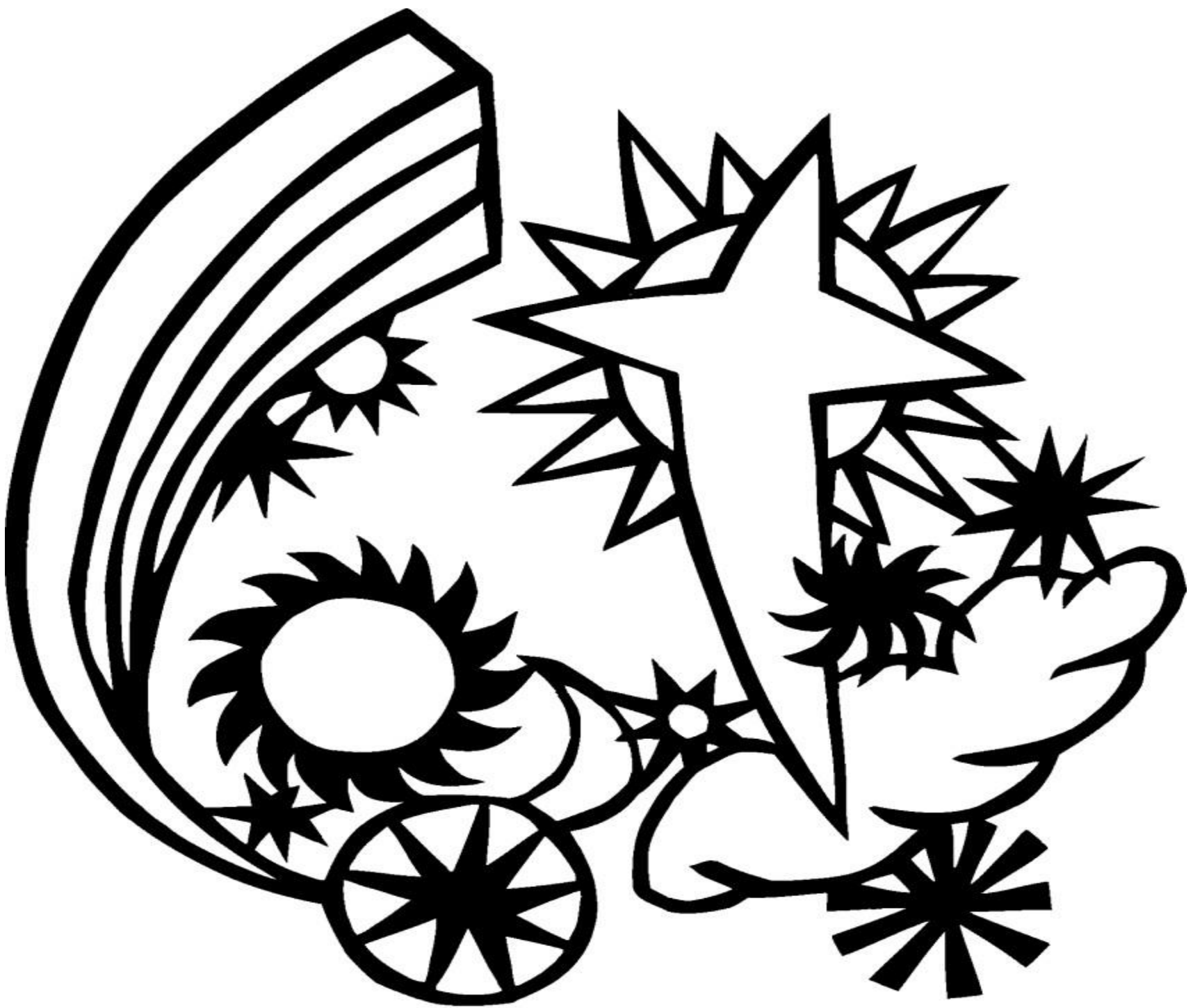


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 16, 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.

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Participating in Today's Service:

Pastor: Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara

Music Director: Len Cremisio

After Worship Secretary: June Reib *(In order to assist the Pastor, if you need the Pastor to contact someone or address something)*

Assistant Ministers

Reader: Kathy Bush

Crucifer: James Menchaca

Assisting Minister: Ellen Clement

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 813 “Faith of Our Fathers”

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 victory 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.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign. Alleluia.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98



Psalm 98:9
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¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,

whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of
the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to
the ¹ house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing. R**

⁵ Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who
comes to ¹ judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW pg. 188 "Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?"

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 709 “When Our Song Says Peace”

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.**

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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: ELW 682 "To God Our Thanks We Give"

(Several times)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

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.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer After the Words of Institution:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
Surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you,
Our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

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).

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The appropriate response is:

Amen.

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

HYMN: ELW 241 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

CHOIR: "Just As I am without One Plea"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated:

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 439 "Soon and Very Soon"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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

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- Altar Care:** Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick,
Craig Carlson
- After Worship Sec.: 9:30 a.m** June Rieb *(In order to assist the Pastor, if you need the Pastor to contact someone or address something)*
- Counters:** Arlene Kelly, Lillian Ostrander
- Greeters:** 9:30 a.m.
- Fellowship:** Chuck and Joy Yonko
- Communion Wine:** For November In Memory of Joseph J. Kancel Given by Nancy & MaryJean Kancel.
- Altar Flowers:** Richard and Debbie Cassem. Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sun.	11/16	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship / Hunger Offering
Mon.	11/17	7:00 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	11/18	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wed.	11/19	10:00 a.m.	Call Committee
		4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	11/20	9:30 a.m.	First Impressions
Fri.	11/21	9:00 a.m.	Mary Martha Circle
		9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilting

NEXT WEEKS CALENDAR

Sun.	11/23	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
		11:00 a.m.	Council Meeting
Mon.	11/24	7:00 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	11/25	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wed.	11/26	10:00 a.m.	Call Committee
		4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	11/27	Thanksgiving Day / Office Closed 11/27 - 12/1	
Fri.	11/28	9:00 a.m.	Mary Martha Circle
		9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilting

Attendance for Sunday, November 9, 2025:

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 are studying *The Nicene Creed* and we are using the book *Worshiped and Glorified: A Study of the Nicene Creed*. If you would like to participate, please email Pastor Lynn at pastorgdlcleesburg@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.**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

In accordance with recent changes to the *Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA*, we are updating our membership records. Each member is asked to indicate their membership status as a **Voting Member, Associate Member, or Seasonal Member**. If you haven't done so as of yet, Please complete the form included in your bulletin and return it **TODAY November 16**. Your timely response will help ensure our records remain accurate and up to date.

Tickets for the **WELCA Christmas luncheon on Dec. 4th** will be sold over the next 2 Sundays. See poster in the Fellowship hall or speak to a member of Ruth Circle for further information.

