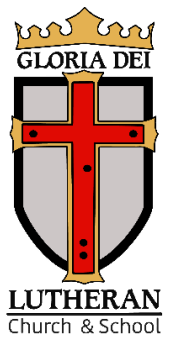


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Building Faith ✝ Building Community ✝ Building Lives



GATHERING MUSIC

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Paul Manz

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.

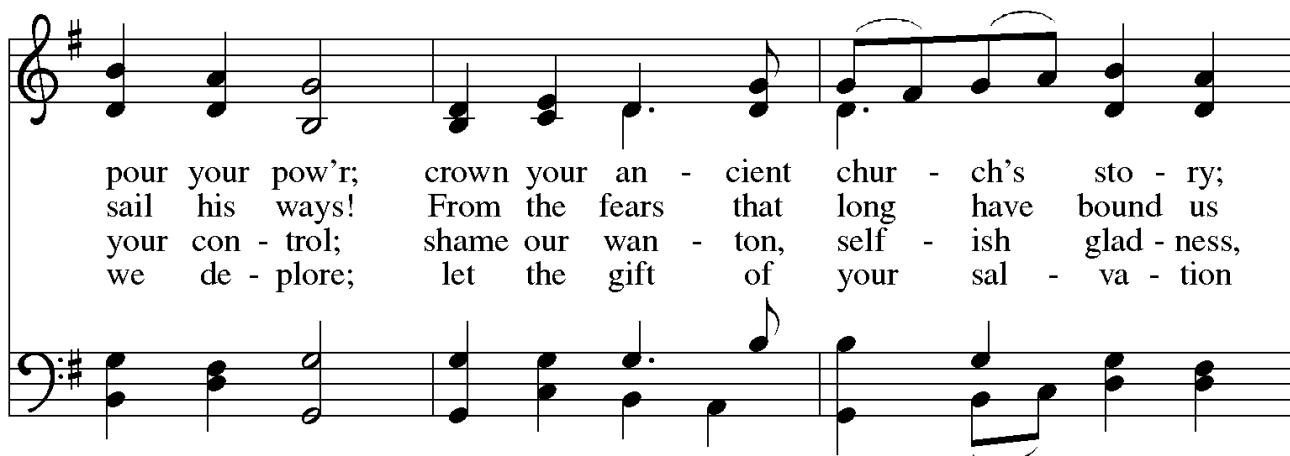
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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.

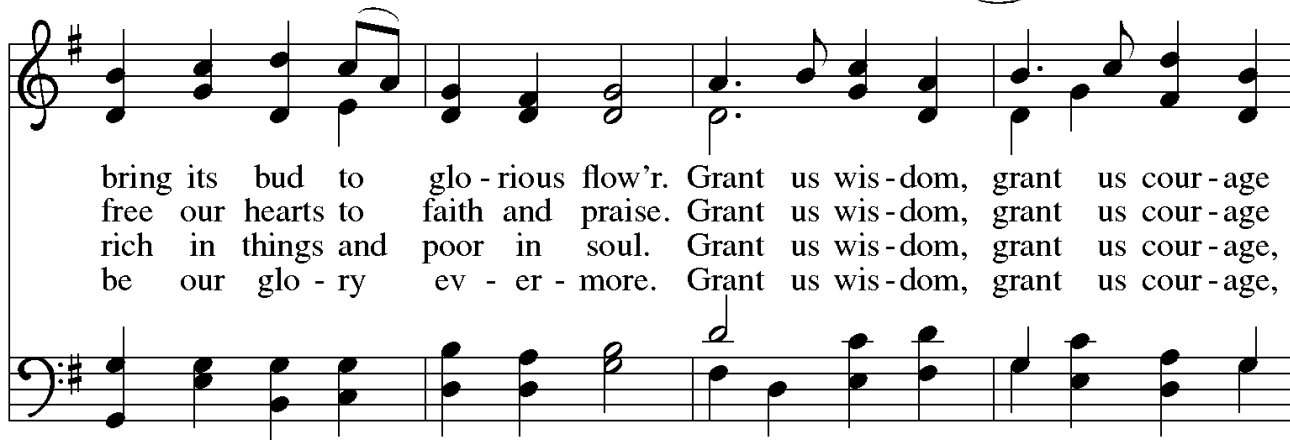
Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.



