Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Building Faith ✢ Building Community ✢ Building Lives

GATHERING MUSIC **Meditation** *Flor Peeters*

TEMPLE TALK Jerri Dickseski

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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Kneel/stand as you are able.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN ELW 625 *(Stand)* **Come, We That Love the Lord** *Marching to Zion*



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.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong!

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

READINGS

A reading from Amos (5:18-24) *(Sit)*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (70) is read responsively.

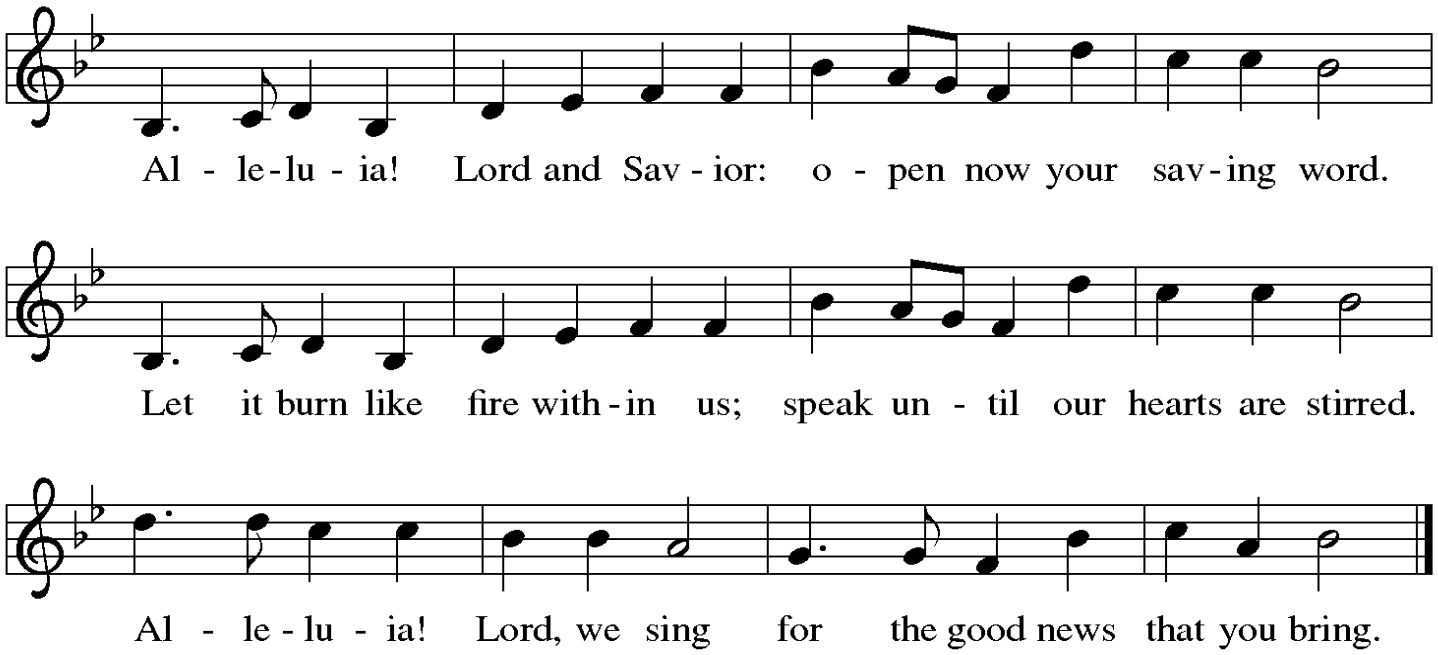
[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

A reading from First Thessalonians (4:13-18).

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Stand)*



HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13**

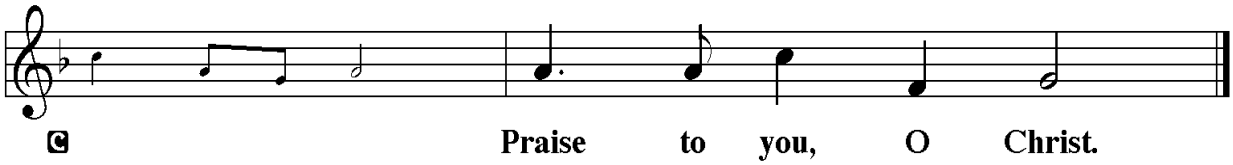
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Congregation sings:



[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish
took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look!
Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their
lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise
replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him
into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord,
lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour."

