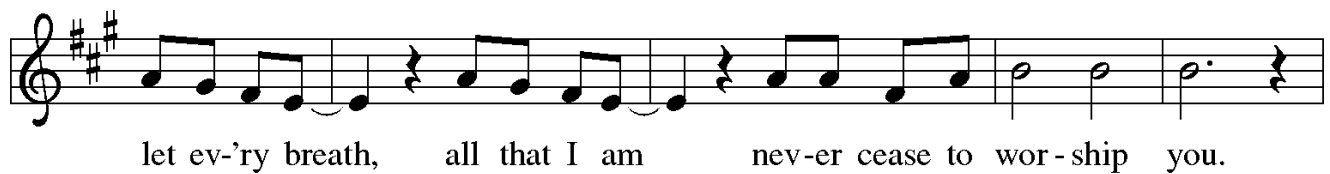
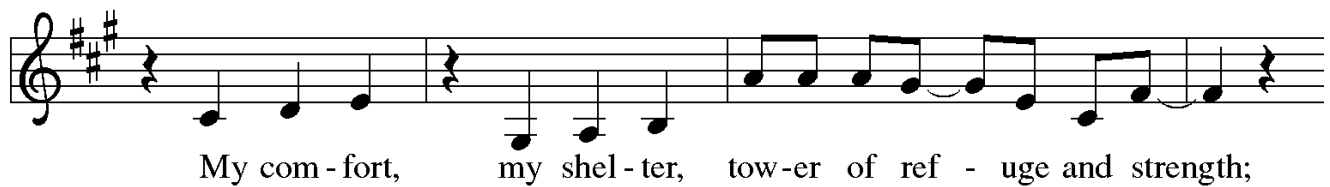
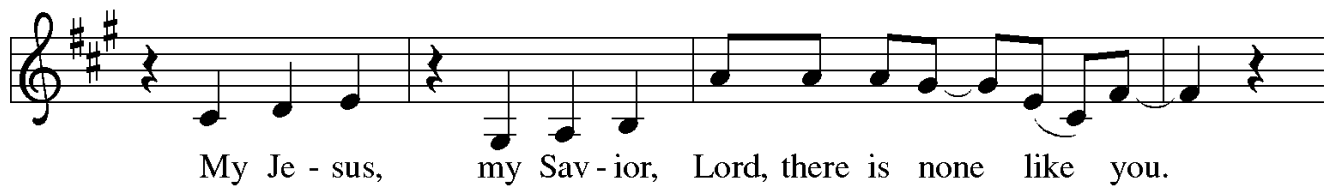
Let us confess our sin to God.

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.

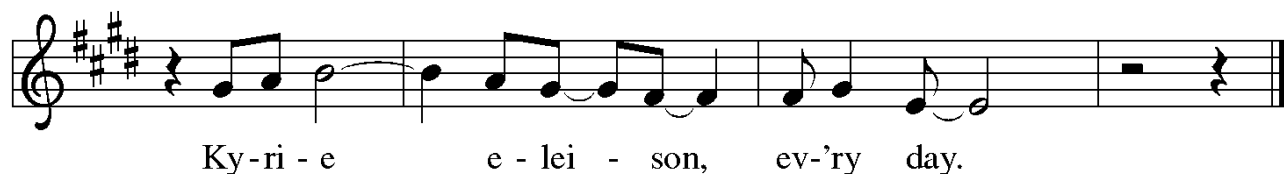
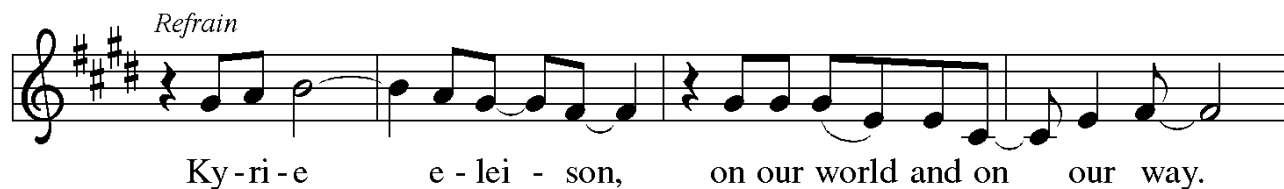
Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.