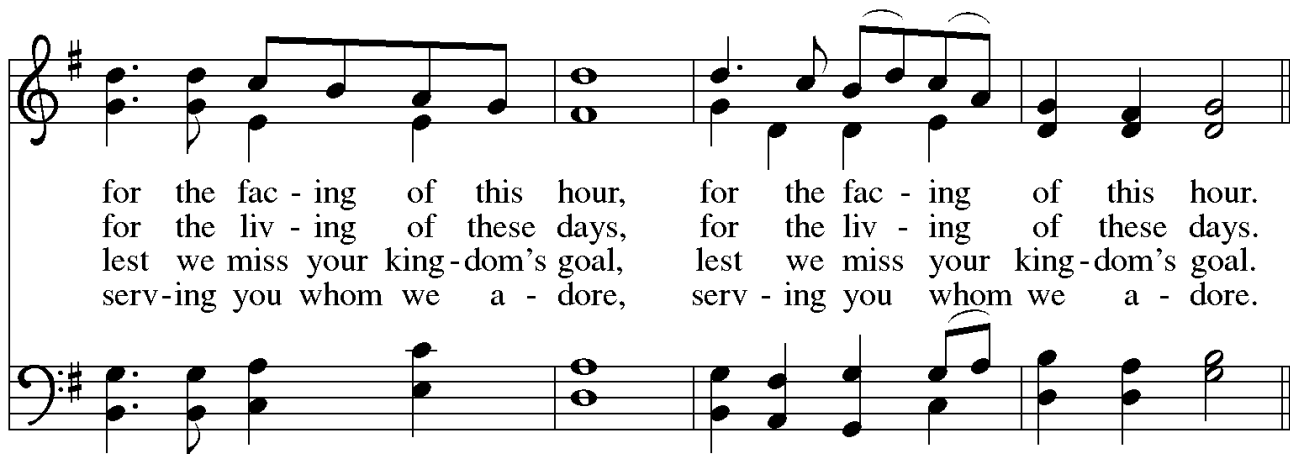
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



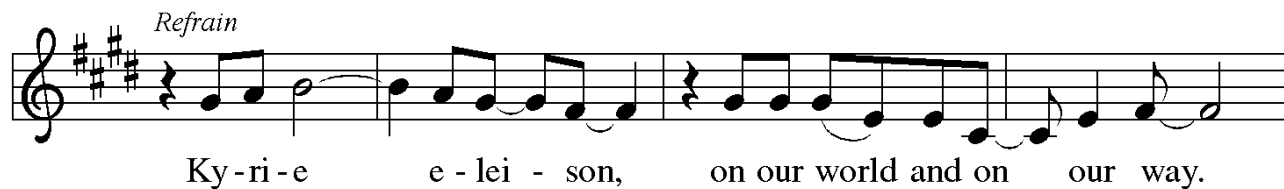
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

GREETING

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.

