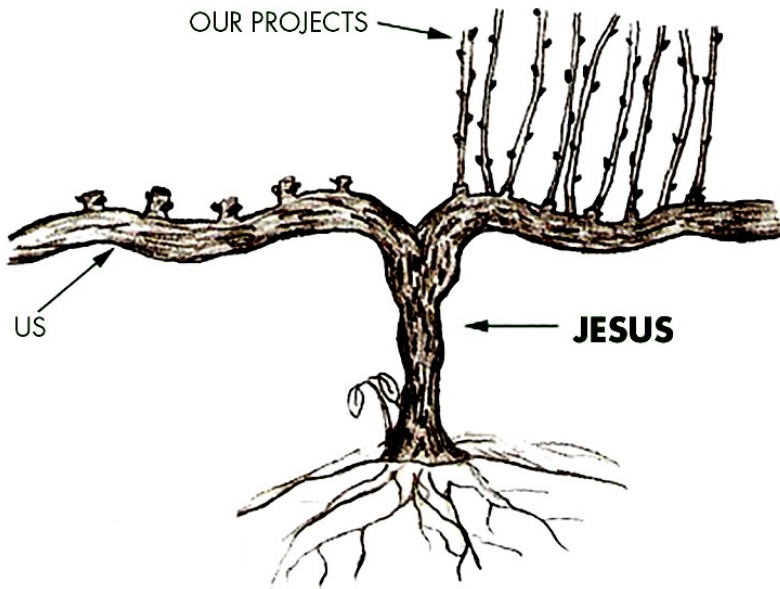


GLORIA DEI!

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

~ Welcome To ~

GLORIA DEI! LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All are welcome at Gloria Dei! whatever your family looks like or wherever you are on your journey of faith and life:

We invite **visitors** to fill out a visitor's card (found in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate or to please sign our guest book in the Narthex.

Children are **always** welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. If your little one needs a break, however, a nursery as well as a "cry room" with speakers and view of the Sanctuary, are available. Our ushers will be glad to assist you in locating these places. Following the pastor's time with the children, they will gather together for their own learning, singing, and crafting.

Communion elements are available in the Narthex for those who wish to commune in their seat.

Please fill out any **joys or concerns** you may wish to have shared on the slip provided in the Narthex. Opportunities to personally share are also part of the service. Please use a microphone (that does not need to be moved or adjusted).

Throughout this bulletin:

- ◆ All are invited to speak those responses printed in the **bold-face** type in both the hymnal and the bulletin.
- ◆ Numbers preceded by the word "page" refer to material found in the front portion of the hymnal, numbers preceded by a "#" sign refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal.
- ◆ A hymn or song marked with an asterisk (*) indicates it is a favorite of someone at Gloria Dei!
- ◆ ELW references material from the Evangelical Worship hymnal.
- ◆ ACS references material from the All Creation Sings hymnal supplement.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM (*Setting 4*)

Prelude

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”, *arr. Tracey Craig McKibben*;
“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”, *arr. John Purifoy*

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** Alleluia!

Words of Welcome and Ministry Updates

Gathering Hymn

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW 449

Verses 1, 2, and 3

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** Alleluia!

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“This Is the Feast”

ELW Page 149

The music is continued on the next page.

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God,...now and forever. **Amen**

Time with the Children

Sharing of Joy and Concerns

First Reading: Acts 8:25-31

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about

himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Following the reading:

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Following the reading:

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord!**

Jesus said: ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Following the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"O Blessed Spring"

ELW 447

Rite of Baptism

God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Presentation

Who presents Tate Jacob Boyer for Holy Baptism?

Parents and Sponsors: **We do.**

Jessica and Todd,

As you bring Tate to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, to bring him to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to place in him hands the Holy Scriptures, and to nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Tate grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

Brock and Samantha,

Do you promise to nurture Tate in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Tate, and to pray for him in his new life in Christ?
We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

With this congregation and the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Tate, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Tate with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Tate, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Amen.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause!

Baptismal Song “How Could Anyone Ever Tell You”

How could anyone ever tell you, you are anything less than beautiful

How could anyone ever tell you, you are less than whole;

How could anyone fail to notice, that your loving is a miracle-

How deeply you're connected to God's soul.

Prayers of Intercessions *The prayer list may be found on page 13.*

Each petition concludes with: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.*

The ushers are invited to come forward to receive the offering plates.

Offering Anthem

“Here Is Love”, W. Rees, R. Lowry, arr. Greg Wheatly Chancel Choir



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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

Risen One,...Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

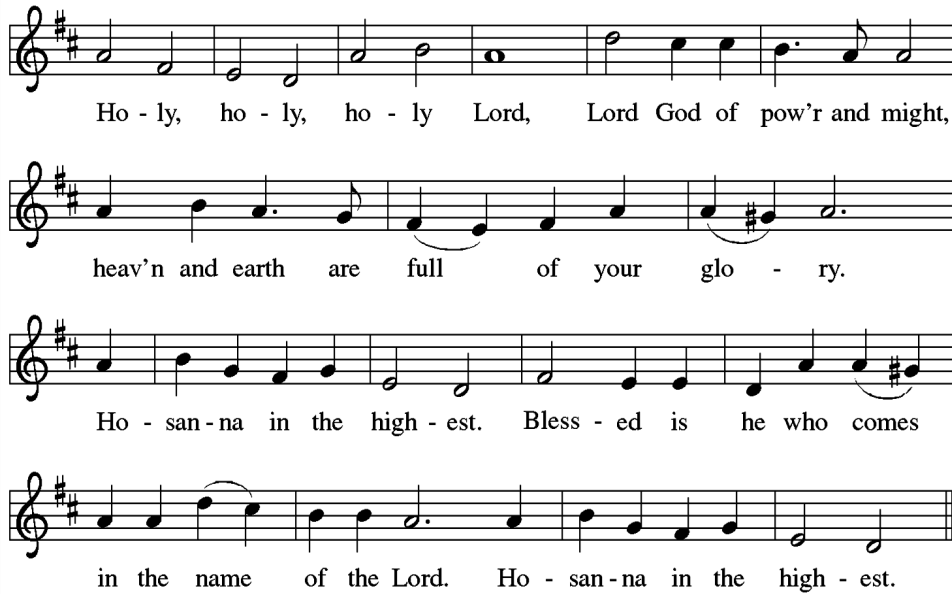
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion

Invitation to Holy Communion

- ◆ **ALL** are welcome at the Lord's Table at whatever age and wherever one might be spiritually. An usher will invite each row forward. Please take an empty cup from the tray held by an usher.
- ◆ **Wine** (pink) is poured from the first chalice and **grape juice** (purple) is poured from the second.
- ◆ **Gluten-free wafers** are available, simply request it from the bread server.
- ◆ Please inform an usher if you wish to have communion brought to your seat by the bread and wine servers.
- ◆ Those not communing may remain seated or may come forward and will receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the bread server.
- ◆ For those wishing to commune individually in their seats or at home, elements are available in the narthex.

Music for Communion

1. "Lamb of God"

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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.

2. "I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW 661

3. "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

ELW 403

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
† bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune on ‘The Day of Resurrection’”, Jason Payne

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*Everyone listed here is important to a person of the congregation. Please include them in your prayers throughout the week so that they know and feel God's presence. Please review the prayer list and provide updates to the church office. **Names will begin to rotate off the Prayer List if they have been there for 30 days without an update or request to remain on the list.***

Announcements

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are provided by Michael Misulich in memory of Kevin Webster.