Congregation sings:



SERMON *(Sit)*

Silence is kept for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Stand)* **This Little Light of Mine** *African American spiritual*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine.

Verse 3
Shine it all over Hampton, I'm gonna let it shine.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*
***Lower case "c" means universal.*

THE PRAYERS

You are invited to either stand or kneel.

The response to each prayer will be *God, in your mercy,* ***hear our prayer.***

THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(Stand)*

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

OFFERING *(Sit)*

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

- *placing your offering envelope into the offering plate as it is passed.*
- *mailing to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 250 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, Virginia 23669.*
- *using the Tithe.ly app: https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app.*
- *using online bill pay with your own banking institution, using your envelope number as your account number.*

For electronic offerings, see back page for QR codes.

MUSICAL MEDITATION **Mixolydian Choral** *Flor Peeters*

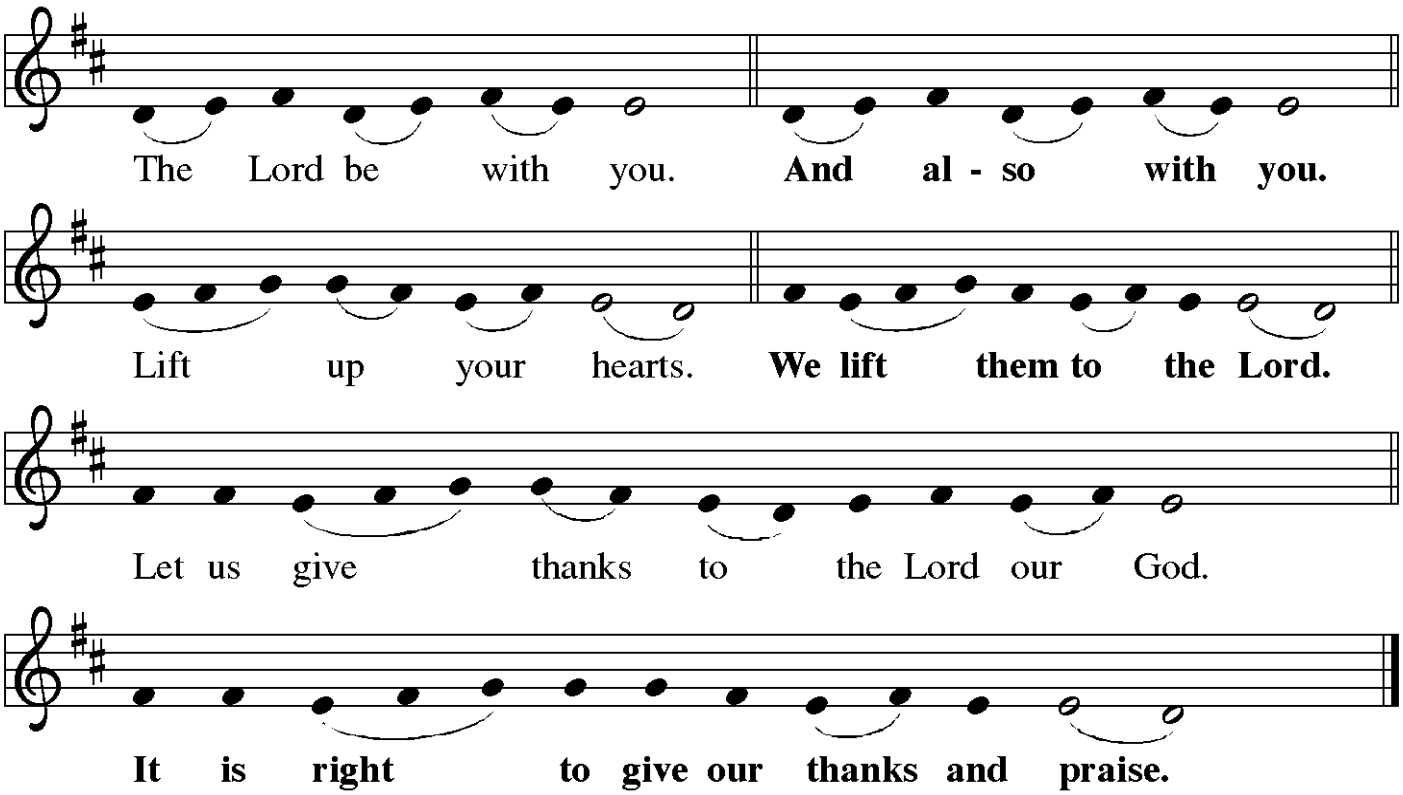
OFFERTORY HYMN *(Stand)* **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

