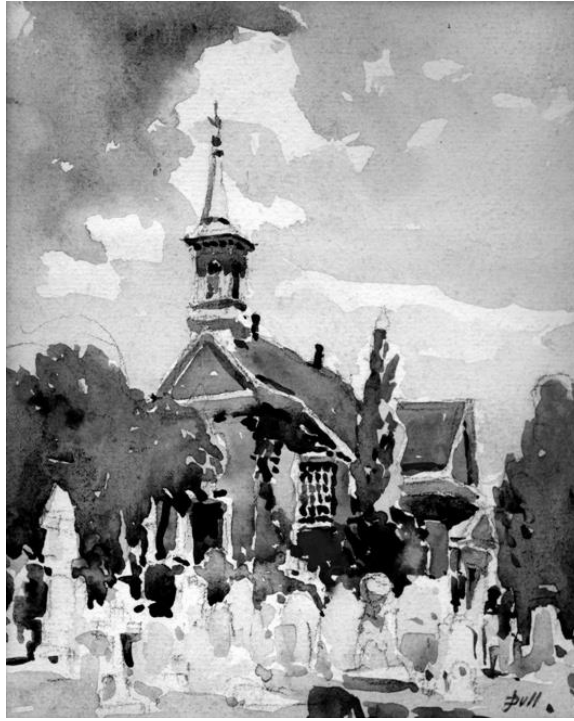




Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

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June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost & Baptism

Ministry Assistants June 28

Lector: *Seamus Stimpson*

Intercessor: *Cathy Ufheil*

Usher: *Jim Ufheil*

Altar Guild: *Rachel Armstrong*

Celebrant: *Rev. Chris Micklewright*

Ministry Assistants July 5

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Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

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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.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**
 Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
 Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**
 Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

Seamus Stimpson

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Hymn # 601

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (10:40-42)**

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

(Candidate, Parents, and Godparents come forward for the baptism)

Celebrant	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsors	We present Kellen Montgomery to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Sponsors	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Sponsors	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Sponsors	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Sponsors	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Sponsors	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Sponsors	I do.
Celebrant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Sponsors	I do.
Celebrant	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Sponsors	I do.
Celebrant	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
All	We will.

(Congregation Stands for the Baptismal Covenant and Prayers)

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
All	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All	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.
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
All	I will, with God's help
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All	I will, with God's help.

Celebrant	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
All	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
All	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
All	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Godparents

Celebrant	Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Godparents	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Godparents	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Godparents	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Godparents	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Godparents	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Godparents	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Godparents	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All	Lord, hear our prayer.
Celebrant	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

(Candidate, Sponsors, and Priest gather around the baptismal font.)

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
All	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All	It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Celebrant	We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
	We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
	Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Baptism & Anointing

Celebrant Kellen Montgomery, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Kellen Montgomery, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace, Announcements, & Offertory

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.)*

Communal Intercessions:

Celebrant Loving God, we pray for those in need in our community, and in the world around us. Today, we especially ask for your Spirit's presence, comfort and healing for:

People Wayne, Bob, Kim, Herb, 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. *(Other names may be added during a long silence...)*

Celebrant We remember also all who have died, especially **Ted Hallman**, and all who grieve.

People May light perpetual shine upon them. *(Other names may be added during a long silence...)*

Celebrant Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you."

People Let not our hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid. Amen.

Pre-Offertory Hymn # 401

God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal 1982

Offertory Sentence

We put our trust in God's mercy; our hearts are joyful because of God's saving help. We will sing to the LORD, for God has dealt with us richly; we will praise the Name of the Lord Most High. -Psalm 13:5-6

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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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 shout with joy:

Flowingly Paul Fejko

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of Po - wer and might, Heav'n and Earth are

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full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - nna in the high - est. Ble - ssed is he who comes,

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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."

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 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.
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 # 607

O God of Every Nation

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 Please stand as we pray together the post communion prayer. *(Silence)*
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.

A blessing for the congregation follows the prayer.

Closing Hymn # 579

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

Hymnal 1982

Announcements

Rev. Chris Micklewright

Sending Out Two of Our Youth

We are excited for two young people in our congregation, Navajo (Navi) Guido and Corin Micklewright, who will be embarking on a service trip this week. Navi and Corin are joining a team from the Church of the Good Samaritan (another member of our diocese) in flying to Fort Yates, North Dakota, where they will be serving and building relationships with the Lakota people on the Standing Rock Reservation. Thank you to all who have supported and encouraged Navi and Corin as they have prepared and raised funds for the trip. Please join us in praying for them throughout the next two weeks.

What is the goal of the trip?

- *To assist St. Luke's Church, the Standing Rock Episcopal Community, and Native Young Life in hosting a Vacation Bible School for elementary school students in Fort Yates, ND*
- *To provide some minor cleaning and repairs to Camp Gabriel (which dates back to the 1860's, and currently works to help churches become allies with tribal nations)*
- *To engage in cross cultural relationships and learn more about Lakota culture particularly*
- *To grow spiritually and emotionally through missional acts of service alongside peers*

Commissioning Liturgy

Celebrant: Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today, we celebrate with Navi and Corin as they go forth to share their gifts and build relationship with the people of the Standing Rock Reservation.

People: **Thanks be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(A moment of silence follows)*

All: **Look with favor upon all whom you have called, O God, especially Navi and Corin. Grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may go forth with humility, joy, and steadfast devotion. Protect them in their travels; guide them in their work; give them grace to grow in love for you, and for all who they encounter. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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



UPCOMING EVENTS at GLORIA DEI

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 – July 26 & August 30

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 – On hiatus 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 has begun on our stormwater management system!

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*).

Missions Committee Meetings – Wednesday, July 1 and August 5 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)

POWER Interfaith Center City Meeting – Tuesday, July 7, 6pm – Olivet Covenant Presbyterian Church

The July meeting of the POWER Interfaith Center City cluster will take place on Tuesday evening, July 7, at Olivet Covenant (608 N 22nd Street). All are welcome to come out for the meeting, which will include a review of a recent city-wide gathering and the ongoing development of an agenda on affordability, as well as plans for launching that agenda later this summer and work that will need to be done to implement it. Dinner will be provided.

Religious Freedom Trail

As we mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country, Interfaith Philadelphia has created a year long program centered around a new Religious Freedom Walk. This walk highlight the many sites in our city which played a significant role in establishing religious freedom as a core value in the United States – to include Gloria Dei! You can learn more about the Religious Freedom Walk, and the numerous associated events, by picking up a Passport to Understanding in the back of the church, or by visiting <https://www.interfaithphiladelphia.org/religious-freedom-then-now/>.

***We Make Philly* Campaign Launch Event – Saturday, July 25 from 3:00 – 6:00pm**

Power Interfaith believes the people who make Philadelphia strong should have a voice in shaping its future. That's why they are launching the *We Make Philly* Campaign - a citywide movement rooted in this simple truth. That means fighting for: affordable homes families can stay in, lower utility bills for everybody, every Philadelphian -especially the wealthiest- paying their fair share to fund our city. Join us as they celebrate the launch of this campaign with a true Philly-style block party: food, music, community, and the people who are building a future where every neighborhood can thrive. This is a gathering for POWER leaders, members, and our community. To register, see the link on our website under "events".

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 check out the events listed in this bulletin and on our website. To learn more about the congregation in general, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Chris.

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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:

