



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



GATHERING MUSIC

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Johann Sebastian Bach

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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Kneel/stand as you are able.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

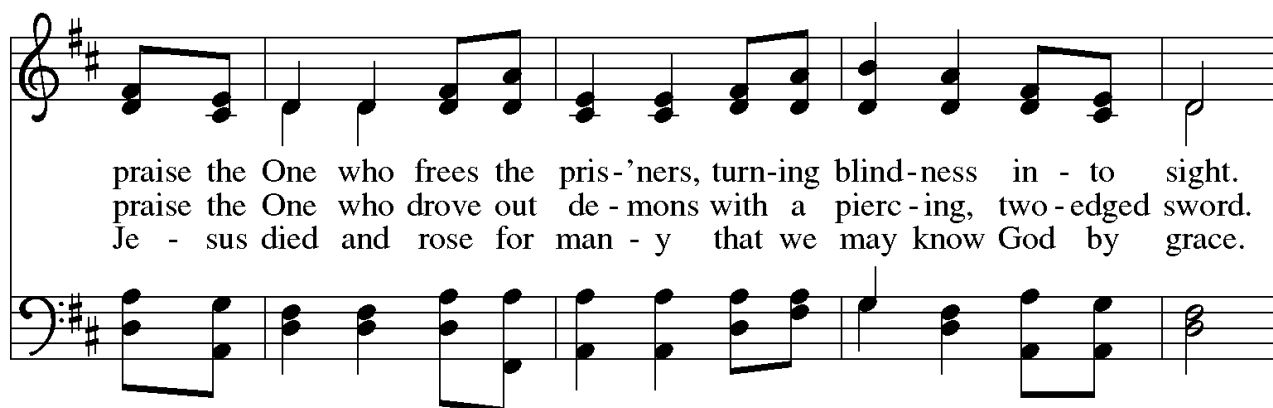
Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

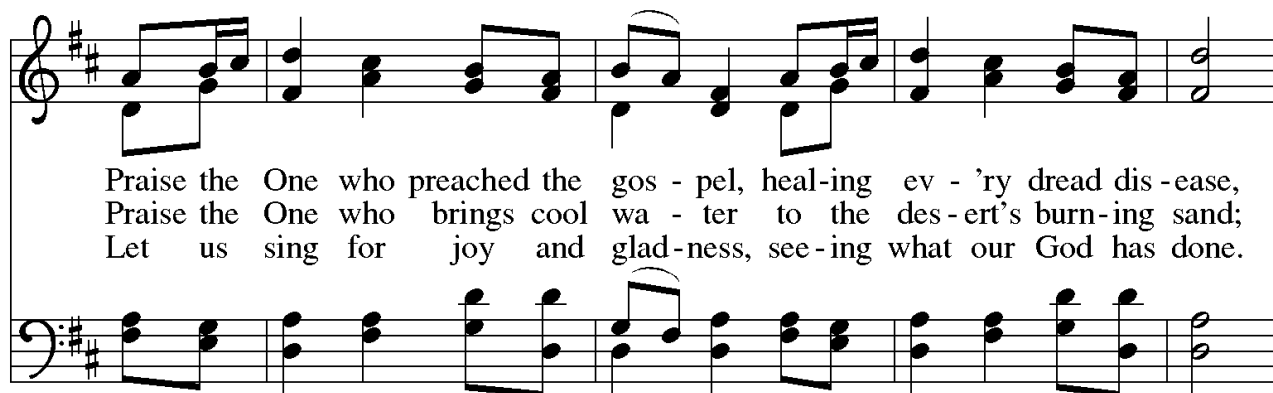
Amen.



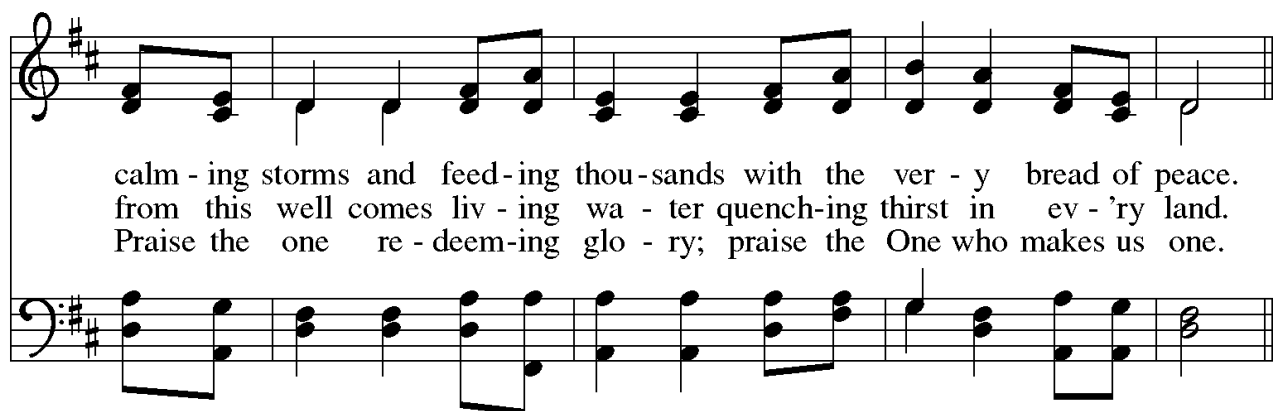
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

