The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024



Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

Our Communion Practice

If you are a visitor with us today, we are glad that you're here! We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship today. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, we ask that you speak with Pastor Shrimpton or one of the ushers before doing so.

God requires that we only commune with those with whom we share complete agreement in God's Word (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) and makes us responsible for ensuring that those whom commune know exactly what God teaches lest people commune to their spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). Because of this, we ask that any visitors who are not a member of one of our sister congregations give us the opportunity to compare what we teach with your faith to ensure that we are in complete agreement before you commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Shrimpton after worship for more information.

The Theme of Today's Worship

A platitude is a statement aimed at helping sooth some sort of emotional unease. "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Or "Life is a mystery." Or "Good things come to those who wait." While platitudes may be well-intentioned, at best they come off as trite. And since platitudes provide no real help, they can actually make a situation worse. Tell the one whose heart is shattering, "Life is a mystery." They won't appreciate your platitude or you.

The resurrection gives believers the ability to offer more than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. The reality is we have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Accompanists	Kathy Lee
Ushers	Rick Huntington and Steve Powers
Communion Assistant	Mark Baushke
Altar Preparation	Mirna Hansen
Sunday School Teacher	Paul Mueller
Coffee Hour Host	Nicole Bushey

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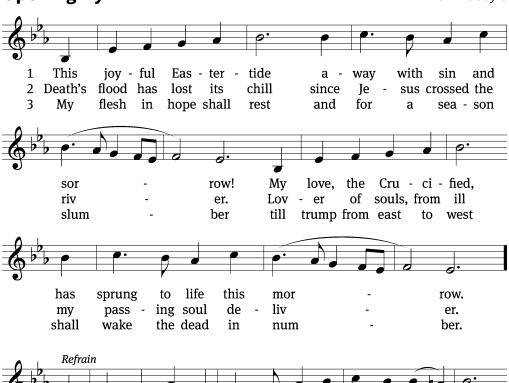


The Service

Setting Two

Opening Hymn

449 This Joyful Eastertide





Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris -



but now has Christ a - ris - en, a our faith had been in vain:



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Please stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**[†]

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

^{*}We are born into this world with a deep need for confession. We come as sinners before the holy God who demands perfection from us. We come asking for his forgiveness, trusting in his promises to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' life and death in our place.

[†] Psalm 32:1-2

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.



Kyrie

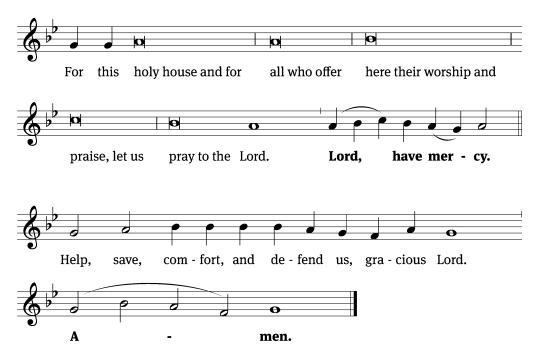




For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





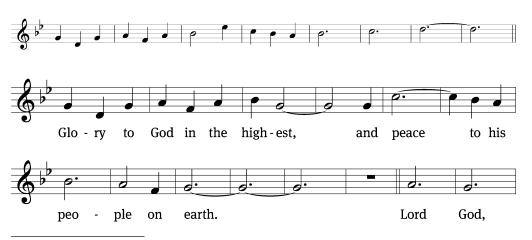


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Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis*

The choir will support this new setting of the Gloria. The congregation is welcome to join with the choir as you feel comfortable.



^{*} This song borrows the words of the angels as they proclaimed the birth of the Savior to the shepherds (**Luke 2:14**). This song's traditional name, *Gloria in Excelsis*, is a Latin phrase meaning "glory in the highest."