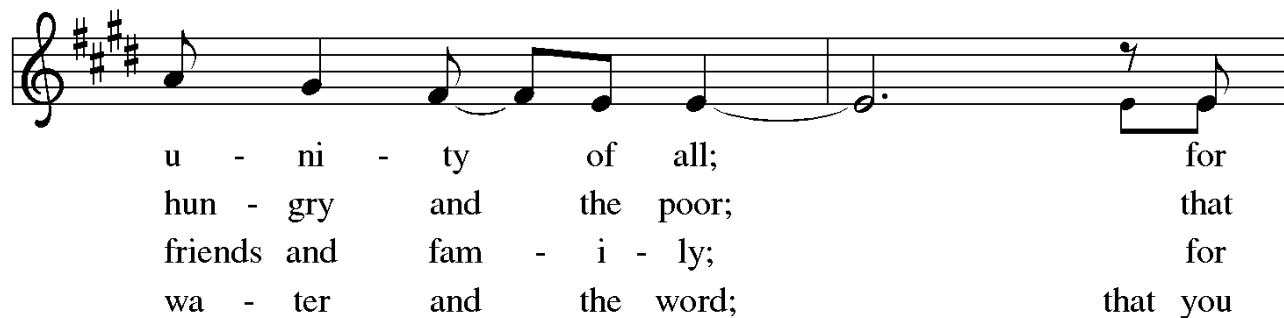
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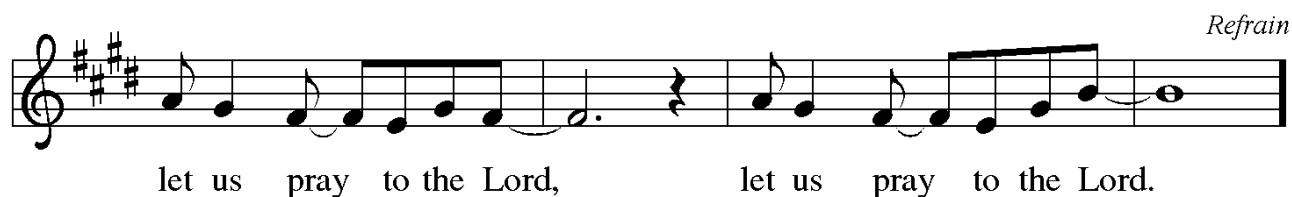
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

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

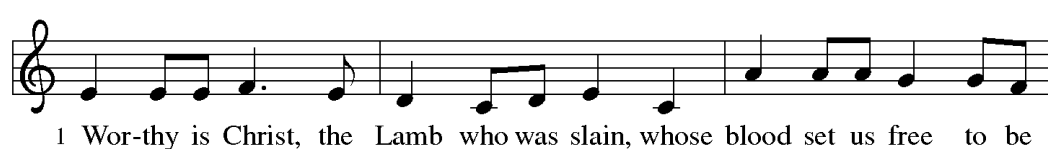
Refrain



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

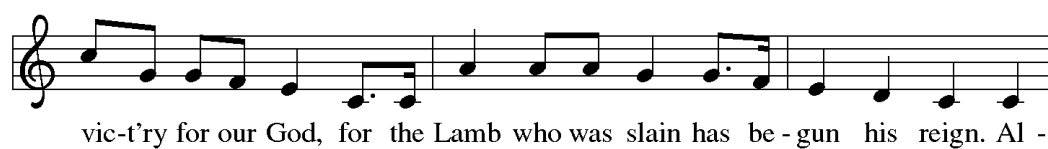


peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



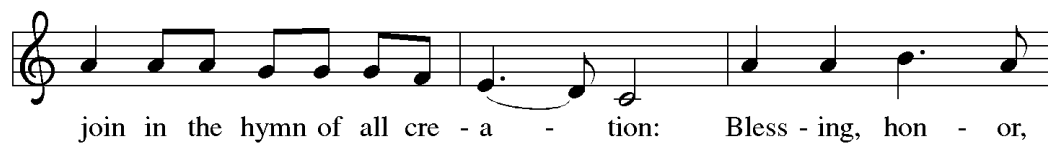
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



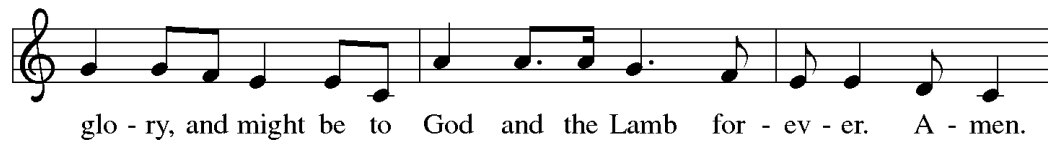
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

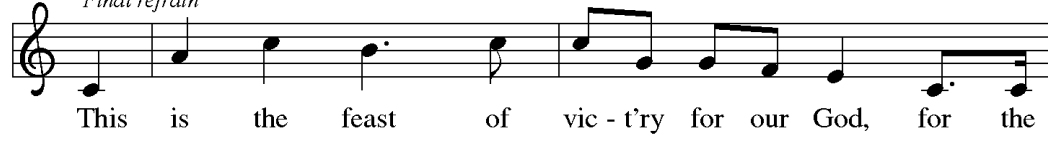


join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Congregation sits.