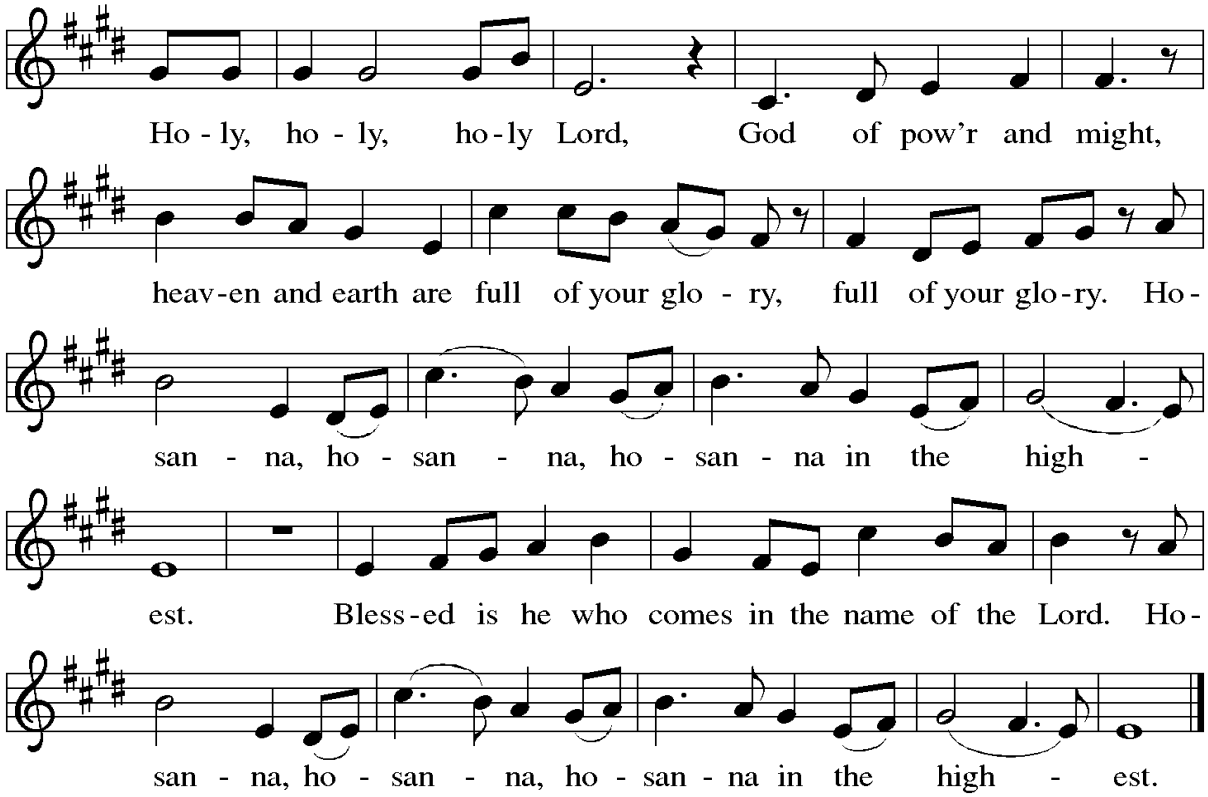
DIALOGUE



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



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

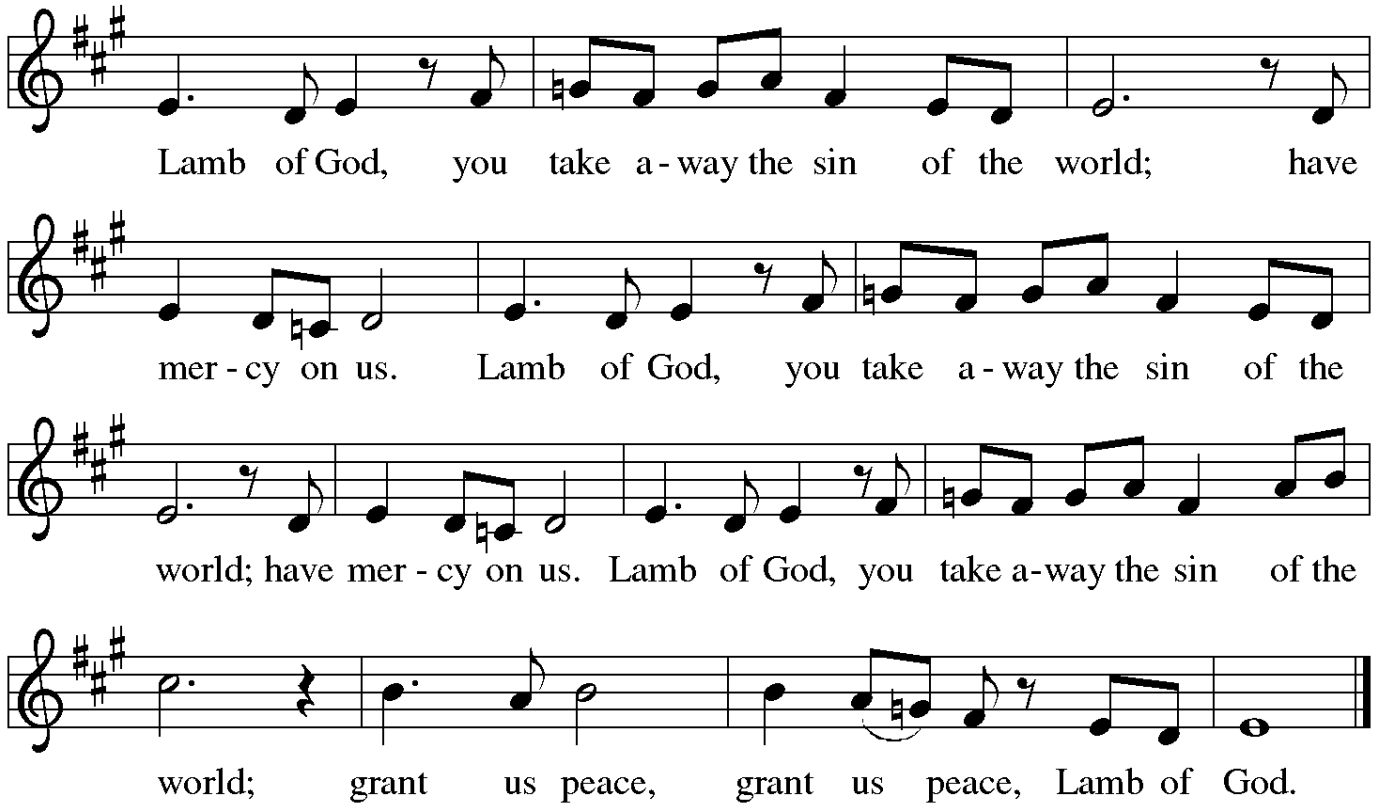
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

In bread and cup, the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION RESPONSE *(Sit)* **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