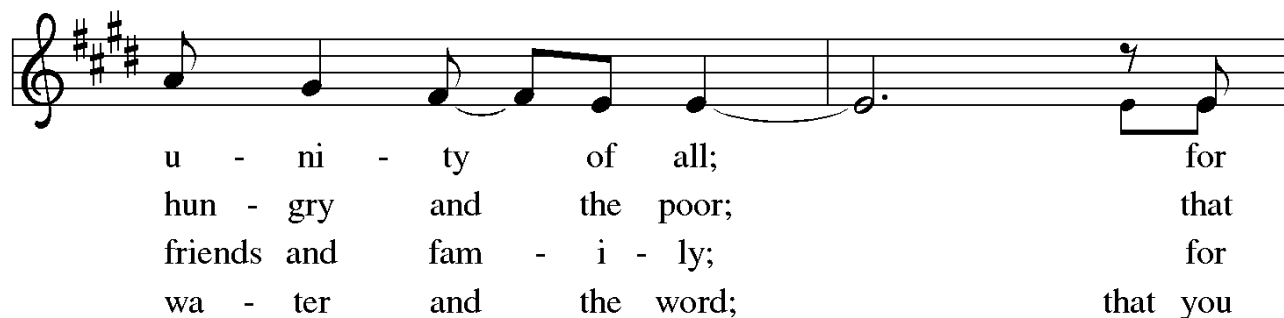
GREETING (Stand)

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.

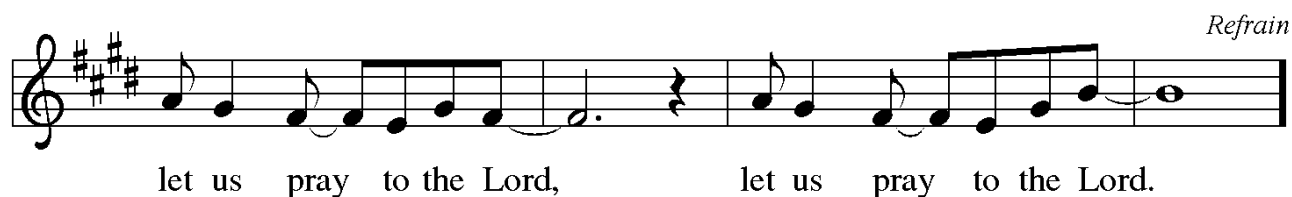
KYRIE



- 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



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,

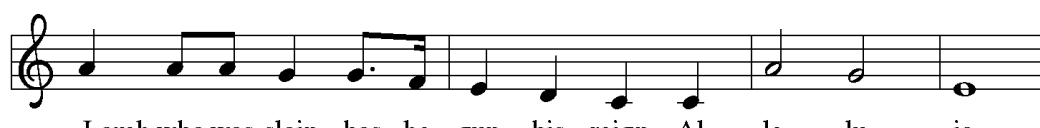


CANTICLE OF PRAISE

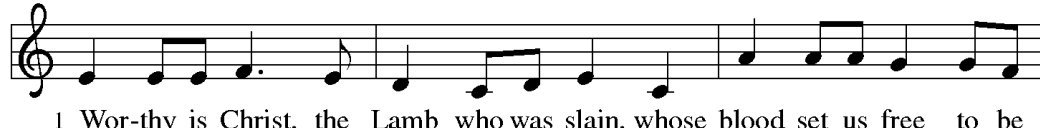
Refrain



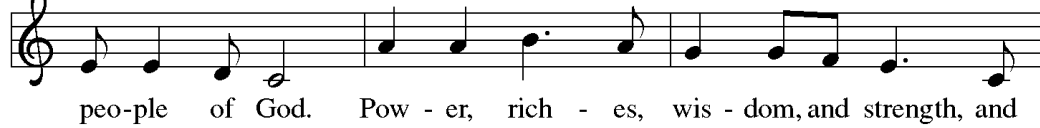
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