Slips for Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

For those wishing to share any joys, concerns, or announcements in worship, there are slips available to use to communicate them to the pastor. They are located on a table to one's right at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Fellowship Following Worship Today

Giving thanks to our Community Outreach Team for providing the refreshments today. All are invited to share in the free will bake offerings. Proceeds will go to the Neighbor's In Need fund.

Upcoming Opportunities

Spring Clean Up!!

It's that time again! **Spring clean up is back on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am till noon!** We need volunteers, rakes, and wheelbarrows to help spruce up our islands and general property. Our Scout Troop 995 will be on hand to help as well. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please see Rich Clark if you have any questions.



May Blood Drive!

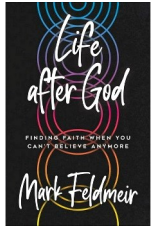
Our next blood drive will be held on **May 6th from 1:00-5:00 pm**. Anyone who donated last time is eligible to donate. This will be the **2nd Annual Judy Barnes Memorial Blood Drive** hosted by Gloria Dei! Please sign up using the link below. Feel free to invite friends and family to honor Judy who was a blood recipient.



Here's the link: <https://calendly.com/luminishealthdrives/gloria-dei-bd>

New Book Study!!!

"Life After God: Finding Faith when you Can't Believe Anymore" by Mark Feldmeir.



There are millions of people for whom the traditional ways of speaking about God or understanding God, no longer work. Reconciling the current state of our world with the all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving God we were taught about in Sunday School can be problematic. This little book addresses these questions and more.

The meetings will be in the parlor on Wednesdays, **May 8, 15, 22, and 29th at 3:30 pm and will be led by Susan Coale. The books are available in the office for \$20.**

Food Trucks & Live Music!

Join us to enjoy the food and listen to the music by School of Rock

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Save the dates

May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11

Time: 5pm - 7pm

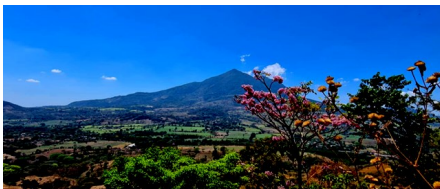


2024 Synod Assembly

The 37th annual Assembly of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA will meet **Friday, June 7 through Saturday, June 8, 2024. The Synod Assembly will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, MD.** We can send 4 people, so please let Pastor Robin know if you are interested. You can visit the [website](#) for more information.

The Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival

The Annapolis Pride Parade and Festival is **Saturday, June 1st**. Gloria Dei! will be participating in the parade this year with St. Martin's, Joy Reigns and Christ Lutheran in Millersville. We will even make a float! If you may be interested in working on the float, walking the route with the group or have any questions, please see Sue Stubbs, Susan Denvir, or the church office at 410-544-3799 or office@gloriadei.org. We'd love to have a large group like prior years.



Mission Trip to El Salvador - Save the Date!

Mission trip to El Salvador to visit our sister church and the school in Cabañitis on **July 9 to 16**. We will also explore the beauty and history of El Salvador. If you are interested, talk to Dolly White, Kathy Hays, or the church office at 410-544-3799 or office@gloriadei.org.

Graduating Seniors!

Attention all high school and college seniors (or parents) please contact Cathy in the church office at 410-544-3799 or send an e-mail to office@gloriadei.org to let us know the school you are graduating from and what your plans are after school. This information will be in our June newsletter. **Please let us know by May 31st!!!** Don't be left out! Let us hear from you!



The Church Picnic is Coming! Save the Date!

The picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 9** following our 10:00 am worship service. It will be held in the fellowship hall and the area behind the hall. This is also Youth Sunday and includes children's activities arranged by Pam Milazzo and the Faith Formation Committee. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those attending. Anyone with grills (need 2 or 3) that we can use and/or wishing to volunteer for grilling duties should contact Charlie King (410-279-4055 or cking@gastrohealth.com) or Jeena Varghese (201-888-0452 or jeenadale@yahoo.com).



We looking forward to seeing everyone there!



