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***A Note from Pastor Denise***

Happy Easter!

Did you know that 800 years ago, in 1225, the Apostle's Creed was put into the general form we currently use today? Its original creation dates back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and developed over time. Even though we call it the "Apostle's Creed," it was not used by the apostles. It is generally recognized as a statement of faith summarizing the message of the Gospels. I was asked a couple of times about why we say "I believe in the Holy catholic church" in the Apostle's Creed?

The answer is: The use of "catholic" with a small "c" indicates the worldwide, inclusive body of believers, while a capitalized "C" refers to the name of the Roman Catholic Church. Put another way; The "c" in "catholic" is lowercase because it signifies the universal nature of the Church, rather than referring to the Roman Catholic Church specifically.

We probably could use the word "Universal Church" but there are problems with that language, too. My old dog Sammy was ordained by the Universal Church for \$12 online. (I don't know how he was able to open the computer and type without a prehensile – a thumb. This was Sammy's constant struggle in life as it is for all canines. Perhaps just saying the christian church would be a better choice for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Language is always changing. "The bomb" during WWII meant mass destruction. "The bomb" in the 1980's meant "Fantastic, super cool." Sick in the 1960's meant an illness, and in 2023 it meant "Fantastic, and super cool." So, you can see the problem with language– it means different things at different times in history and to different cultures.

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Another creed, or statement of faith, we often use during Easter and Christmas is the Nicene Creed, which was developed over two ecumenical councils: the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, 1700 years ago and the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD. It was primarily crafted to address and refute Arianism, a heresy that challenged the divinity of Jesus. The creed affirms the co-essential divinity of Jesus Christ, declaring him "true God from true God, begotten, not made." During Easter and Christmas some might question the divinity of Christ- so we reaffirm our faith with this creed.

I hope you took notes, there will be a quiz on Friday.... (smile). I appreciate that we are paying attention to our words and what they mean in our lives and the life of the congregation. Keep the questions coming.

If you have a question about how Jesus is "in, with, and under" the bread and the wine during the Holy Super at communion... that answer is: it is a "holy sacramental mystery." I just know it is so. Pastor Elten will give a four-week study on the topic of Baptism and Holy Communion beginning May 11 after worship. Hope to see you all there.

Happy Easter, HE IS RISEN! Hallelujah!  
Pastor Denise

# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 May the 4 <sup>th</sup> Be With You & Sabine's Confirmation	5	6	7 Wisdom Keepers 12 noon – bring sack lunch	8 Prayer @ 10:00 in Library	9 3 P's Pizza, popcorn & movie 5:30 pm	10 Men's Breakfast 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall
11 Mother's Day! Root beer floats & hot dogs after service	12	13	14	15 CCC 9 am  Prayer @ 10:00 in Library	16	17
18	19	20	21 Overdose Training – 5:30 pm	22 Prayer @ 10:00 in Library	23	24 Mt. St. Helens Hike- 10 am Coldwater Lake
25	26	27 Tacos & Mission Impossible \$5 Movie Night 5:30 pm	28 FISH	29 FISH	30 FISH	31

## Kids Korner by Jackie Erickson



There were many fun learning opportunities last month for the kids. We had an Earth Day clean up during the month of April we learned about taking care of our planet that God gave us, we got to see our caterpillar's turn into butterflies, and we released them on Easter Sunday. Our Easter celebration was a hit with games and an egg hunt.

We will be working on our Mother's Day gifts for Moms on May 4<sup>th</sup> so hopefully most kids can make it that Sunday. May 9<sup>th</sup> will be "Pizza, Popcorn & PJ's" movie night at 5:30. Everyone is welcome and the movie "The Wild Robot". If you have not seen this, it is a very touching movie, and adults will enjoy it also. We hope to see you there. I would like you to RSVP if you attend so I can plan for pizza, please let Jackie know by the 8<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank Angie Montes for her support with Christian Ed and supplying some prizes for the Easter Hunt.

Jackie Erickson



## May Birthdays

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- 01 - CANDY JOPLIN
- 06 - DOMINIC KERNS
- 11 - ELTEN ZERBY
- 16 - KASHA BANKO
- 18 - ASHLEY ERICKSON
- 20 - PAMELA (HEIDEMAN) JOHANSON
- 26 - CATHY HALVERSON
- 27 - DOUG ENGEBO
- 29 - ELLE COUTO



## A NEW ADULT CLASS IS COMING AFTER EASTER

### "BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION:

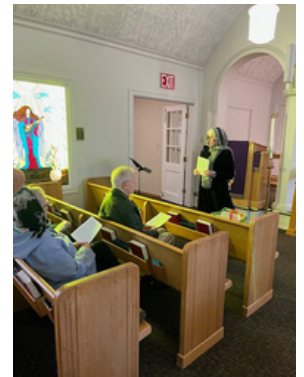
How Martin Luther restored sacramental theology and what it means for us today"

- Sundays, May 11, May 18, May 25 and June 1 (4 sessions)
- Time, 10:50 am – 11:30 am (40 minutes each)
- Lecture / presentation format (no preparation necessary)
- Meet in the church nave
- Pastor, Elten Zerby, presenter

These presentations are for anyone who wants to gain a greater appreciation of God's sacramental grace embrace. You will come away with new insights into God's amazing love and a renewed faith in Jesus' presence in your life that will enhance your spiritual walk. This is not a boast, it is giving glory to the Word of God that bears witness to Jesus and to the power of God present in the sacraments that Jesus gave to his people, the church.

## Journey to the Holy Land

Our interactive service gave a personal experience of holy week. It was deeply meaningful to share in the events of the original holy week from the perspectives of those who were there.







## Mother's Day

Root Beer Floats & Hot Dogs  
Join us after service on May 11 to  
celebrate Mom.



## Men's Breakfast

Saturday May 10th at 8:30 am.  
Join us for breakfast in the  
fellowship hall.

# What's Happening at Gloria Dei May 2025



## Mt. St. Helens Hike

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 10 am meet  
up at Coldwater Lake.



## \$5 Movie Night

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Mission impossible  
Movie Night at Regal Cinema.

## Seder Dinner

Dear Gloria Dei Family,

I want to thank all the participants from Gloria Dei who helped make our Seder Meal such a memorable evening. Special thanks to George, Sandi, Candace, Elten and Carol for food prep and set up, Boyd and Jaws for kitchen clean up and Deborah for laundering all the tablecloths. I know many others pitched in to help during the evening which enabled the event to go smoothly. Thank you to everyone who played a part. I feel so blessed to be a part of the Gloria Dei family.

Paula Zerby




Council FYI

If you are interested in the council happenings, the council meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the hall next to the church office.

**Learn to Save a Life!**  
**TRAINING THE COMMUNITY TO SAVE LIVES FROM**  
**OVERDOSE!**  
**IT'S FREE**

**5:30 PM**  
**MAY 21, 2025**  
**at**  
**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**402 CRAWFORD ST**  
**KELSO WASHINGTON**


**KEITH LARSON**




**OVERDOSE TRAINER**

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Rotary  RAG AP  
Rotary Action Group  
for Adolescent Prevention



## Thrivent Members

Calling all Thrivent members that have choice dollars for our church. It has come to my attention that I might not know all the members who have Thrivent choice dollars sent to the church. If you are one of these, can you please contact Jackie. When she gets these funds, they don't give names of where they come from and there is a sizable amount of money that needs to be distributed. Thank you!

### *Remember in Prayer:*

Mary Roundy  
Mary Roundy's Son Eddie  
Cheryl Davison  
Ralph Moffet  
Those graduating

Unspoken prayers  
Marriage relationships  
Those fighting cancer  
Those struggling  
with financial issues

## Dates for FISH

May 28,29 & 30.

We can always use donations of personal care items such as:  
Shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, ect.

Hello Family Promise Friends–

I want to thank you for your support in giving our families the opportunities to sleep in new beds! This is such a blessing to so many, and we cannot thank you enough! Please share this with your congregation, the gratefulness and pride our families are experiencing from these blessings. A good night's sleep in a nice new bed can do wonders!

Our volunteer and supporters mean the world to us. To our families and their children!

Sara N. Wallace  
Executive Director  
Family Promise of Cowlitz County