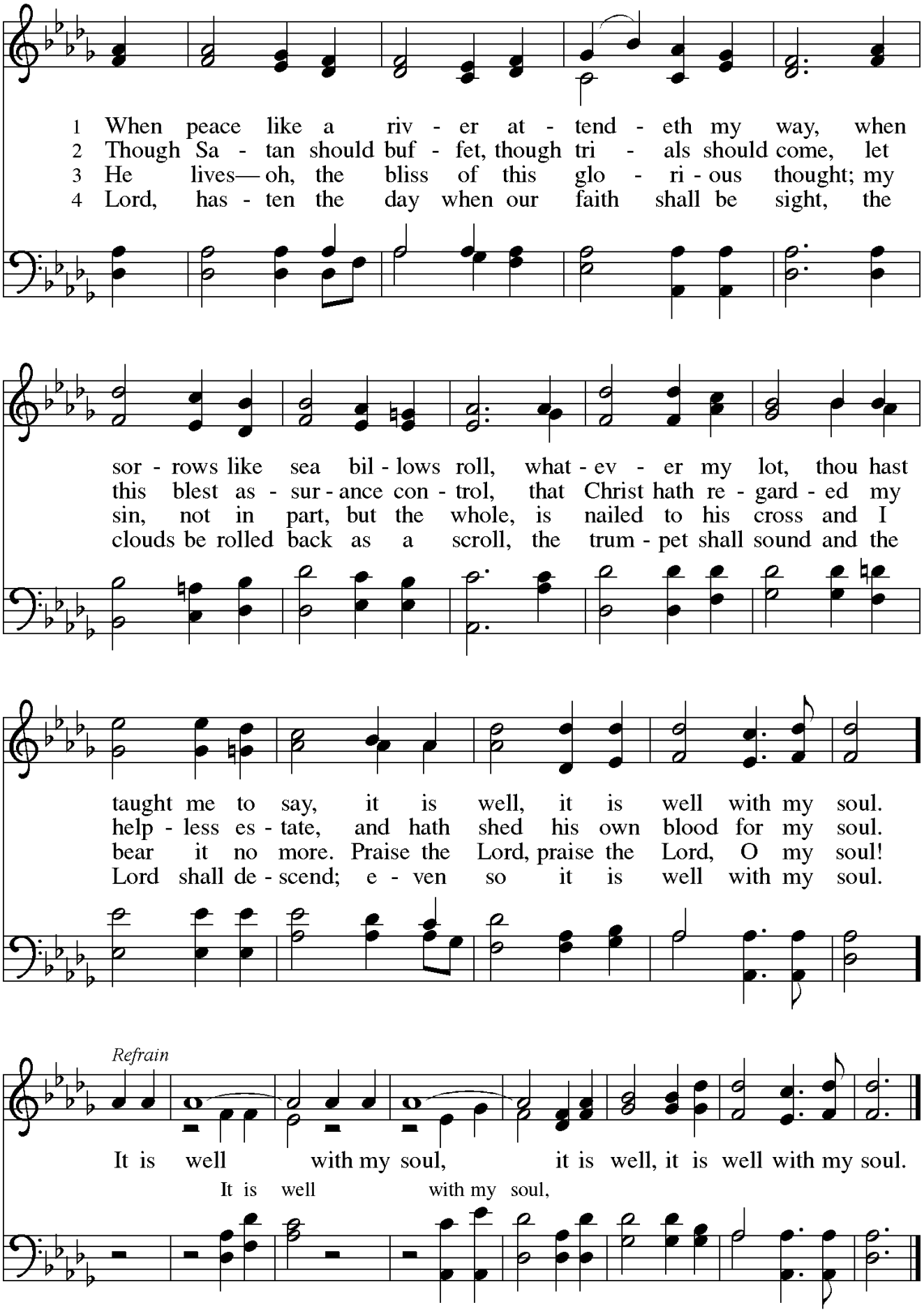
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM **The Gift of Love** *Hal Hopson*

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *Schmücke Dich*



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 785 **When Peace like a River** *Ville du Havre*