CHORISTER CHOIR

Welcome Song

*Come in, come in, you are welcome here.
Come in, come in, you need not fear.
Come in, come in, Children of God,
You are welcome, you are welcome here.*

*Our doors are open to all,
to the young and old, big and small
We all are connected by God's loving care
This is the love that we share.*

*Come in, come in, you are welcome here.
Come in, come in, you need not fear.
Come in, come in, Children of God,
You are welcome, you are welcome here.*

*We all are children of God.
We're a fam'ly of people who care.
One body, one spirit, one hope and one Lord:
These are the things that we share.*

*Come in, come in, you are welcome here.
Come in, come in, you need not fear.
Come in, come in, Children of God,
You are welcome, you are welcome here.
You are welcome, you are welcome here.*

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

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

Send Me

*Here I am, are you calling to me?
I am only a child, how can I be what you need?
But I keep hearing your call –*

*telling to follow where you lead.
So here I am; send me.*

READINGS

A reading from Isaiah (25:1-9) (Sit)

¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter
from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter
rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for
all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-
aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud
that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is
spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from
all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take
away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so
that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom
we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

The Psalm (23) is read responsively.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

A reading from Philippians (4:1-9).

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

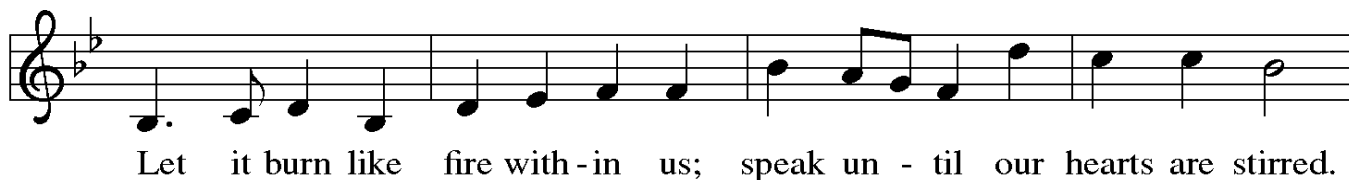
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

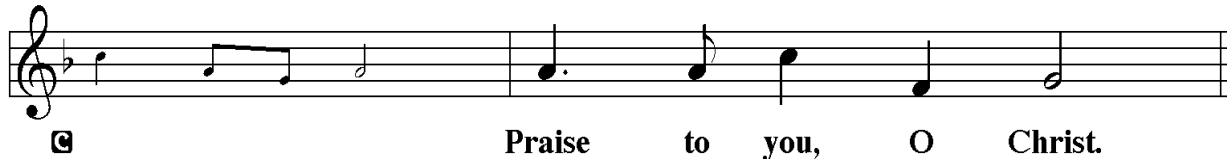
Congregation sings:



¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Congregation sings:



SERMON (*Sit*)

Silence is kept for reflection.



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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)*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION

Flowers
Sandy Dunn, piano
Gabby Hella, soloist

Samantha Ebert

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Stand*)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.**

