

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 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.

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Participating in Today’s Service:

Pastor: Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara

Music Director: Len Cremisio

Worship Media Team: Lillian Ostrander, Arlene Kelly

Assistant Ministers

Reader: Patricia Bressler

Crucifer: Julian 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 422 “For All The Saints” *(Verses 1,2,6,7)*

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.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

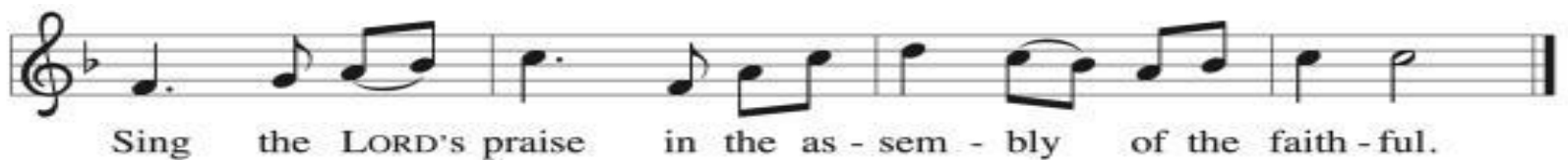
¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 149



Psalm 149:1

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- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
- ² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
- ⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people**
and adorns the | poor with victory. R
- ⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.
- ⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat**
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
- ⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
- ⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,

⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. ¹ Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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 427 “For All Your Saints, O Lord”

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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Gathering

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Prayer

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors.
Keep us in union with all your saints,
and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Here individual names may be spoken.

As we remember these people
strengthen us to follow Christ through this world
until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life,
where suffering and death will be no more.

Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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.*

THANSGIVING 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 423 “Shall We Gather at the River”

CHOIR: “Down to the River to Pray”

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: ACS 950 “Oh When the Saints Go Marching In”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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

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Communion Wine: For November In Memory of Joseph J.
Kancel Given by Nancy & MaryJean Kancel.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sun.	11/2	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship/All Saints Sunday
		11:00 a.m.	Town Hall Meeting
Mon.	11/3	7:00 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	11/4	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		10:30 a.m.	WELCA Board Meeting
Wed.	11/5	10:00 a.m.	Call Committee
		4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	11/6	10:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle

Attendance for Sunday, October 26, 2025: 67

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 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.**



Thankoffering Envelopes

Continuing this meaningful tradition, Thankofferings express our gratitude for God's abundant blessings and provide a tangible way to give thanks. Rooted in our shared celebration of community, this practice brings us together in joyful thanksgiving for all that God has entrusted to us. Throughout the years, Thankofferings have remained an opportunity to offer our thanks to God in both extraordinary and everyday moments. Envelopes will be collected **TODAY, November 2.** **The Thank Offering will be directed to Churchwide.**

Call Committee Town Hall – Today, November 2nd

The Call Committee will host a **Town Hall Meeting after worship today.** All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and learn more about the Ministry Site Profile and *Seven Reflections on Ministry and Context* recently shared by email. These documents describe our congregation and what we seek in a new pastor.

Please take time to review them before the meeting. This important discussion is part of our commitment to keeping the call process open and transparent. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**. Please complete the form included in your bulletin last week and return it by **November 16**. Your timely response will help ensure our records remain accurate and up to date.



Please join us after church on November 9th for a free presentation from Home Instead liaison Deborah. She will provide a short presentation regarding aging in place using home care vs home health care and explain the difference. Light refreshments will be provided. Please plan on attending.