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

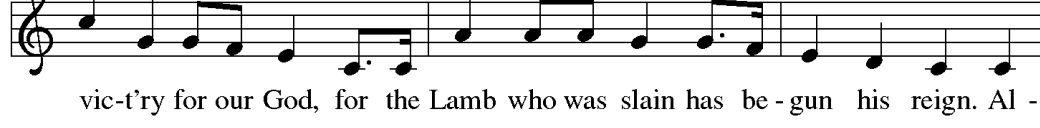


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



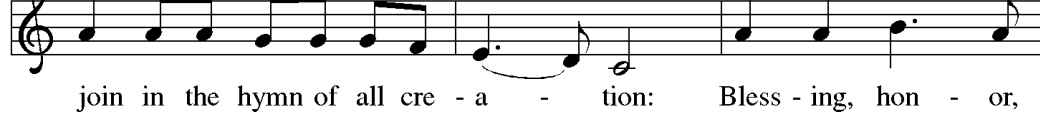
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



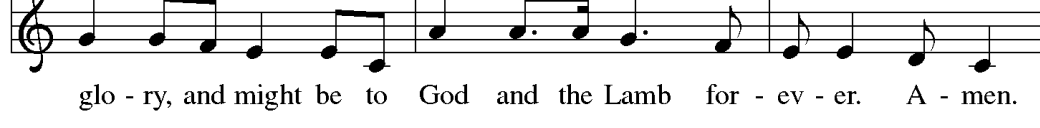
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



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:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor begins the blessing as the congregation raises their hands with Pastor:

God of wisdom and hope, bless these students as they begin a new school year.

Lord, be with them.

Bless their backpacks, that they may carry not only books and supplies but also your love wherever they go.

Lord, be with them.

Bless the teachers, staff, and mentors who guide our children with patience, courage, and wisdom.

Lord, be with them.

Bless parents, grandparents, and all who support learning at home and in the community.

Lord, be with them.

Help us all to remember: wherever we go, even on the bus, the classroom, the playground – You, O Lord, are there. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from Isaiah (51:1-6) (*Sit*)

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,

for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (138) is read responsively.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

A reading from Romans (12:1-8).

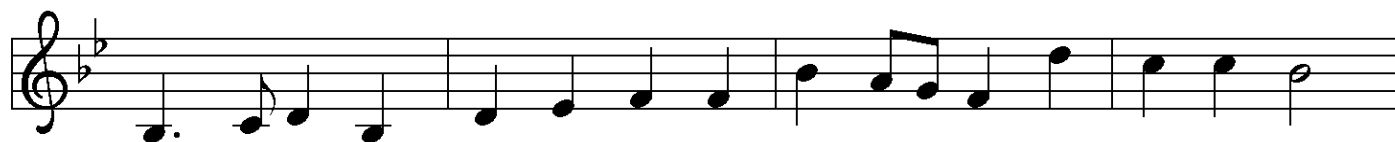
¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

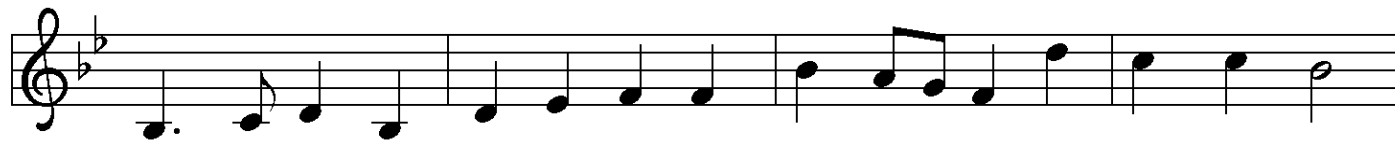
The Word of the Lord.