SENDING

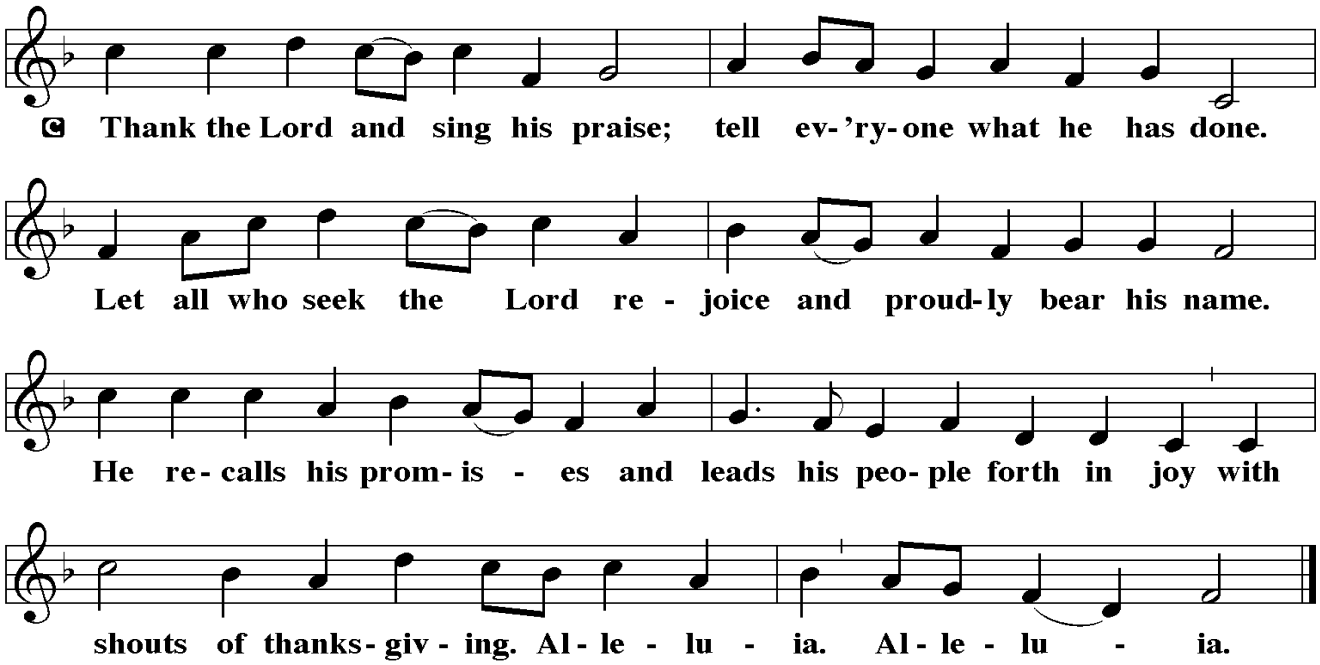
BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL *(Stand)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

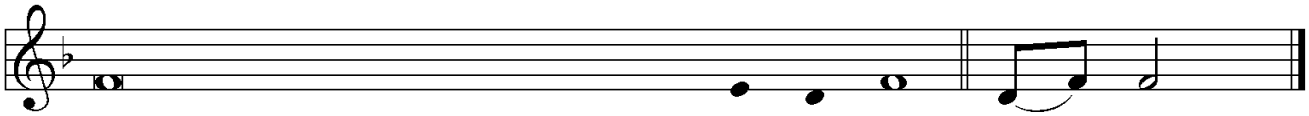
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. C **A - men**
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

SENDING HYMN ELW 638 **Blessed Assurance** *Assurance*



ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Sit)*

POSTLUDE **Christ lag in Todes Banden** *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.**

“Building Our Community, Anchored in Faith.”

2027 Stewardship Appeal: Evangelism

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give..." 2 Corinthians 9:7

As Christians, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. As Lutherans, we know that God's love is a gift of grace, freely given through faith. We are blessed by that grace and called to share it with others.

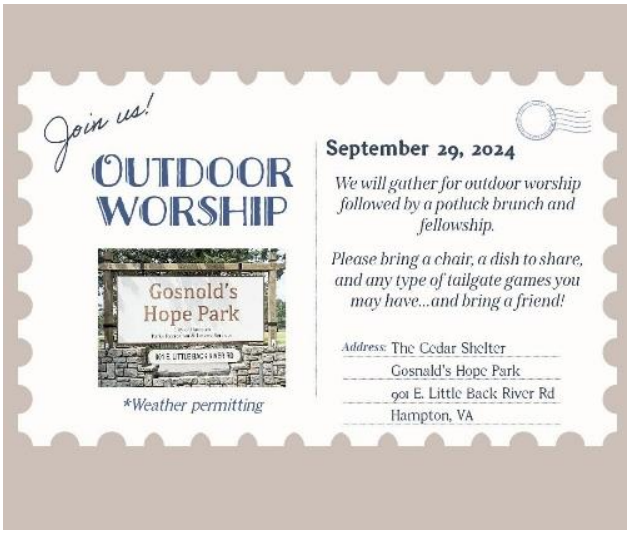
Today, evangelism often begins with communication. Our website, social media, newsletters, invitations, and community events provide opportunities to tell our story and invite others into the life of our congregation.

Our marketing and outreach efforts are more than simply promoting programs. They are tools for evangelism. Every message we share can be an invitation for someone to discover a welcoming community, hear God's Word, experience Christian fellowship, and encounter the love of Christ.

Building our community means reaching beyond our church walls and meeting people where they are. It means using the tools of today to share the timeless message of God's grace.

Your stewardship makes this possible. Your generosity helps us communicate our mission, reach our neighbors, invite new people into our ministries, and make our congregation a visible presence of Christ's love in the community.