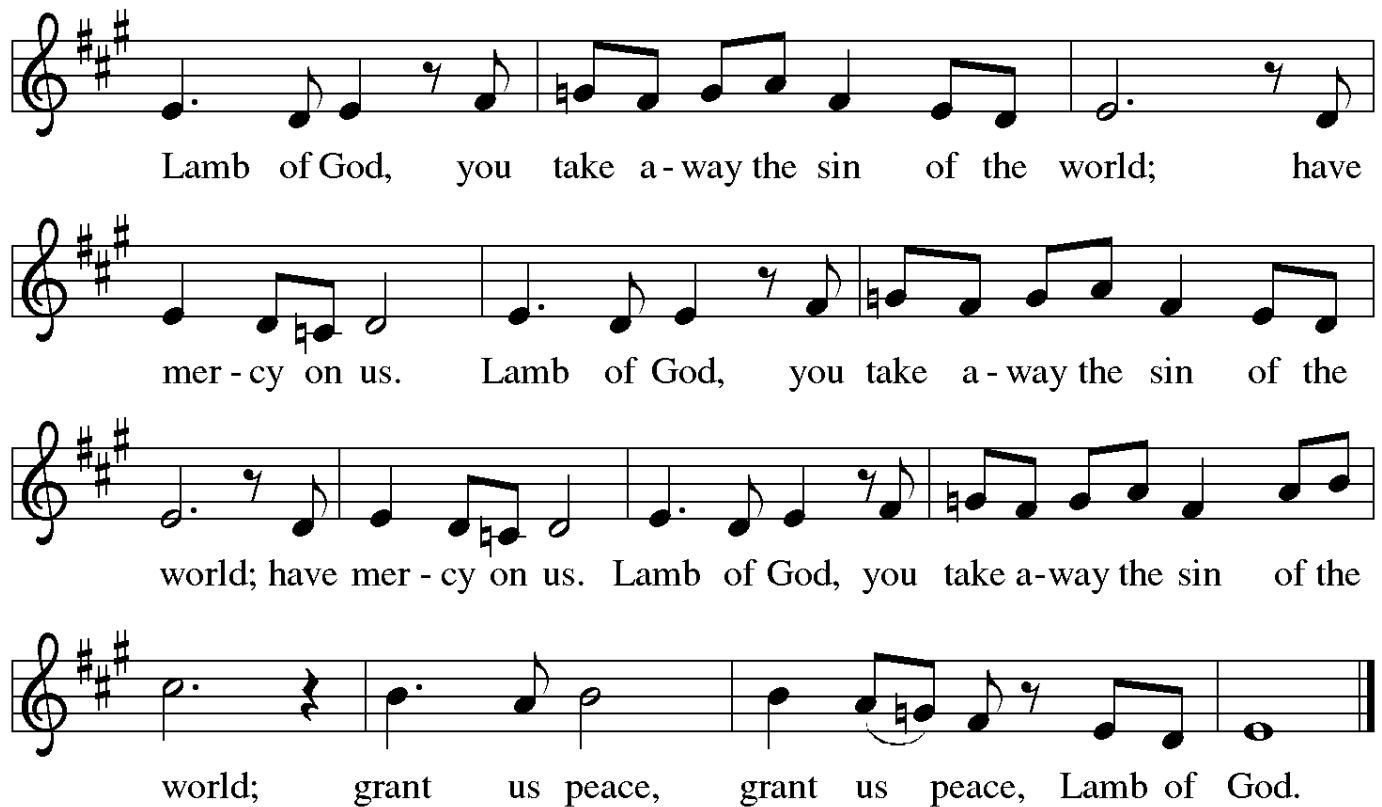
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

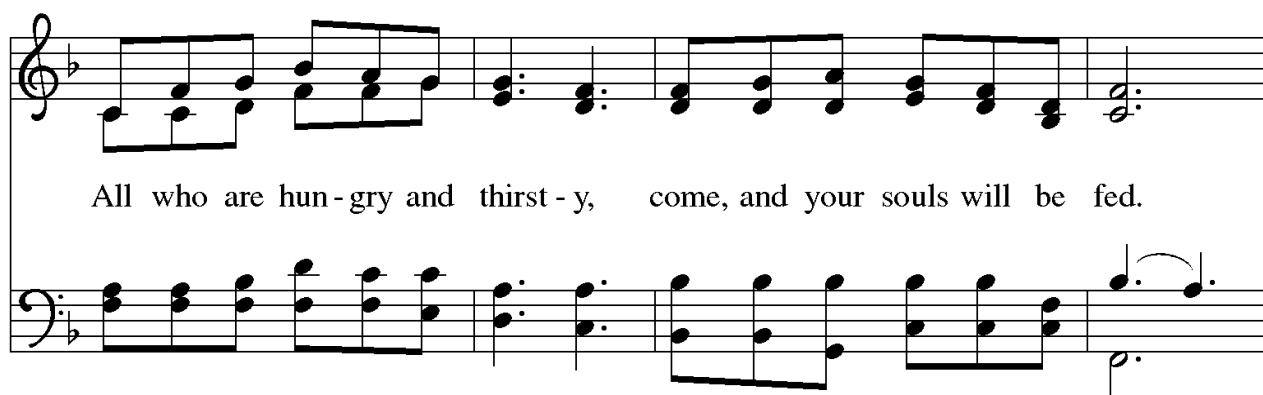
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.