SAVE THE DATE!!
GLORIA DEI'S 2ND ANNUAL FAITH AND FUN CARNIVAL

For the Children and Youth to enjoy during the Church Picnic

**YOUTH SUNDAY, JUNE 9th
GAMES! FOOD! PRIZES!
ALL ARE WELCOME
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED,
BEGINNING IN MAY.
SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

For more information, contact Pam Milazzo at 908-463-5690 or by email at pam.milazzo@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATES!!

AUGUST 12th - 16th

Preschool through Grade 5

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS

Spread the Word! Tell your Neighbors and Friends!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Volunteers are needed in a variety of positions, not just teaching. We encourage our Youth to volunteer as well. Sign-Up Sheet is in the Narthex. For More Information contact Pam Milazzo at (908) 463-5690 or by email at pam.milazzo@gmail.com

Let's Work Together to Make This Happen!

Flower Sale Initial Results

A HUGE thank you to all who ordered this year, and even bigger thanks to the flower sale crew who were at Gloria Dei! by 6 am to off load 203 flats and baskets and then fill orders for everyone.

We had a successful Flower Sale pick-up with 50 orders totaling just under \$6,000. There are leftovers on the tables in the narthex that are available to everyone.

Price lists and money baskets are on the tables. If you have any questions, please see Michelle Shiffler.



This event would not be possible without the dedicated support of this congregation.

Change in Office Hours

Due to the collapse of the Key Bridge and the subsequent traffic issues with the Bay Bridge, we have adjusted the hours of the office. **The hours of operation are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday.** This is not the admin, Cathy, scheduled hours, so if you if you have any questions please reach out to the office at 410-544-3799 or office@gloriadei.org.



Volunteering

Spring is here and it's time to hop or leap into Volunteering.....

Signup for April 7 thru June 30, 2024 Services is on-line. As always thanks to all past, present and future worship service volunteers, literally could not do it without you!!!!

That's right Spring is just around the corner. The typical ways to sign up are listed below in the "EZ sign up options" list.

Here are the EZ Signup options:

- Please contact Dave Anderson if you are able to help out at dpande1991@gmail.com or call/text 443-454-6325.
- Simply sign up directly using Signup Genius. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45A5AA2BA6FF2-48819886-gdlcspring>
- Grab Dave by the ear before or after service and let him know you'd like to sign up!
- Add your name to a list to volunteer on an "as needed basis" on a given Sunday.

Upcoming Opportunities in our Area

Arundel Vocal Arts Society Concert

May 17, 7:30pm and May 19, 3pm:

Considering Matthew Shepard

Arundel Vocal Arts Society and the choirs at AA Community College will be performing at the Kauffman Center - Paschal Theater on the campus of AA Community College.

For tickets, see <https://arundelvocalarts.org/upcoming-concerts-performances/purchase-tickets/> or use the included QR code.



USNA Hymn Sing

Come enjoy an old fashioned hymn sing on May 3 at 7pm! Monte Maxwell, Chapel Organist and Director of Chapel Music, will accompany hymns, requested by the audience, on the organ and the piano. Free; at the USNA Chapel.



Volunteers for Worship

10:00am Service

Greeters: Cheri Reed & Jan Bell

Ushers: Dan Fisher & Jim Burns

Reader: Mary O'Connor

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April Attendance and Offering Totals

April	Online Totals	In Person Attendance	Total Offerings	2023 Total Offerings
Wk1	222	100	\$5,069.18	\$13,132.61
Wk2	153	110	\$13,318.01	\$9,087.62 (Easter)
Wk3		94	\$4,762.50	\$6,694.76
Wk4				\$5,473.65
				\$6,738.78
Total	375	304	\$23,149.69	\$41,127.42

The Bishop's Blotter

reflections from the Rev. William J. Gohl Jr.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

By this week, this Easter call and response feels a bit tiresome. The lilies have lost their last petals. The drape on the cross has become a bit limp and dusty. It's hard to keep up Easter Sunday energy as the rest of the world has moved on and all but forgotten the resurrection we celebrated so grandly just a month ago.