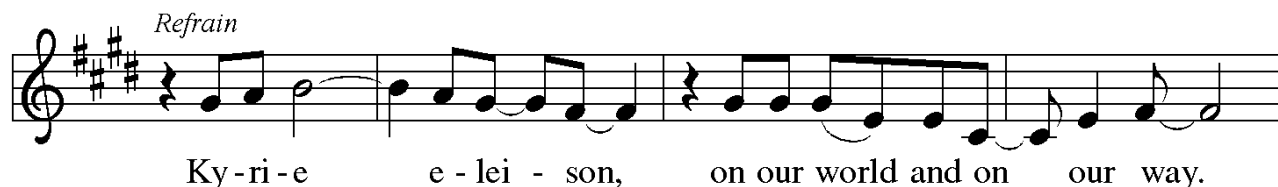


calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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.

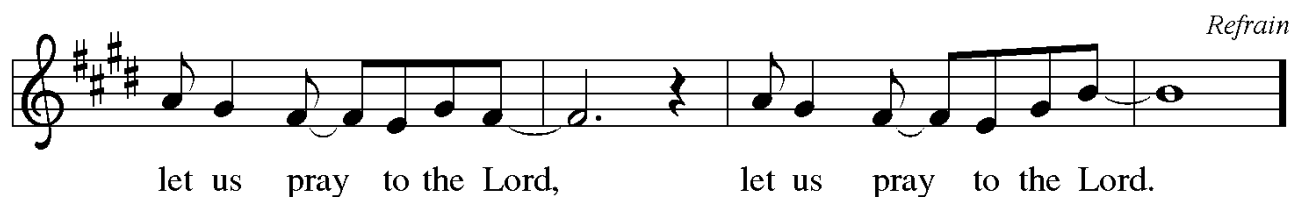
KYRIE



- 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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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 Genesis (50:15-21) (Sit)

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (103:1-13) is read responsively.

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear
you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions
from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you,
O LORD.

A reading from Romans (14:1-12).

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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

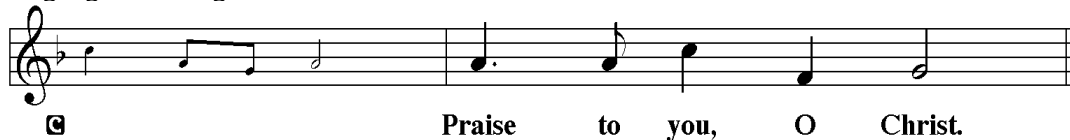
Congregation sings:



²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Congregation sings:



SERMON (Sit)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Refrain

F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F C⁷ F

1 There is on - ly one God. There is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

C⁷ F C⁷ F B^b/C *Refrain*

There is on - ly one Bod - y; that is why we can sing.
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . . you are the glo - rious new wine.

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF OUR SCHOOL STAFF, CHURCH EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEERS, CHURCH COUNCIL (*Sit*)

A reading from First Corinthians. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. (*1 Cor. 12:4-7*)

School Staff:

Brothers and sisters, as teachers, administrators, and support staff, you have been called in many and various ways to use your time, your energy, and your gifts to the teaching ministries of this congregation and the school that bears its name. And so, I ask you who serve in our school, “Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?” **Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Church Educational Volunteers:

To those who have accepted the call to teach at our Wonderful Wednesdays, confirmation ministry, discipleship groups, Bible studies, and in all the teaching ministries of this congregation, I ask you, “Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?” **Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Church Council:

I address those of you called by this congregation to serve as members of our congregational council. You have been elected to positions of leadership in this congregation and have accepted to lead this congregation by listening to the words, actions, and teachings of Jesus and by following where the Holy Spirit leads us. On behalf of your brothers and sisters, I ask you, “Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?” **Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

School Staff, Church Educational Volunteers, Church Council:

Will all of you carry out these ministries, centered in Christ’s call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration? **Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you trust in God’s care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life? **Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

The assembly stands.

