

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:30 AM



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We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Participating in Today's Service:

Pastor: Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara

Music Director: Len Cremisio

Worship Media Team: Linda Hide, MaryJean Kancel

Assistant Ministers

Reader: Kathy Bush

Crucifer: Kathy Bush

Assisting Minister: Patricia Bressler

Ushers: Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick, John Kelly, Craig Carlson

Prelude:

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE: ELW pg. 184 “Kyrie Eleison”

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, every day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the Church,
for the unity of all; for this holy house,
for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, every day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the
hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, every day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family; for life and for love,
for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, every day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in
the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls
with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, every day.

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg.187 “This is the Feast”

This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to
be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and*

honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of

vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and

join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor,

glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we
are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love,
warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve
them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9



Psalm 37:5
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- ¹ Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight ¹ in the LORD,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. R**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust ¹ in the LORD,
and see what ¹ God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear ¹ as the
light
and the justice of your case like the ¹ noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait ¹ patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who
succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
- ² To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
- ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the

gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 519 “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” (*Verse 1*)

*1 Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.*

Refrain

*Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron

and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 519 "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (*Verse 2*)

*2 They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word.*

Refrain

Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!

Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 796 "How Firm a Foundation"

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

BRIEF ORDER FOR HEALING

The congregation is seated

Introduction:

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing

Prayer:

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy, hear us, O God. **Amen**

Laying on of Hands:

P: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

You are invited to come forward if you wish to do so.

P: in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

C AMEN.

When all have returned to their seats, the Assisting Minister continues

A: Let us Pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

Blessing:

P: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in Heaven and on Earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

OFFERTORY: WOV 761 "Now We Offer"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: ELW pg. 190 “Holy, holy, holy”

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosana, hosana, hosana in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana, hosana, hosana in the highest.*

THANSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer

After the Words of Institution:

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:

... Now and forever. **Amen.**

***THE LORDS PRAYER (Spoken)**

(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).

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,

forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW pg. 191 “Lamb of God”

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).

The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host. The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Communion will be via "intinction ONLY" dipping the Host into the Chalice.

During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.

HYMN: ELW 635 "We Walk by Faith"
CHOIR "I Need Thee Every Hour"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated:

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 545 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

***The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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Fellowship:

Communion Wine: For September is given to the Glory of God.

Altar Flowers: For September is given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sun.	10/5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
			Brief Order For Healing
		11:00 a.m.	Temple Talk
Mon.	10/6	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	10/7	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		10:30 a.m.	WELCA Board Meeting
Wed.	10/8	4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	10/10	8:30 a.m.	Joining Hands in Food Ministry

Attendance for Sunday, September 28, 2025:

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Carla Hoback

October 10th

ANNIVERSARIES

James & Jayne Gable October 4th 56 yrs.

THANK YOU

Subject: Buescher Family update

Message: Please share with the congregation- Greetings Gloria Dei We just wanted to let you all know the we made it safely to our new home in Missouri. We are still trying to get settled in specially Barrett trying to navigate a house full of boxes that have been changing every day for him. We wanted to sincerely thank all the members of Gloria Dei for all the well wishes, blessings and prayers. We also wanted to thank everyone for the generous collection of gas money- we are unbelievably thankful. We miss you all and we are looking forward to visiting in the future. Please take care. God is Good! Brian, Chelsea, and Barrett

BIBLE STUDIES

Developing Disciples Bible Study will not be meeting until further notice.

Join us for our **weekly Zoom Bible Study** on **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm** We will finish reading the Gospel of Luke. Starting October 20th We plan to start our next topic The Nicene Creed and we will use the book *Worshiped and Glorified: A Study of the Nicene Creed*. If you would like to participate, please email Pastor Lynn at pastorgdlclesburg@gmail.com or Evelyn Rollins at gloradeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com , and one of us will send you the link. **We look forward to studying with you!**

Interested in Leading a Bible Study? We are looking for individuals who feel called to lead a Bible Study group. If you have a passion for scripture and a desire to help others grow in their faith, we encourage you to consider this opportunity. If you're interested or would like more information, please speak with Christine Carlson.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.....

We need **volunteers for Assisting Ministers, Crucifers and Readers!!!** If you would like to try it but need a little more information, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Help Host Our After-Worship Gatherings!

We're looking for volunteers to provide light refreshments—such as snacks, coffee, and juice—after worship on Sundays. It's a great way to extend our fellowship and hospitality. **If you'd like to help, please enter your name on the kitchen counter sign-up sheet or contact the church office.** Thank you!



Prayer List Update. Please take a moment to review the Prayer List located on the podium in the Gathering Hall. If you would like to add or remove a name from the list, please reach out to Christine or call the Church Office. **Your help in keeping our Prayer List current is greatly appreciated.**

WELCA- All Women invited!

Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Fall gathering:

"All God's Children" November 7-9 th 2025

Warren Willis United Methodist Conference Center

Fruitland Park. **Registration deadline October 10 th -**

Register at flwelca.com/2025 Fall gathering

Registration Forms can also be found on **Fellowship hall counter.**



Fall Stewardship Program

Measuring What Matters will be a four week program it started Sept. 28th and it will end Oct. 19th. These four weeks will be a time of reflection for each of us to prayerfully consider what our investment of time, energy and resources are at Gloria Dei and do we meet our own expectations of what is important to us and what matters.

We encourage you to spend time in prayer, listening for how God is calling you to share your blessings. Then, bring your completed card with you to worship on **Consecration Sunday, October 19th**. Cards will be collected as part of the service. Together, as a community of faith, we will celebrate the many ways God is at work through us and through Gloria Dei. Plan to stay after service for time of Fellowship and some tasty treats. Food will be purchased using Thrivent Choice dollars.

From your Stewardship team: Pastor Lynn, Dianne Marcotte, Linda Steege and Arlene Kelly