# The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 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 to worship today who are not members of one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) refrain from taking the Lord's Supper today.

## The Theme of Today's Worship

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

# **Serving Today**

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Accompanist	Kathy Lee
Ushers	Mark Baushke and Daniel Donovan
Communion Assistant	Steve Hansen
Altar Preparation	Mirna Hansen
Sunday School Teacher	Kathy Lee
Coffee Hour Host	The Donovan Family

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# The Service

# American Hymn Tunes

# **Opening Hymn**

680 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



- 1 Bap-tized in to your name most ho ly, O Fa ther, Son, and
- 2 My lov-ing Fa ther, there you took me to be hence-forth your
- 3 My faith-ful God, you fail me nev-er; your prom-ise sure ly
- 4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— re-ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I child and heir. Mi will en - dure. Co Lord, from me. Le

I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me O cast me not a - way for - ev - er Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. the fruit of all your sor - rows share. if words and deeds be-come im - pure. help me your faith - ful child to be!

Bur - ied with Christ and O Ho - ly Spir - it, Have mer - cy when I Let noth-ing that I



dead to sin, com - fort me come de - filed; am or own

your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
when threat-'ning clouds a - round I see.
for - give, lift up, re - store your child.
serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

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#### Invocation\*

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

Amen.

#### Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

<sup>\*</sup> The service begins in the name of the Triune God, the God into whose family we have been adopted through baptism.

<sup>†</sup> Luther's Small Catechism, Baptism, Part 4

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

# **Sacrament of Baptism**

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost? **Yes, I believe.** 

Do you believe that the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—planned and carried out your salvation?

Yes, I believe.

Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism? **Yes, I believe.** 

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? **Yes, I do.** 

Do you desire to be baptized into the Christian faith? **Yes, I do.** 

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

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Nysha as your own daughter and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# The Word

#### **Salutation**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

**First Reading** Isaiah 40:27-31

When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

hy do you speak, O Jacob? O Israel, why do you say, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and justice for me is ignored by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the eternal God.

He is the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary.

No one can find a limit to his understanding.

<sup>29</sup>He is the one who gives strength to the weak, and he increases the strength of those who lack power.

<sup>30</sup>Young men grow tired and become weary.

Even strong men stumble and fall.

<sup>31</sup>But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength.

They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles.

They will run and not become weary.

They will walk and not become tired.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.





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Second Reading 1 Peter 5:6-11

Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.

herefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

<sup>10</sup>After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand



Isaiah 40:31



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Gospel Mark 1:29-39

The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.

hey left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup>Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup>He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup>The whole town gathered at the door. <sup>34</sup>He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. <sup>36</sup>Simon and his companions searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup>He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." <sup>39</sup>Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

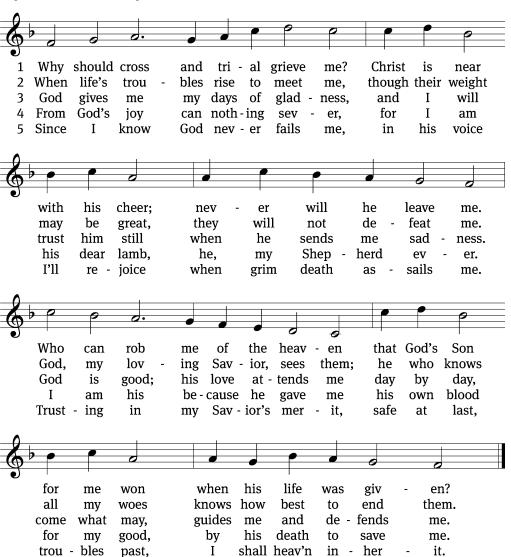
The Gospel of the Lord.

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.



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Isaiah 40:27-31

Please stand

# **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
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

# **Reception of New Members**

Friends in Christ,

After a review and instruction in the teachings of the Bible and our Lutheran church, you have requested to become members of this congregation. You have come to worship

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

today to confess your unity with us and to take your place as a part of this faith community. I now ask you:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.

#### I do.

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and this congregation, as you have come to know them, are faithful to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

#### I do.

Do you desire to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life as the Lord gives you strength? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

#### I do, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your desire to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts? If so, answer: It is, and I ask God to help me.

#### It is, and I ask God to help me.

With sincere joy we welcome you as members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Brothers and sisters,

As we welcome Nysha and Jack to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep them in your minds, hold them in your hearts, and pray for them again and again. Show them the face of friendship and offer them a hand of support. Encourage them with your "works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

The peace of Christ be with us all. Amen.

# **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Gracious Father, we thank you for leading [name(s)] to desire to become a member(s) of our congregation and for giving them joy to confess their faith to us. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts in a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Keep us devoted to them and their spiritual well-being.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **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 <a href="https://www.gdluth.org/giving">www.gdluth.org/giving</a> or scan the code to the right.



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.