I now ask you, people of Gloria Dei: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living? **Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation’s ministry to children, youth, and families? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do? **Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed? **Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, empower these ministers to care for our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. By your Holy Spirit give them insight into your Word, holy lives as examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

On behalf of all those who rely on you for your faithfulness and devotion, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 *hear us, O God.* **Your mercy is great.**

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 Tithely 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

Blessed are Ye Faithful Souls

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.

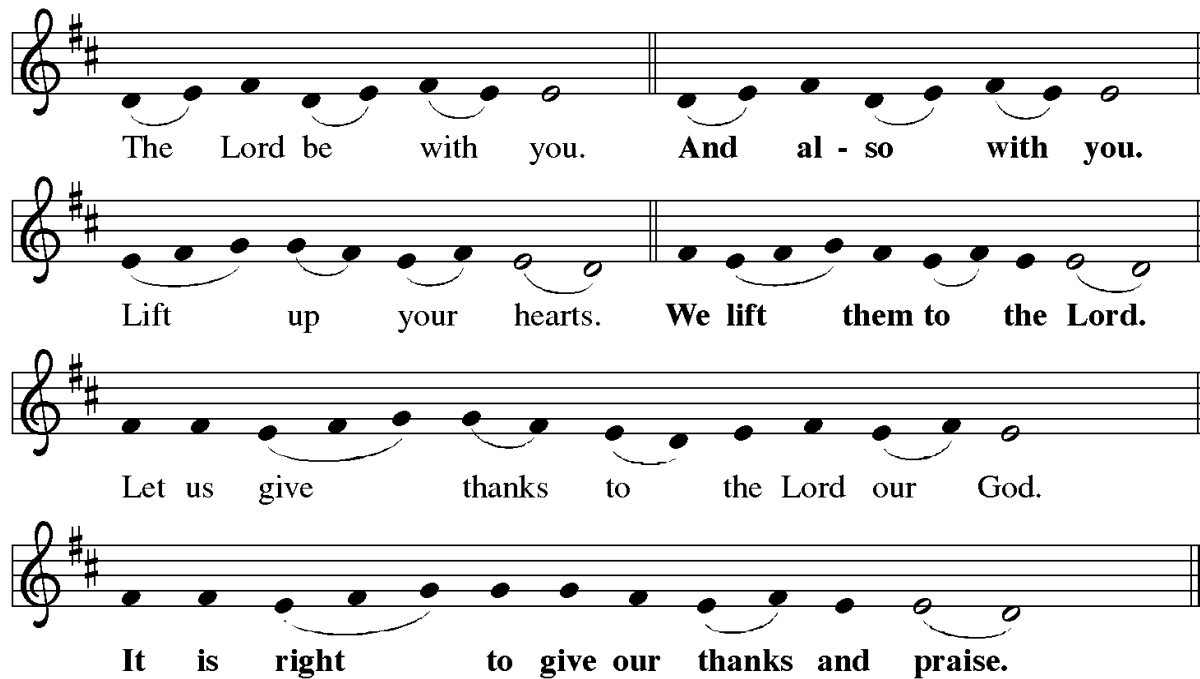
The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
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.