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 16:13-20

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

Congregation sings:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

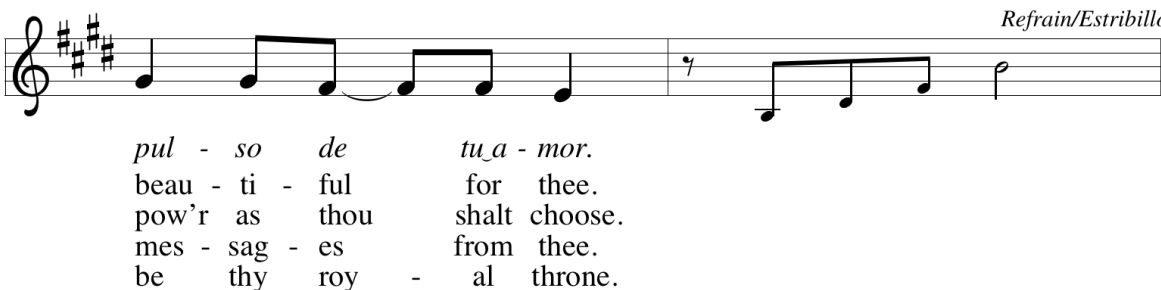
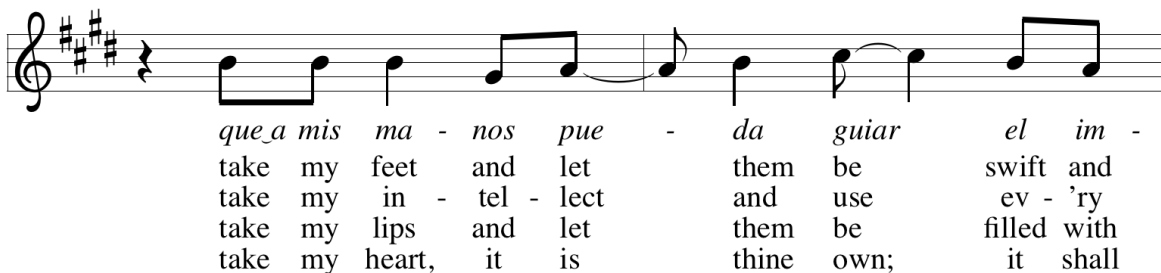
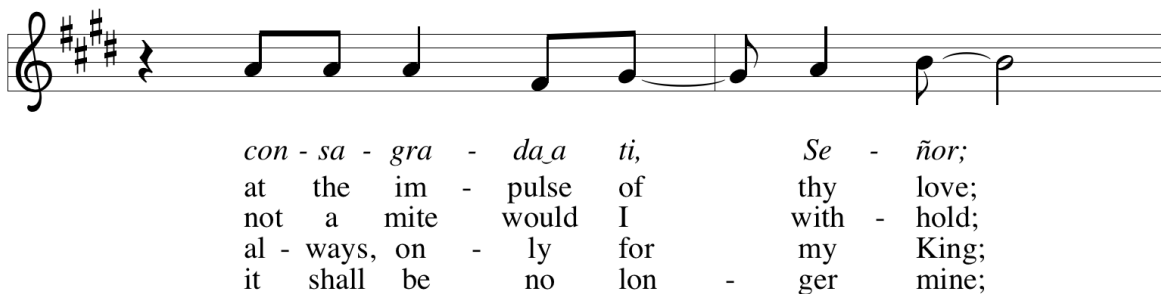
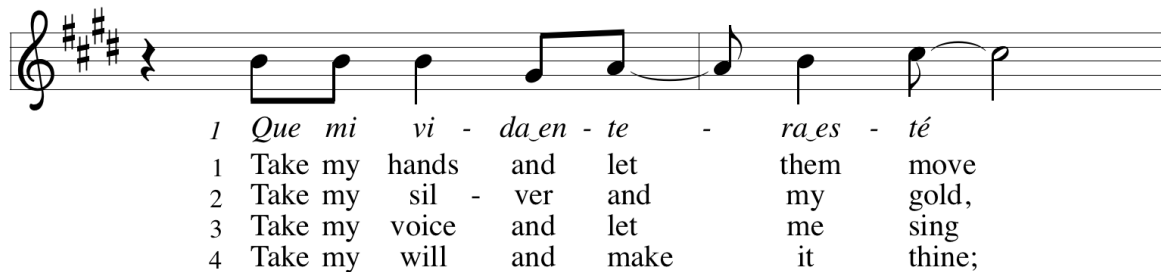
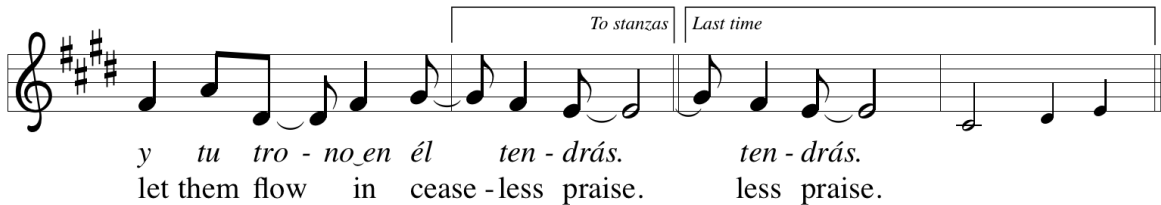
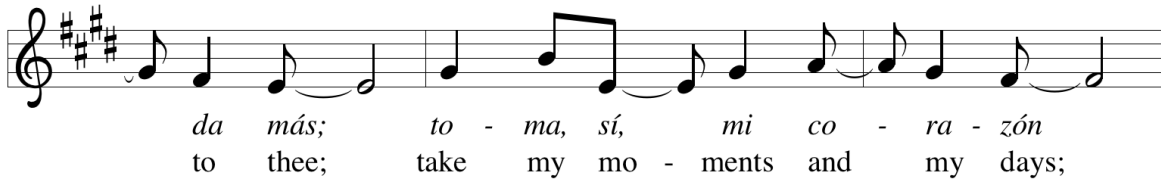
Congregation sings:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (*Sit*)

