



Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 6)

ECS Sunday

Ministry Assistants Today

Lector: *Omega Moore*

Intercessor: *Charles Moore*

Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

Altar Guild: *Christine Pickup*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Ministry Assistants June 21

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Usher: *Jim Ufheil*

Altar Guild: *Jeanette Woehr*

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Welcome to Ordinary Time at Gloria Dei

The green cloth on the Altar today is a reminder that we have entered the season of "Ordinary Time." As you may remember, this term comes from the Latin word for counting - because we count the Sundays from Pentecost until Advent. The green is also a reminder of our call to growth during this long season. While growth is most noticeable during the dramatic moments of life, the most significant formation tends to happen slowly in the ordinary moments – and God is calling us to grow in love at all times. Throughout this season, we will also be focusing on the Old Testament passages, asking how these ancient texts, and the characters we encounter within them, might call us to continued growth. As we will see, God has been at work for thousands of years, telling a grand story of redemption, healing, and growth – and we are invited to recognize our lives as the latest chapter in God's story.

About Episcopal Community Services

Today, churches throughout our diocese celebrate and pray for the work of Episcopal Community Services (ECS). ECS is a 156-year-old agency founded by the Diocese of Pennsylvania. While ECS is now an independent nonprofit organization, it continues to work closely with the Diocese and local parishes to strengthen communities and expand opportunity throughout Philadelphia. Through shared values, parish outreach, and a dedicated chaplain, ECS connects faith with service. The Mission of ECS is to challenge intergenerational poverty through programs and services supported by a place-based strategy and coaching model. This equips each participant to develop key skills, achieve independence, and maintain a sense of dignity. ECS now operates primarily out of the St. Barnabas Community Resource Center, at 6006 W. Girard Ave in West Philly.

Prelude

Opening Hymn # 401

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(The congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Charles Moore

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

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They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.
O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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Gospel Reading

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (9:35-10:8)**
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Micklewright

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he
is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Ordinary Time 2026 – Prayers of the People

Omega Moore

Celebrant Beloved people of Gloria Dei: We have gathered to celebrate God's perfect love for us, and for all of creation. As we seek to reflect that love in both unity and diversity, let us pray for the needs of our community and the world around us. *(Silence)*

Intercessor For believers around the world and across time, each worshipping God in their own language and traditions;

People **That we might be known by our love for God and for one another.** *(Silence)*

Intercessor For America, and all the nations of the world, especially those plagued by violence, corruption, or any other turmoil;

People **That God's justice and peace might flourish in every corner of the earth.** (Silence)

Intercessor For our leaders and those in authority: in the church... in our community... and across our country;

People **That they might show wisdom, humility, and integrity in all they do.** (Silence)

Intercessor For all God's creatures throughout this beautiful and fragile world that God has entrusted to us;

People **That we might be responsible and creative caretakers.** (Silence)

Intercessor For the staff and volunteers at Episcopal Community Services, and their work to respect the dignity of every human being while building bridges out of poverty.

People **That all God's beloved children may have opportunities to flourish.** (Silence)

Intercessor For the needs of this community, and for all who face suffering or distress. Today we pray especially for:

People **Frank, Karen, Heather, Sara, John, Erica, Elia, Eulogio, Sheila, Amy, William, Betty, Dina, Beth, Thomassina, Julie, Denise, Jason, Peggy, Joanna, Mark, Margie, Bonnie, Keith, Connie, and Jack.** (Long silence; additional names may be spoken aloud)

Intercessor For those who have died, and for all who grieve;

People **That we might look with hope to the resurrection.** (Long silence for names to be added)

Celebrant Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: Fill us anew, each day, with the wonder of your beauty. Grant us eyes to see how you are working for the redemption of this world. Give us grace and faith to follow where you call us. All this we pray in faith, hope and love. **Amen**

Confession, Absolution, and Peace

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God. (silence)

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** (Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)

Pre-Offertory Hymn # 495

Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal 1982

Offertory Sentence

How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
-Psalm 116:10-12

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are to be responsible stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests are welcome to support our work of worship, ministry, and preservation - but should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing the following song of thanksgiving.

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Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above all heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion –Eucharistic Prayer 3 (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God, through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb of creation; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Flowingly

Paul Fejko

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Po - wer and might, Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est, ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all; your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

(continued...)