# **The Sacrament**

### Preface\*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

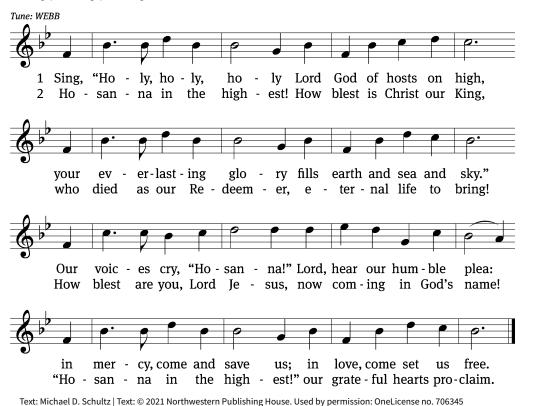
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> 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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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\*



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

<sup>\*</sup> We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, Sanctus, is the Latin word for Holy.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

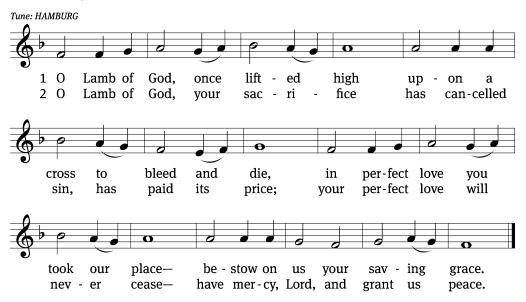
#### **Words of Institution\***

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.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> 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.



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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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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*.

# **Thanksgiving**

800 How Firm a Foundation, s. 1-2, 5



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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.

<sup>\*</sup> These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see **Psalm 118:1**.

<sup>† 1</sup> Corinthians 11:26

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.

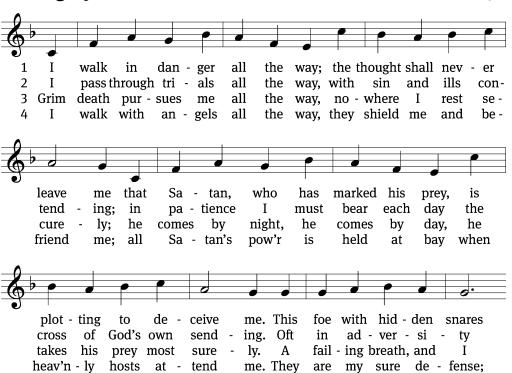
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

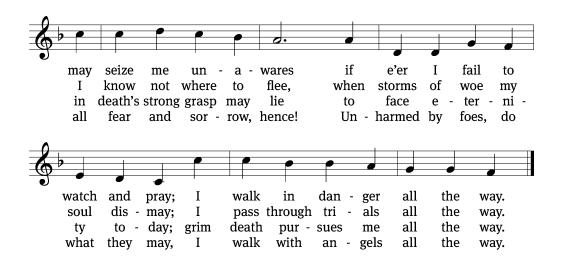
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

# **Closing Hymn**

836 I Walk in Danger All the Way





- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,
  his guidance never fails me;
  within his wounds I find a stay
  when Satan's pow'r assails me;
  and by his footsteps led,
  my path I safely tread.
  No evil leads my soul astray;
  I walk with Jesus all the way.
  - Text: tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.; Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1708, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen Text and tune: Public domain
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; await, my soul, the morrow, when you at last with joy can say farewell to sin and sorrow.
  All worldly pomp, begone!
  To heav'n I now press on.
  For all the world I would not stay; my walk is heav'nward all the way.

# **Calendar & Announcements**

## Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Choir Practice	12:00 pm
Catechism Class	12:00 pm
Tuesday	
In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	10:30 am
Bible Information Class	4:30 pm
Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	7:30 pm
Thursday	
Senior Care Center Worship Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]	10:00 am
Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
Next Sunday	
Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]	9:15 am
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Coffee Hour	11:30 am
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Catechism Class	12:00 pm

#### **Different Midweek Lent Service Schedule**

Beginning February 14

This year we are experimenting with a different setup for our Wednesday Lenten services. We will once again be partering with our brothers and sisters at Peace in Santa Clara, but **we will exclusively hold in-person worship in Santa Clara, NOT in Belmont**. Pastor Chung and Pastor Shrimpton will share preaching roles during these midweek services.

We encourage everyone that is able to join in-person for these services in Santa Clara. If you cannot make it to Santa Clara on Wednesday evenings, the services will be live streamed as well and resources will be provided for that as they are for Sunday services.

Note: In this arrangment, our Holy Week schedule will not change. We will still have Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services in Belmont. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14.

## **Congregational Voters' Meeting**

February 18, 12pm

Our next congregational voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18 at 12pm (or as close to that after worship as we can). All members of Gloria Dei are encouraged to attend to get an update on our ministry plans and share any thoguhts or ideas you might have for the future work we embark on together. If you have any items that you would like to have brought up for that meeting, please let Pastor Shrimpton or Steve Hansen know.

If you cannot attend in person but would be able to connect online via Zoom, please let Pastor Shrimpton know before the 18th so that we can make arrangements to have the necessary equipment setup and running for the meeting.

## **Every Member Visits**

As we start a new year, Pastor Shrimpton would like to begin a new round of visits with every member. 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.





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