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



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

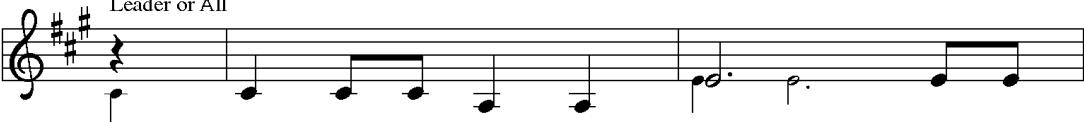


Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



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

Leader or All



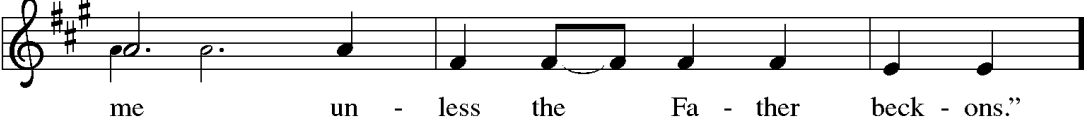
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



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.

Congregation sits.

CHORISTER CHOIR

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

*Give me oil in my lamp,
Keep it burning, burning, burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Hallelujah!
Give me oil in my lamp,
Keep it burning, burning, burning.
Burning till the break of day.*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

*There's no oil in my lamp
For its burning, burning, burning
There's no oil in my lamp of clay
There's no oil in my lamp
For its burning, burning, burning
Burning till the break of day.*

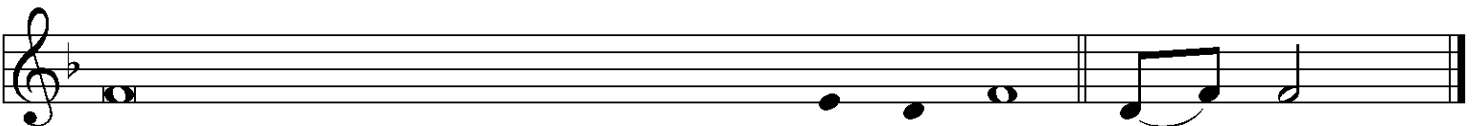
*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!*

*We have oil in our lamps,
Keep them burning, burning, burning
We have oil that will light our way.
Hallelujah!*

*We have oil in our lamps,
Keep them burning, burning, burning
Burning till the break of day.*

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King!
Oh sing hosanna
To the King!*

BENEDICTION



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

☐ A - men



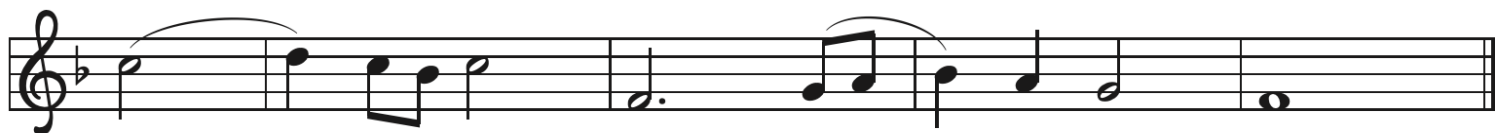
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE

Hymn of Praise

Melchior Teschner

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

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

RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.

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

Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS: Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable

GREETER: Anita Hamilton

LAY ASSISTANT: Sarah Olsen

READER: Sarah Olsen

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

USHERS: John Campbell, Tom Clasen

Reformation Sunday, October 25

On this day, we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism, we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's Table. **You are invited to wear red in commemoration of this significant event.**

All Saints' Sunday

Loved ones who have died in the past year will be remembered on All Saints' Sunday, November 1. You may add the name(s) of your loved ones who have died in the past year to the All Saints' list located on the table as you enter the Nave on the left. You may also call, 757-851-2838, or email, psipes@gloriadei.net, **by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 27.** We will remember your loved ones with the lighting of a candle, and they will be included in the prayers. You are also invited to remember your loved ones with an offering to the Memorial Fund.