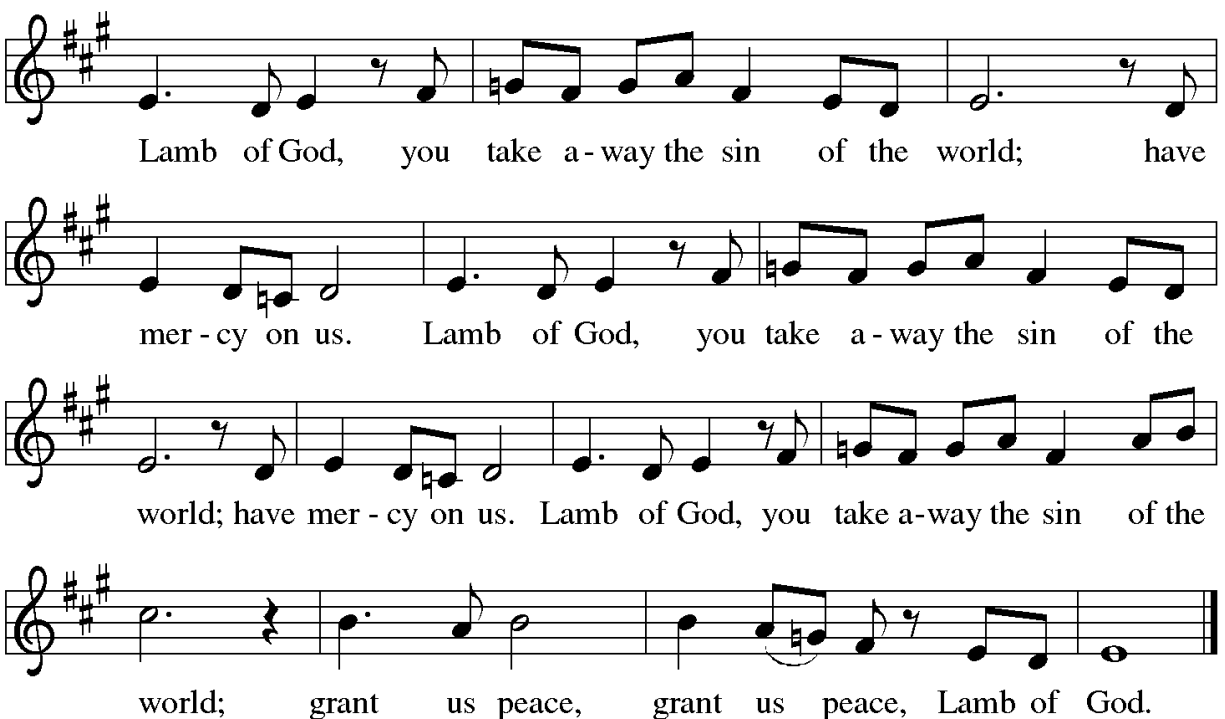
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

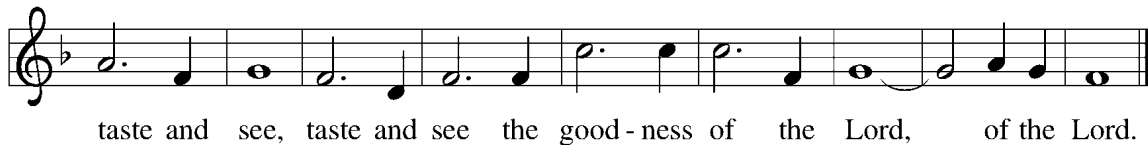
Amen.

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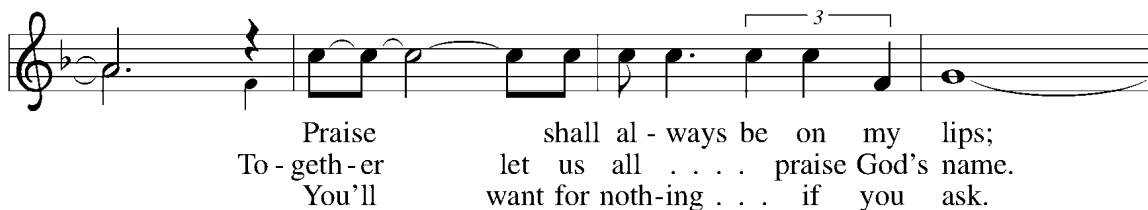
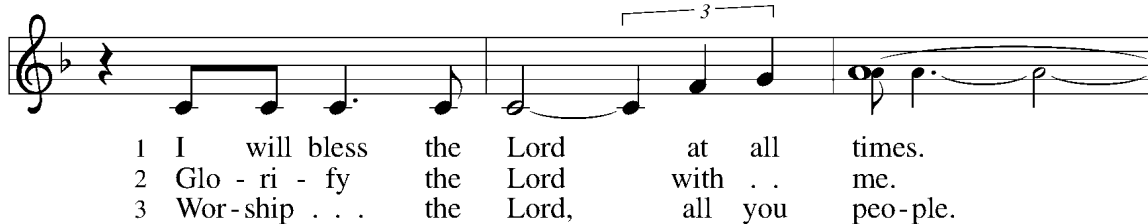
Taste and See