Celebrant And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Instrumental Hymn # 424

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymnal 1982

*Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community.
Therefore, all are welcome at this table - including children!*

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available – just hold up one finger to receive either of these alternative elements. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. If you wish to receive the cup, you may drink or dip your wafer; it is also okay to receive the wafer only – we believe that Jesus is fully present in each of the elements of communion. If you prefer not to receive, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.



Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us stand and pray together the post communion prayer.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Closing Collect

Celebrant As we close, please join me in praying for the ministry of Episcopal Community Services.

People **Gracious and loving God, we thank you for Episcopal Community Services and its faithful work to uphold dignity, justice, and community. Strengthen all who labor to break the cycle of poverty, and empower each person to live with hope and purpose. Guide us as we build a world where all people are valued and every community can flourish. Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 535

Ye Servants of God

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

***All are invited to listen to the postlude,
and then to join us for a time of fellowship in Riverside Hall.***

More about the work of ECS

- **The agency has four primary values:** dignity, justice, community, and impact.
- **ECS' work helps** to address family and financial stability, health and wellness, education and training, and employment and career. These areas of focus are pillars offering support to a "Bridge to Prosperity".
- **Operations are now at its St. Barnabas Community Resource Center**, formerly St. Barnabas Mission, a women and children's shelter, 6006 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151. The Old St. Paul's Church on 3rd Street, a longtime location for ECS, was returned to the Diocese in July '25. This allowed ECS to focus on serving the West Philadelphia community surrounding St. Barnabas in a more impactful way.
- **ECS' Health & Wellness** offerings include an Open Choice Pantry that is open Tuesday-Friday, 11am-3pm, where individuals can come every 2 weeks and shop for themselves and their households. Other Health and Wellness offerings are parenting coaching and workshops, nutrition instructions and healthy meals for the community, and health screenings with partnerships that include Drexel nursing, Better Together for West Philadelphia H.E.A.L.S. program, and Malvern Health help to support both physical and mental health.
- **ECS' Housing Department** assists those who are unhoused and those needing other forms of housing assistance. Referred participants from organizational partners and government agencies receive 12-month housing subsidy and the support of an ECS housing stabilization coach.
- **ECS' MindSet Program**, is part of the agency's Opportunity Development Department. Established in 2019, MindSet is an innovative, 5-7 multi-year program, helping individuals achieve educational and career development and financial stability through a coaching model. The program includes a variety of support systems and incentives to foster trust and self-assuredness among the participants.
- **ECS' Inclusion & Advocacy Department** has 3 lead issues-Racial Equity, A Living Wage, and the Benefits Cliff. I&A also partners on important issues such as gun violence prevention. I&A has a faith-based opportunity called Just/Now. Members receive regular policy updates, particularly focused on state and local matters, opportunities to engage in educational programming, and other ways to engage with ECS.
- **ECS' Out of School Time (OST) Program** coordinates 6 locations, 5 in Philadelphia and 1 in Darby. Skilled and caring staff utilize an quality curriculum that helps the student develop self-confidence, hone important leadership skills, and ensure that they can problem-solve and strategize. ECS' year-round commitment to more than 800 youth in OST after-school programming also allows the students' parents to work without concern for their children's quality of care and safety.

Scan the QR Code to support ECS





Upcoming Events at Gloria Dei

Parish Vision Day – Sunday, June 14 after the service

The Vestry has recently been engaging in conversations about our identity and our vision for the coming years – and now you are invited to join the conversation! After the service we will gather in the hall for a meal, and discuss together who God is calling us to be, and what our focus should be over the next 3-5 years.

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer on Zoom – Every Monday at 9:00am

Start your week with a short time of community, discussion, prayer, and Scripture; all are welcome.
Meeting ID: 748 3341 8409 Passcode: 8C3fDK

Musical Meditation – on summer hiatus until September 15th!

After Labor Day, look for the return of our Musical Meditation service, which includes communal drumming, silence, group reflection on scripture, and performances by musically talented members.

Summer Book Group & Bible Study – Tuesdays at 6pm (*full schedule on website*)

For five weeks this summer, we will be exploring the stories of some of the great women of the Old Testament (Eve, Hagar, Bathsheba, etc...). For this discussion series, we will be drawing on the wisdom and insight of the book *Womanist Midrash*, by Episcopal priest and biblical scholar Wil Gafney. Rev. Gafney's approach to Scripture is imaginative, inclusive, and liberating, helping to highlight people and perspectives that are too often overlooked. A schedule of readings and discussion topics is available on the website. That said, you don't have to keep up with the reading (or attend all of the sessions)! Come as you are and join in what is sure to be engaging conversation. Participate in person or on Zoom (Meeting ID: 870 6901 5735; Passcode: 299377; link on website).