Oktoberfest at Gloria Dei

Saturday, October 17, 2026

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are available for sale at the Information Desk after worship today as well as at the door on the day of the event. They are also available during the week at the Information Desk and at the Willow Oaks School Office.

To volunteer, please contact Amanda G., 530-315-1760, or Tom C., 757-713-9040.

Trunk or Treat

On Sunday, October 18, Girl Scout Troop 1041, with assistance from Gloria Dei Youth Groups, will once again host the Annual Trunk or Treat.

The event will run from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are able to donate candy, a box will be placed near the fireplace. If you are interested in hosting a car and handing out candy, please let Vicki O'Neill know at 757.876.7066 or vicki.oneill@gmail.com.

Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Following worship in the Nave

The Gloria Dei Congregation will be voting to approve the Shared Partnership Agreement between St. Paul's, Hampton, and Gloria Dei, Hampton.

Weekly Calendar

Today	TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 a.m.	First Light Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP /Chorister Choir
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday	<i>Church Office Closed – Indigenous Peoples' Day</i>
6:00 p.m.	Women's Book Club
6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 27 Meeting
	Girl Scout Troop 1041 Meeting
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
Thursday	2:30 p.m. Chorister Choir Practice
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Oktoberfest
Next Sunday	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	8:30 a.m. First Light Sunday School
	9:30 a.m. WORSHIP
	11:00 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting
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	2:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

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.

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: Ryan Cerone, Frank Dickseksi, Debbi Ortiz, Debbie Dunn, Jonah Hutchison, Peggy Todd, Izzy Zamora, Bill Monroe, Sharon Rose, Ron Rose, Leonard Mayo, Marna Mayo, Joann Morrison, Mary Capone, Beverly Hamrick, Bill Swanson, Fred Bradley, Judy Wagner St. Pierre, 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:

Vonnie Ilosky, friend of Pam Hess and Charlotte Tyeryar
Marjorie Creel, grandmother of Jeanene Nolte (GDLS employee)
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

Supper at Capri

We will meet at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, 227 Fox Hill Rd., on **Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00 p.m.**

Join Pastor and others at Capri Pizza and Italian Restaurant, located at 227 Fox Hill Rd., on **Tuesday, November 17, 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. **Please, RSVP to Peggy in the Church Office by Tuesday, November 10;** we want to make sure the restaurant is prepared for our group being there. You are responsible for the cost of your meal and a generous tip.

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.

Women of Gloria Dei Book Group

On **Monday, October 12**, we will meet at the home of Diane Washburn to discuss our book of the month, "The Mad Wife," by Meagan Church.

Lulu Mayfield has spent the last five years molding herself into the perfect 1950s housewife. Despite the tragic memories that haunt her and the weight of exhausting expectations, she keeps her husband happy, her household running, and her gelatin salads the talk of the neighborhood. But after she gives birth to her second child, Lulu's carefully crafted life begins to unravel.

When a new neighbor, Bitsy, moves in, Lulu suspects that something darker lurks behind the woman's constant smile. As her fixation on Bitsy deepens, Lulu is drawn into a web of unsettling truths that threaten to expose the cracks in her own life. The more she uncovers about Bitsy, the more she questions everything she thought she knew—and soon, others begin questioning her sanity. But is Lulu truly losing her mind? Or is she on the verge of discovering a reality too terrifying to accept?

In the vein of *The Bell Jar* and *The Hours*, *The Mad Wife* weaves domestic drama with psychological suspense, so poignant and immersive, you won't want to put it down.

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.

Wonderful Wednesdays

You are invited to our Wonderful Wednesday program for students in grades K-12. This program includes Bible Study, snack, music, and crafts and is from 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Building Foundations that Last--School Building Project

Fundraising Campaign for a New Elementary School at Willow Oaks

Gloria Dei is actively in a 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.

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.

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