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 583 (Stand) **Take My Life, That I May Be***Toma mi voluntad**Refrain/Estribillo*

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 *Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Stand)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *(Sit)*

Support the mission and ministry of Gloria Dei by giving your financial tithes and offerings by:

- *placing your offering envelope into the offering plate as it is passed.*
- *mailing to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 250 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, Virginia 23669.*
- *using the Tithe.ly app: <https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app>.*
- *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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Ron Aheimer, violin

J.S. Bach

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.

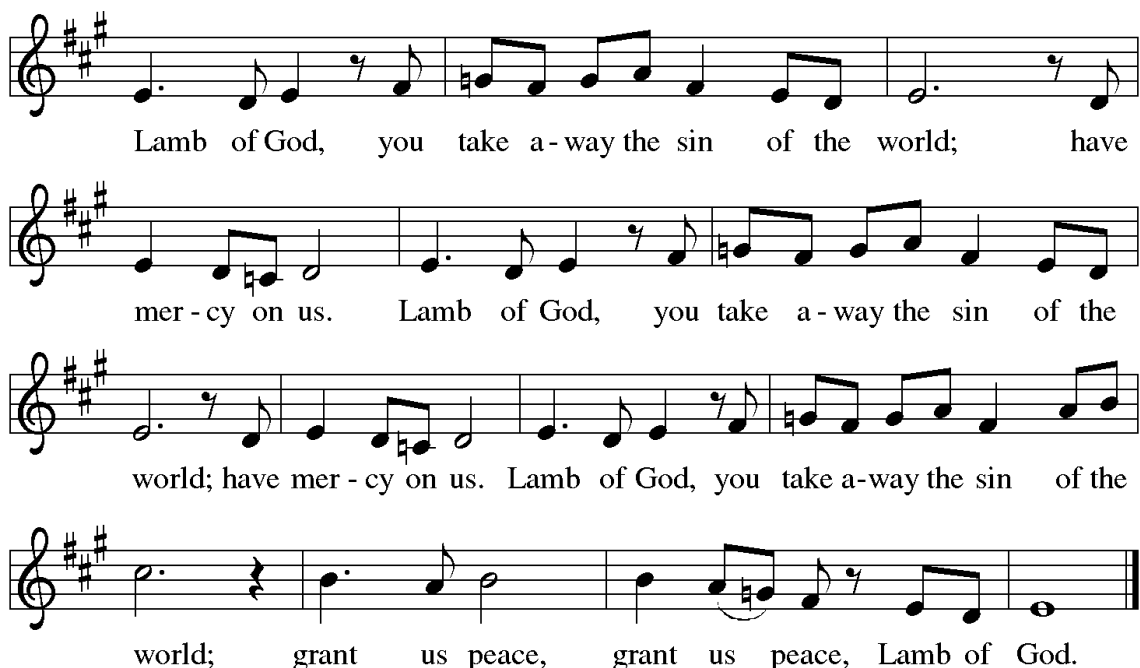
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

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 856

How Great Thou Art

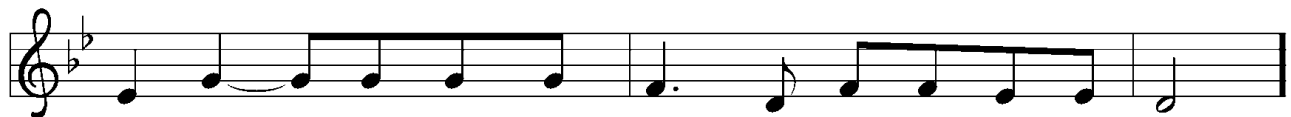
Swedish folk tune



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis-played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



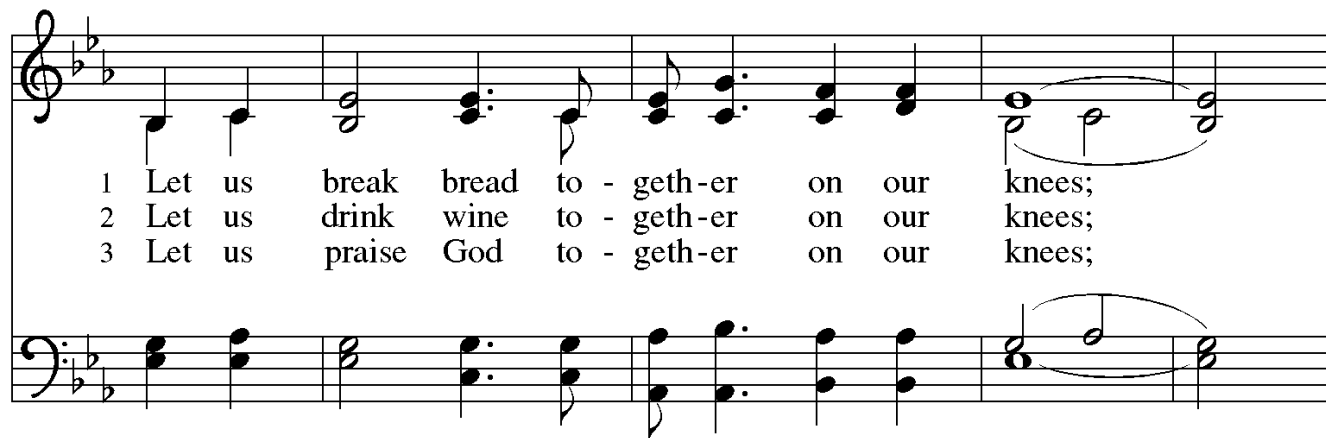
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