Taste and See

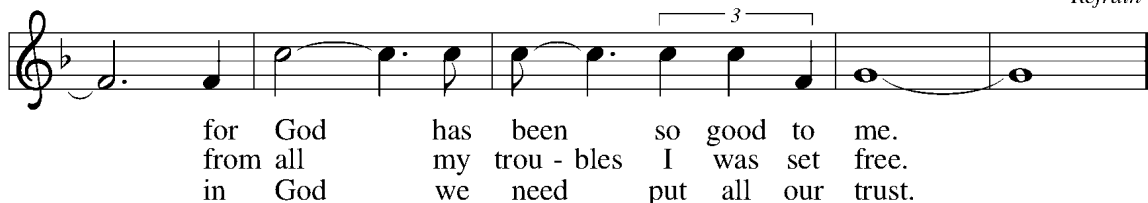
Refrain – All



Leader or All



Refrain



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

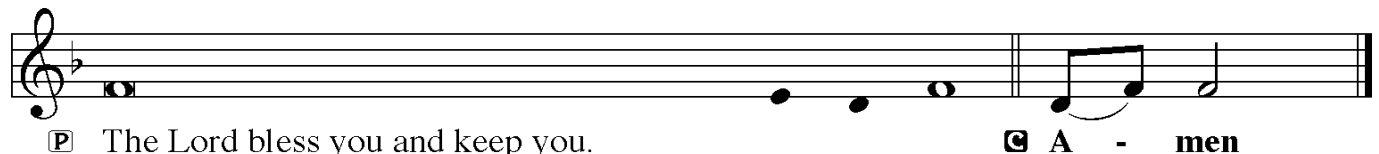
Let us pray together:

**Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



BENEDICTION



The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
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 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****The Heavens Declare***Benedetto Marcello*

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

DISMISSAL

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



GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Aaron and Jenny Sutherland in celebration of Andrew's birthday.

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

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

RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.

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

Serving Today

COFFEE CREATOR: Vicki Venable

CROSS AND CROWN: Wade Brown, Hayley O'Neill

GREETER: Linda Sutherland

LAY ASSISTANT: Rita Foringer

READER: Rita Foringer

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

USHERS: Tom Clasen, Jason Green

Weekly Calendar

Today	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
	9:00 a.m. Blood Drive
	9:30 a.m. WORSHIP /Installation Sunday
	11:00 a.m. Information Meeting
Monday	6:00 p.m. Parent Night (5 th & 6 th Grade)
	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 27 Open House
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Bible Study
	3:30 p.m. Food Prep for H.E.L.P.
	6:00 p.m. Supper at Capri
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. Serving Lunch at H.E.L.P.
	6:15 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday
Next Sunday	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
	9:30 a.m. WORSHIP
	11:00 a.m. ExAdCom

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.

Installation Sunday

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

First Light (Sunday School)

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

Suppers at Capri

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on **Tuesday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m.** We will have a meal together and share in conversations around Scripture. At the end of our time together, we will share Holy Communion. Invite your friends and family. You are responsible for the cost of your meal and a generous tip.

Serving Lunch at H.E.L.P.

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

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.

Blood Drive



Today, September 13
Fellowship Hall

Choir Rehearsal

Please be informed that choir rehearsal will now be held on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, September 17. We will be focusing on choral repertory for Reformation Sunday and the Christmas Eve liturgy. Big plans are in motion and "all hands on deck" are needed.

See you Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.!

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: Debbi Ortiz, 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, Frank Dickeski, Vickie Roark, Gordon Robertson, 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:

Traci, niece of Carol Godley
Jeff Deaver, friend of Peggy Todd
Lois Peterson, mother of Craig Peterson
Jeff Campbell, brother of John Campbell
Mike and Roni Hull, grandparents of Amelia Venable
Cheryl Lane, sister of Ron Rose
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

Wonderful Wednesdays

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.



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.

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.

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.

Watterton Fund

Kevin Watterton, spouse of Amy Watterton (long-time teacher at Gloria Dei), has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. If you would like to support the Watterton family, you may send a contribution to the church office through one of our payment methods. Please add "Watterton Fund" to the memo area of your chosen payment method.

Save the Date



Save the date for our fall fellowship event!

Saturday, October 17, 2026

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest at Gloria Dei

Church and School Shirt Orders

We have new church and school shirts available for purchase. If you would like to get your own, order forms are available at the Information Desk.

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

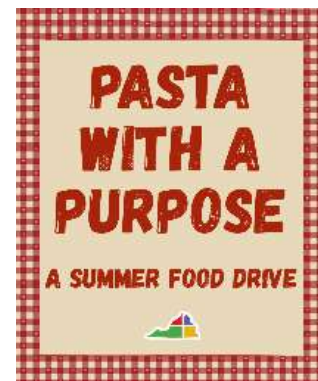
Women's Walk Dates: November 5 – 8, 2026

*****LAST CALL*** H.E.L.P. Summer Food Drive**

Please bring pasta-related food items to church by **today, September 13**. 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



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