Last week, I was at Mar-Lu-Ridge, and I ran into a pastor friend and asked how her Easter, her first in a new congregation, had been. Her son, whom I've known since the day he was born, seized the moment and said, "I hate to correct you (he didn't hate it), but it's still Easter!"

How soon I forget! How quickly we throw in the towel! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! is the cornerstone of our Christian identity and calling. These nine words make possible, and even make necessary, all the other words I speak about Jesus Christ and the love of God.



Without this declaration - Christ is risen! - there would be no foundation to our life and ministry together. The things we do would still be good things, of course. It is good to support shelters and food shelves. It is generous to collect cookie and socks for seafarers. It is important to create safe places for kids to come and build strong relationships. It is healthy to gather together and live in community. But, without the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise we've received in our baptisms to share in his victory over death, these things could all be done just as well at the local community center.

Over these last weeks, we have heard the ongoing witness of Jesus' resurrection. The testimony of the disciples, and their sometimes fleeing encounters with the risen Lord Jesus, reminds us of the splendid truth of that Jesus lives.

As we continue to confess, celebrate, and proclaim the resurrection during these last weeks of the Easter season, we do so with the risen and living Lord Jesus, still busy loving, forgiving, and equipping us to be the church, the body of Christ alive in the world. Alleluia, indeed!

That Easter smarty pants with me is Joseph Dubsky, son of Pastor Michael Dubsky and Pastor Kristin Hoyer!

On The Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 28 - 5th Sunday of Easter	
9 - 9:45am	Faith Formation: Sunday School, Rm F/Confirmation Class, Rm D
9 - 9:35am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10 - 11am	Worship with Holy Communion & Boyer Baptism: in-person, FB, YT
11 - 11:30am	Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Monday, April 29	
9 - 11am	Chores "n" More, Counselor's Office
Tuesday, April 30	
4:30 - 7:30pm	Paws and Possibilities, FH
Wednesday, May 1 - Philip and James, Apostles	
9 - 11am	Chores "n" More, Counselor's Office
10am - 3pm	Quilters for Hospice and LWR, Rm F and Quilting Rm E
3:30 - 4:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Parlor
6 - 9pm	Troop 995, FH
7 - 8:15pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA), Rm F
7:30 - 9:30pm	AVAS, Sanctuary
Thursday, May 2	
10 - 11am	Alliance Francaise of Annapolis, Rm F
4:30 - 7:30pm	Paws and Possibilities, FH
4:30 - 5:30pm	Girl Scout Troop 4073 , Rm F and D
7 - 8pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7 - 8pm	Tanglewood 1 HOA, Rm F
7 - 9pm	BBSC, Rm C
Friday, May 3	
9 - 11am	Chores "n" More, Counselor's Office
10am - 3pm	Quilters for Hospice and LWR, Rm F, Quilting Rm E
4 - 6pm	Troop 4172, FH
7pm	Annual USNA Hymn Sing, free, at the USNA Chapel
Saturday, May 4	
9am - 12pm	Spring Clean Up, Parking Lot Islands and General Property
10 - 11am	Al Anon, FH
Sunday, May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter	
9 - 9:45am	Faith Formation: Sunday School, Rm F/Confirmation Class, Rm D
9 - 9:35am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10 - 11am	Worship with Holy Communion: in-person, FB, YT
11 - 11:30am	Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
1 - 5pm	SU 644, FH and Fire Pit

Gloria Dei! Information

Our Mission:

To be the hands and heart of Jesus for one another, for our community, and for the world.

Our Vision: We will...

Love all as God's beloved.

Grow always in Spirit-led faith.

Serve all in need following the example of Jesus.

Welcome all wherever one is spiritually or whatever one's family looks like.

Support all through faith-filled relationships.



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