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The Word

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading Acts 3:11–20

Peter healed a crippled beggar, drawing a large crowd. Peter used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about the one the people of Jerusalem asked Pilate to crucify.

hile the man held on to Peter and John, all the people came running toward them in utter amazement in the area called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹²When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us, as if by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and disowned in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you. ¹⁵You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶And on the basis of faith in his name, it is the name of Jesus that has strengthened this man, whom you see and know. This faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"Now brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just like your leaders. ¹⁸But in this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through the mouth of all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Therefore repent and return to have your sins wiped out, ²⁰so that refreshing times may come from the presence of the Lord and that he may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150B









Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
praise him in his mighty / heavens.
Praise him for his acts of / power;
praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet, praise him with the / harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and / dancing, praise him with the / strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of / cymbals, praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*





Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.

Praise / the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

1 John 1:5-2:2

St. John summarizes the meaningful message we have heard and been called to declare: God is light.

his is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

^{2:1}My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel Luke 24:36–49

The risen Savior gives us peace. He also gives us a mission. We are to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.

s they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³He took it and ate in front of them. ⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

^{*} We stand out of respect for the words and account of the life of our Savior and King, Jesus.

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

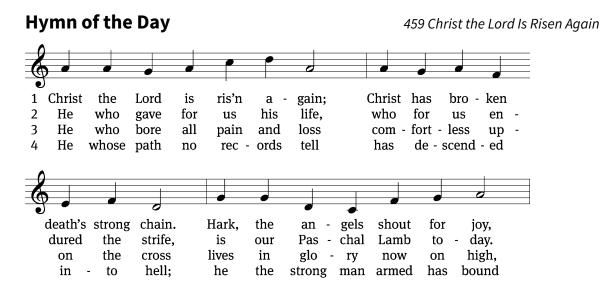
The Gospel of the Lord.

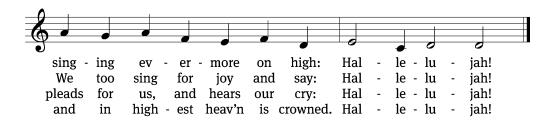
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.





- 5 He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.

 Hallelujah!
- Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiv'n, how we, too, may enter heav'n.

 Hallelujah!

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Sermon

You Are Witnesses

Luke 24:36-49

Please stand

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

^{*} The Apostles' Creed is an ancient confession of faith in the Christian church and is one of three nearly-ubiquitous confessions throughout Christendom. While not written by the apostles, it serves as a summary of their teaching.

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit www.gdluth.org/giving.



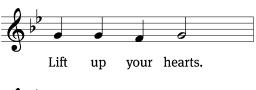
If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

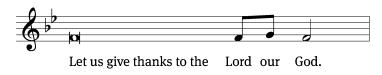
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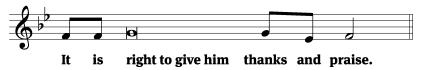
Preface*











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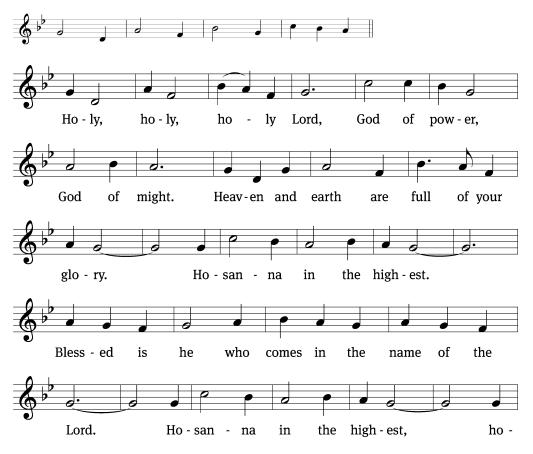
^{*} The words of the Preface are the least changed liturgical text of the Christian church, dating back to at least 200 AD. They are spoken as joyous words that anticipate the forthcoming reception of the Lord's Supper.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus*

The choir will support this new setting of the Sanctus. The congregation is welcome to join with the choir as you feel comfortable.