As you prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment for the coming year, consider how your gift can help us share the Good News, strengthen our community, and invite others to experience God's grace. Together, we can build a community that is anchored in Christ, strengthened by grace, and open to all.





GLORIA DEI WEEKLY

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The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Debbi Ortiz in memory of her parents.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available for each Sunday's service on the table in the Atrium.
PARENTS, if you would like your child to have a coloring book and colored pencils during worship, please ask an usher.
RESTROOMS are located in the Atrium.
INDIVIDUAL HEARING AIDS are available from the ushers. Please return them to an usher after the service.

Serving Today

COFFEE CREATORS:	Debbi Ortiz, Vicki Venable
GREETER:	Linda Sutherland
LAY ASSISTANT:	Sarah Olsen
READER:	Sarah Olsen
TECHNICAL TEAM:	Jeremiah Green, Barry Hutchison, Derry Mace, Mike Riley, Aaron Sutherland, Jenny Sutherland
USHERS:	Jason Green, Don Padula

Congregational Sympathy

Gloria Dei congregation expresses its sympathy to the following:

- the Dadez family upon the death of Tahlia Dadez, daughter of Bayden Dadez and Amery Shelton and granddaughter of Thomas and Lisa Dadez, on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, in Newport News. Condolences may be sent to 121 Charles Parish Drive, Poquoson, Virginia 23662.
- the family of William "Bill" J. Siefers upon his death on Monday, November 2, 2026, in Hampton. The Visitation and Funeral will be held at Restoration Church, located at 508 Fox Hill Road, Hampton, on Saturday, November 14, at 11:00 a.m. with the funeral immediately following at 12:00 p.m. Condolences may be sent to 1828 Rawood Dr., Hampton, Virginia 23663.

Supper at Capri

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.

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.

Poinsettias to Decorate for Christmas

It is time to place your order for poinsettias to decorate our Nave for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia is $19.00 pre-paid. Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, November 29**. Please use your packet envelope dated November 2, fill in the information on the back, and return it to the Church Office. If you are using online bill pay or *Tithe.ly,* enter how many flowers you are paying for on the memo line and then call, 757-851-2838, or email, tbialk@gloriadei.net, to let us know who the flowers are in honor of or in memory of, or if they are given to the Glory of God.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	8:30 a.m.	First Light Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	**WORSHIP**
	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday.....	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 27 Meeting
		Girl Scout Troop 1041 Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club
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.
	6:15 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesday
Thursday	2:30 p.m.	Chorister Choir Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts Pack 27 Committee Meeting
Next Sunday.....	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	8:30 a.m.	First Light Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	**WORSHIP**/Commitment Sunday
	11:00 a.m.	ExAdCom
		Tree Sales Meeting

Pledge Cards

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 15. Please turn in your pledge cards by placing in the offering plate or submitting them via mail, or the link on our website as soon as possible. Your pledge cards help us to plan the next year's budget. We will celebrate the pledges submitted so far and will let you know how many pledges were submitted and how much money has been pledged for 2027.

Financial Update

For the first quarter of FYE 6/30/27 (July, August, and September), Regular Offerings were $7,623.96 below the Plan Budget and approximately $7,200 below the prior year. This is a trend we need to be mindful of, and we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider their contributions. We will continue to provide regular updates moving forward.

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: Merlin Harper, Ryan Cerone, Frank Dickseski, 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, 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:

Brittany Allred, granddaughter of Donna Vanorsdale
Jack Antinori and family, grandpa of Michelle Belbin (GDLS employee)
Janie Prestia, cousin of Donna Vanorsdale
Adriana Griffin, sister-in-law of Laura Lopez
Helen O'Neill, mother-in-law of Vicki O'Neill
Joe and Bonnie Jefferis, friends of Gary and Bonnie Hess
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 (former GDLS employee)
Sheila May, mother of Deborah Walker (former GDLS employee)
Tom Vanorsdale, husband of Donna Vanorsdale

H.E.L.P. Day Center Volunteer Needed

H.E.L.P. day center is in need of a volunteer(s) to assist in serving meals Monday – Friday. If interested in lending a helping hand to our neighbors in need, please call the day center at 757-848-7495.

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.