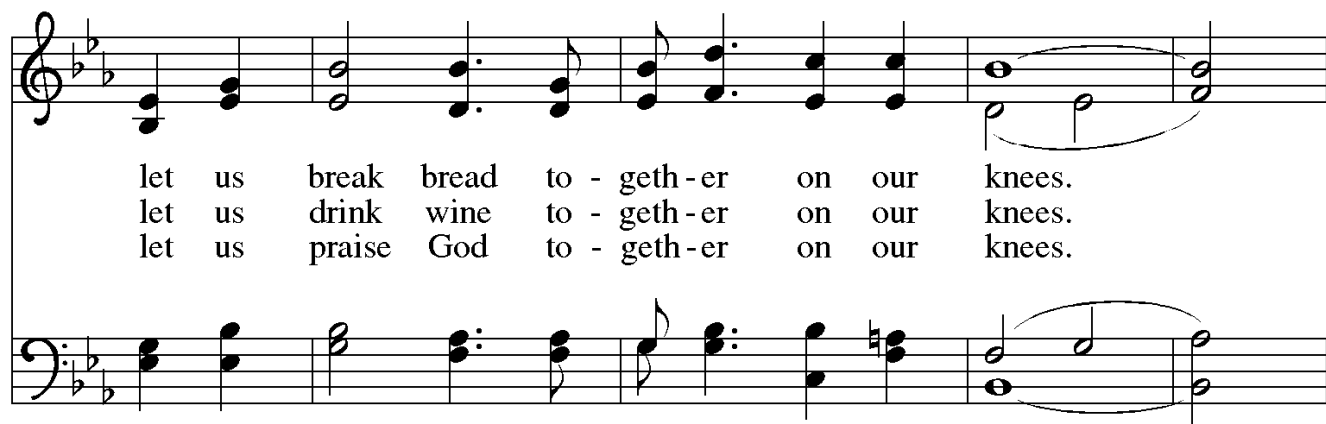
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!



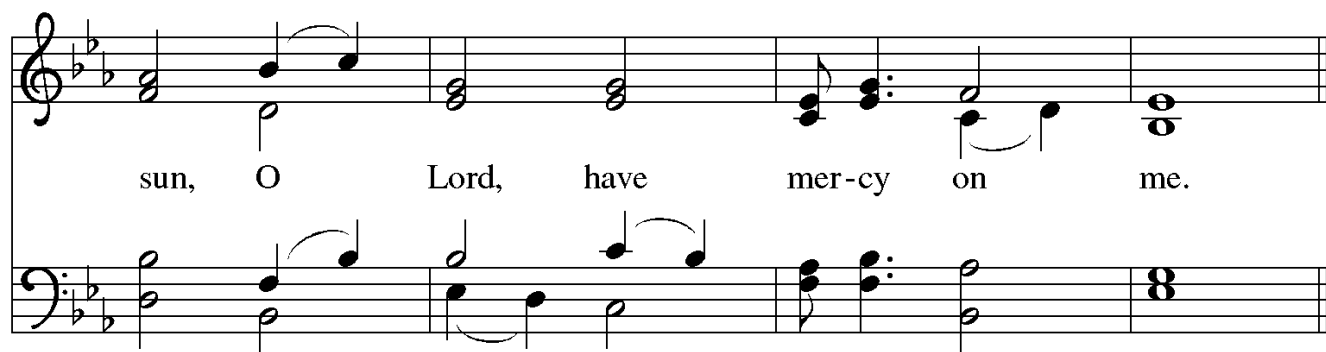
1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



Refrain
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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 - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

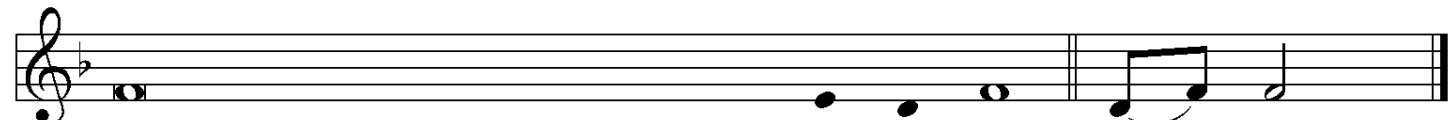


He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

BENEDICTION



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

☞ A - men

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

1 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

Toccata in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Craig Peterson in honor of his late wife, Gail.

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: Ruth Hutchison

GREETER: Linda Sutherland

LAY ASSISTANT: Rita Foringer

READER: Jerri Dickeski

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

USHERS: Jason Green, Eric Olsen

Weekly Calendar

Today THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**/Blessing of Backpacks
Monday First Day of School
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
3:30 p.m. Food Prep for H.E.L.P.
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Serving Lunch at H.E.L.P.
Next Sunday FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m. **WORSHIP**
10:30 a.m. Reception

Blessing of the Backpacks

During worship **today Sunday, August 23**, we will bless backpacks for this coming school year. Please have your children bring their backpack to church.