^{*} We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means,

[&]quot;Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, Sanctus, is the Latin word for Holy.



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

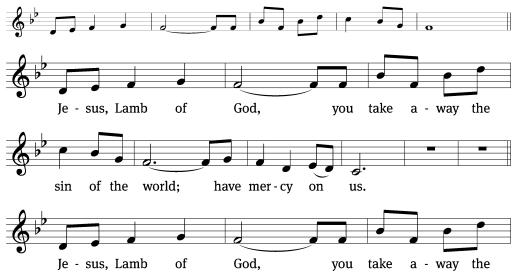
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

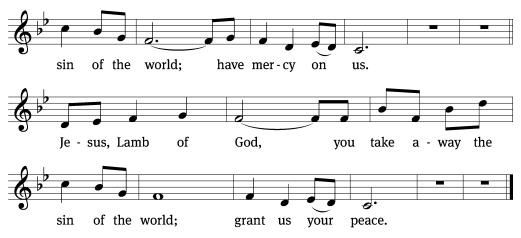
Agnus Dei†

The choir will support this new setting of the Agnus Dei. The congregation is welcome to join with the choir as you feel comfortable.



^{*} This is no symbolic meal nor were Jesus' directions a parable. As his last will and testament, Jesus' direction on the Lord's Supper is clear: in a miraculous way, his true body and true blood are present with the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins won for us by his death on the cross.

[†] John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God"** (**John 1:29**), the long-promised, perfect sacrifice for sin. The traditional name of this song, *Agnus Dei*, is the Latin phrase *Lamb of God*.



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Be seated

Distribution

To our guests: please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

Those communing with us today should follow the ushers' direction to come forward via the center aisle and return to their seats by the side aisles.

Please stand

Thanksgiving

816 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus





- I am trusting you for power;
 you can never fail.
 Words which you yourself shall give me
- I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.I am trusting you forever and for all.

must prevail.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing[‡]

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

^{*} These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see **Psalm 118:1**.

^{† 1} Corinthians 11:26

[‡] The closing blessing of the service follows the pattern of the blessing that God gave to his Old Testament people in **Numbers 6:22-27**.



- 5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.
 A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
 Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes that he his foes from death might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
no story so divine,
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend!

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Calendar & Announcements

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Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans] Worship Coffee Hour Catechism Class	10:30 am 11:30 am
Tuesday In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke] Bible Information Class	4:30 pm
Thursday Senior Care Center Worship Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]	10:00 am
Next Sunday Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Romans] Worship Coffee Hour Catechism Class	10:30 am 11:30 am

Tree of Life Bible Camp

July 7-13

Tree of Life Bible Camp, our church body's weeklong summer camp for kids in 4th grade through seniors in high school will be held this July from the 7th through the 13th. The camp features a ton of fun outdoor activities and plenty of time in God's Word for our young men and women to grow in their faith.

If you have children in your family in that age group and/or are interested in volunteering for the week to help make the camp work the best it can be, please visit https://treeoflifebible-camp.org or speak with Tim Mann or Pastor Shrimpton.

Every Member Visits

Pastor Shrimpton is making a new round of visits and would like to touch base with each member family in the congregation. These visits can take place in your home, at church, at a coffee shop, or online—whatever would be easiest and best for you and your family. You should have received an email early in the week with a link to schedule these visits, but you can also scan the code at the right to do so from your mobile device. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.



Bible Information Classes Available

If you are new to the Christian faith, new to Gloria Dei, or just want to review what the Bible teaches, Pastor Shrimpton offers Bible Information Classes as requested to review the teachings of the Bible. If you would like more information on these classes, please email Pastor Shrimpton at pastor@gdluth.org.

Text Messages Reminders from Gloria Dei

We have added the ability to send out brief text message reminders ahead of worship services, classes, or meetings as a light reminder. Those that are already signed up have said they really appreciate it as a way to stay connected to the events of the congregation, and through that, our Savior's Word. To register you can go to this address (http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/texting) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.





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