H.E.L.P. Donations

Please, join us in filling up the red wagon to feed the hungry in our community. The following are items on their most needed list:

* Canned meats
* Canned/packaged fruit
* Canned pasta meals
* Toilet Paper
* Crackers
* Canned Soup (non-condensed)

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

"God's Work. Our Hands"

This is exactly what the Prayer Shawl Ministry does. By creating shawls and blankets to show God's love to members of the congregation, we are using our hands for God's work. Each time we meet, we work on creating a gift for someone that needs a gesture of love.

Please consider joining us on the second Sunday of the month to share in our ministry and fellowship. After putting our needles to work, we often head to Capri for lunch. You would be welcome to join us. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

Book Club

The Gloria Dei book group is meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9. The book to be discussed is "Theo of Golden," by Allen Levi. Many have read and enjoyed this book who are not attendees of the book group. All women are welcome to join! If you would like to join in the discussion, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net or call her at 787-870-3619. She can give you details.

A Glass with the Girls

Since the next two get-togethers fall on holiday weeks, we will meet only on **Monday, December 7,** at 7:00 p.m., at Pour Girls. To add to the fun, we'll have a **White Elephant** gift exchange. The value of said gift should be $10.00.

Please come join us for a glass and some holiday cheer. If you have any questions, contact Rita Foringer at rforinger@verizon.net.

Usher Opportunity

Calling all members and future members! If you or someone you know would have any interest in serving as an usher for Sunday services, I would like to speak with you! Ushering is a crucial part of the Sunday morning experience for our congregation. We serve the congregation ensuring an orderly and safe gathering as well as assist the pastor, lay assistants, cross and crown, and greeters as needed. For more information on what all serving entails, please contact Jason Green at Jason.green775@icloud.com, or 757.871.2499.

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.

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.

Gloria Dei Annual Coat Drive



November 8-December 27



Gloria Dei is launching our annual coat drive, collecting winter gear for men, women, and children experiencing homelessness this winter. Donations may be placed in the collection box in the atrium or brought to the drive-thru drop-off on Saturday, December 12, from 1:00 p.m–4:00 p.m., rain or shine. All donated items will be distributed in partnership with H.E.L.P. at *A Night's Welcome* shelters in Hampton and the Boys and Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula.

Acceptable Donations (PLEASE no spring or summer items):

*Coats	*Hats	*Belts	*Long sleeve shirts	*Socks
*Sweatshirts	*Scarves	*Backpacks	*Sweaters	*Gloves

Please share the news with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Feel free to call with any questions, 757-513-4943
Thank you for your support!

Breakfast with Santa at St. Paul's

Bring the whole family for a special meet and greet with Santa where kids can share their wishes and snap festive photos! There are two sessions to choose from on Saturday, December 5, at 807 W. Mercury Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. Session 1 is at 8:00 a.m. and session 2 is at 10:30 a.m. To register and purchase tickets scan the QR code.

Wonderful Wednesdays

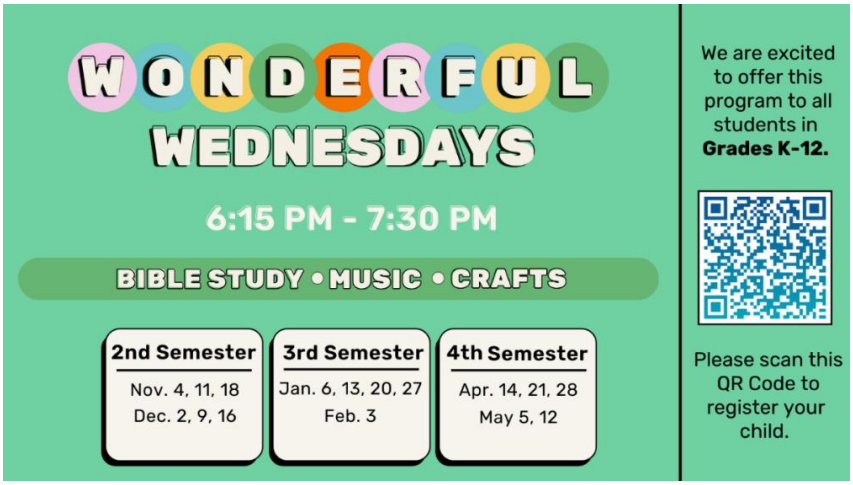
All students in grades K-12 are invited, beginning at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Snack time is 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.



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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