Bishop Milton Visits Gloria Dei

Bishop Milton will be here for worship on Sunday, August 30, 2026. A reception will be held following worship hosted by the Ladies of Eggcellence.

Information Meetings

We will have two informational meetings on Sundays, September 13 and October 4, both following worship in the Simeon Center in regards to a partnership agreement with St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Cross and Crown Training

On Wednesday, September 9, at 5:45 p.m., all Cross and Crown youth will meet for a pizza dinner and have a refresher course. This is for youth in grades 5-12. Our new Cross and Crown servers will be fitted for their robes. **We ask that only the youth who attend worship on Sunday mornings attend this training.**

Installation Sunday

During worship on **Sunday, September 13**, we will have an installation service for our school staff, church educational volunteers, and church council.

Serving Lunch at H.E.L.P.

This ministry has transformed into a feeding ministry. We prepare the meal in advance and serve it on Wednesdays. If you can help prepare or serve, please talk to Pastor Dave. The H.E.L.P. day center is located at 329 Buckroe Avenue, Hampton.

Save the Date



Save the date for our fall fellowship event!
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Oktoberfest at Gloria Dei

A Glass with the Girls

We 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 rforinger@verizon.net.

Women of Gloria Dei Book Group

The book group will be getting together on **Monday, September 14**, at the home of Sharon Padula. The book is Detective Auntie by Uzma Jalaluddin.

This is the start of a new season, and we'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.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: Debbie Dunn, Jonah Hutchison, Peggy Todd, Izzy Zamora, Donna Lanning, Pam Hess, Bill Monroe, Sharon Rose, Ron Rose, Leonard Mayo, Marna Mayo, Joann Morrison, Mary Capone, Beverly Hamrick, Bill Swanson, Fred Bradley, 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:

Donna Williams, friend of John and Carolyn Campbell
Cheryl Lane, sister of Ron Rose
Annie Brandl, sister-in-law of Vivian Griesse
Lauren and Dylan Larson and children, niece of Vivian Griesse
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Bertha Spence, mother of Brandon Spence
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

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.

Answer the Call: Walk to Emmaus

Are you ready to deepen your faith, renew your spirit, and answer the Lord's call? Join a supportive Christian community for a powerful, life-changing weekend experience designed to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Men's Walk Dates: October 15 – 18, 2026
Women's Walk Dates: November 5 – 8, 2026

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.

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.

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.



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



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.

Life Groups at Gloria Dei

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.

First Light (Sunday School)

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

Wonderful Wednesdays

All students in grades
K-12 are invited,
beginning at 6:15 p.m.
on Wednesday,
September 16.

We will have snack
time at 6:40 p.m.

Please scan the
QR code to register
your child.

We also invite you to
worship with us on
Sunday mornings at
9:30 a.m.

Nursery is available.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY • MUSIC • CRAFTS

1st Semester

Sep. 16, 23, 30
Oct. 7, 14, 21

2nd Semester

Nov. 4, 11, 18
Dec. 2, 9, 16

3rd Semester

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb. 3

4th Semester

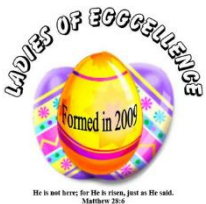
Apr. 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12

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



Please scan this
QR Code to
register your
child.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE ORDER FORM



The Ladies of Eggcellence are accepting orders for care packages for college students. Cost of each package is \$40 in-state and \$45 out-of-state. All packages will contain snacks, homemade goodies, and novelties. Order forms will be accepted between August 20 and September 17. Packages will be mailed September 21. Please place completed order forms, along with payment and personal note to the recipient, in the box on the information desk labeled College Care Packages.

All orders must be pre-paid.

If you have questions, contact Mary Mace, 757-826-5435, or Pam Hess, 757-897-5669.

Senders Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Student's Name: _____ **Cell for delivery text:** _____

College Attending: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Allergies: _____

*Please make Check payable to: **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** with memo: **college care pkg.***

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Check Number:** _____

(This is a Ladies of Eggcellence Ministry, not a fundraiser. 100% of monies collected will be used toward the packages.) 2026

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