Lunch Packing Outreach – June 21 & July 26

Our Missions Committee has been doing great work to care for people in need in our surrounding communities. Please join us after services to pack lunches for Prevention Point (a ministry in Kensington). *Donations of the following items are always welcomed: paper lunch bags, paper sandwich bags, individually wrapped candies & individually bagged chips. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.*

Jazz & Joe – Thursday, June 25 from 7:30 – 9:30pm. *Last performance until September!*

Jazz & Joe is a "coffee-house" style venue featuring a local group of jazz musicians. Active listening and quiet conversation is welcome throughout the evening. Refreshments are served, and attendees are welcome to BYOB. This event is free, but donations are appreciated to help defray costs.

Construction Beginning Soon!

We're delighted that Gloria Dei Church and *Preserve Old Swedes* have received over \$1,000,000 in grants in 2025, which will support the installation of a new roof on the church, repairs to the bell, a stormwater management system and resurfaced parking lot, and more! Construction on the major projects will take place this year (and possibly beyond), and updates will be provided as plans are finalized. To get involved in our ongoing preservation efforts, talk with Rev. Chris or Amy Grant (President of *Preserve Old Swedes*). **Note: We hope to the installation of new flooring in the Riverside Kitchen start on June 15, and the Stormwater project start on the 18th.**

Missions Committee Meetings – Wednesday, July 1 at 9:00am on Zoom

Our Missions Committee meets each month on the first Wednesday to discuss our current outreach efforts and potential new opportunities. Next month we hope to make plans for collaboration with the Clare Project. New members and new ideas are always welcome. (Meeting ID: 897 2826 6283 Passcode: 098374)

Episcopal Cathedral Visioning Project – June 22 (7pm) or June 24 (1pm)

The Episcopal Cathedral for our diocese is in a strategic planning process. On Saturday, May 30, congregants along with some diocesan clergy and lay people gathered for Visioning Day as part of the inclusive model the Chapter chose. As they continue to dream, vision, and plan, they want to hear from as many people as possible. Toward this end all are invited and encouraged to join a Zoom session led by their consultant on one of these dates. Links to register are available on our website, or by contacting Rev. Chris.

Upcoming Baptism of Baby Kellen! – June 28, 10am

Join us in celebrating with the Kulp family as we baptize baby Kellen during our regular Sunday service on June 28.

About Us

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') is the oldest church in Pennsylvania, and one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the nation. While our congregation traces back to the arrival of Swedish colonists in 1638 (aboard the *Kalmar Nyckel* and the *Fogel Grip*, whose replicas hang from our ceiling), worship has been held on this site since 1677. Our church building was dedicated on June 2, 1700, and is the oldest surviving brick building in Pennsylvania. Stories about many of our early parishioners, and others buried in our graveyard, are available in our graveyard tour app (see the maps available just outside the main door).

Gloria Dei was founded as a Swedish Lutheran congregation, with many of the early ministers being sent by the Church of Sweden. However, after the American Revolution, the congregation called an Episcopal priest as an assisting minister. In 1845, the church was formally welcomed into the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and it remains an Episcopal parish to this day. However, we still honor our Swedish heritage, especially with our annual Lucia Fest, held every December for more than 85 years. The church was also recognized as a National Historic Site in 1942, and is an affiliated National Park Site under Independence National Historical Park. The open green space and the walls surrounding the church were established by the National Park Service in the 1970s.

Today, the congregation remains vibrant and active. While we are blessed with a rich history and many cherished traditions – and we work to preserve these blessings for future generations – we are not bound by tradition. Instead, we actively and creatively work to welcome the wide variety of different communities that use our space, ranging from concerts and movies in the graveyard, to dog walkers on the grounds, to weddings and performances in the church. To learn more about our current programs, please pick up an upcoming events flyer, located on the table in the back of the church, or view the *events* section on our website.

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Online Giving Available

It is possible to give to Gloria Dei on our website, www.old-swedes.org/give, or using the QR code:

