

“Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther”

Children’s Musical 2018

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Olympia, WA



Get ready to to learn about Esther, a girl who was brave and stood up for what was right! We are going to have so much fun working, singing, laughing, and praying together as we learn that the smallest person acting bravely can make an enormous difference. God uses us to do God’s work right where we are at.

Registration:

“Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther” by Tom Long and Allen Pote is open to all students in grades K-6. Cast members do not need to be members of Gloria Dei to participate. Rehearsals begin January 5, 2018. The musical will be presented during the 9:00 & 11:00 worship services at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

To Register, complete and return the following to:

- Musical Covenant Form
- Attendance Commitment Plan
- Volunteer Form
- Participation Fee or Sponsorship Request

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1515 Harrison Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502
Attn: Beth Tobin

Participation Fee:

There is a \$50 participation fee per child for “Malice in the Palace.” Please make checks payable to GDLC. The fee includes:

- Script & CD
- T-shirt
- Help toward offsetting the cost for props, and costumes.
- Friday meals (*This covers the cost for participants. Parents and siblings are welcome to eat too for a suggested donation of \$4/person.*)

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a sponsorship, please talk to Beth Tobin. No child will be excluded.

Gloria Dei has established a sponsorship/musical fund. This fund will go toward offsetting the costs associated with presenting a musical and provide for sponsorships for children and families that need them. If you would like to donate to that fund please write “Musical Fund” on the memo line of your check and bring your donation to the church office. Many thanks.

Scripts & CDs:

Scripts and CDs will be distributed in December to all registered cast members. Cast members are strongly encouraged to be listening to their CD well ahead of the first rehearsal. Some will want to listen to it the minute they get it. :) This will help them know which characters they may like to audition for, and it will help all of us learn the words and add movement more easily.

Auditions:

Audition forms will be distributed at the first rehearsal. The form lists the various characters in the musical, speaking and non-speaking roles, and a place for cast members to note solos, favorite lines they are interested in, and other information they wish the director to know. Auditions may be scheduled for after rehearsal on January 5, or before or after rehearsal on January 6. If none of these times work for you, please schedule another time with the director.

Rehearsal Schedule:

A complete rehearsal schedule is included in this packet and on our website: www.GloriaDeiKids.org. Please let the director know of any rehearsals your child(ren) will not be able to attend by completing the Attendance Commitment Plan.

Weekly updates will be sent via email. Most rehearsals are on Fridays and Saturdays. The ones that are not are because we are working around other events. Thank you for understanding. Rehearsals are scheduled to be held in the sanctuary at Gloria Dei.

Snacks/Meals:

We provide water bottles for cast members. These are labeled with the cast member's name and are refilled each week. Cast members are asked to return their water bottle to the storage basket after rehearsals.

We will be serving a light meal on Fridays at 5:00 p.m., to help it be more convenient for families to make it to rehearsals on time. Parent volunteers are needed each week to help cook and set up. Please let us know how you can help. A Sign Up Genius link will be emailed to you in December.

The link will also include a sign up for providing snacks during Saturday and Sunday rehearsals and for parent volunteers to supervise snack times. **Please let us know if your child has any food allergies** by completing the Musical Covenant Form.

Volunteering:

Volunteers are always appreciated and each family is encouraged to help in some way. Please complete and return the Volunteer Form to the Gloria Dei church office. Thank you!

We are looking forward to this time together working with your child(ren) and you! It's a powerful time of bonding and growth for all ages and such a fun way of learning the stories of God's love for all. Please let us know if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Beth Tobin

"Malice in the Palace" Director

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