

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 9, 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.

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

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: Dianne Marcotte

Crucifer: John Kelly

Assisting Minister: Patricia Bressler

Communion Assistant: Pr Gail Madsen

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 619 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9



Psalm 17:8

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¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ¹ to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from ¹ lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth ¹ from your presence;
let your eyes be ¹ fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what ¹ others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the
violent. R**
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your ¹ well-worn path;
and my feet ¹ do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me;
incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.**
⁷ Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from
those who ¹ rise against them.
⁸ **Keep me as the apple ¹ of your eye;
hide me under the shadow ¹ of your wings,**
⁹ from the wicked ¹ who assault me,
from my deadly enemies ¹ who surround me. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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 639 "When We Are Living"

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

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 638 "Blessed Assurance"

CHOIR: "A Grateful Heart"

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 867 "In Thee Is Gladness"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

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

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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:

Janet Braun, Linda Steege

Greeters:

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship:

Home Instead, Light refreshments

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

Altar Flowers: From Christine Carlson, In honor of Craig
Carlsons Birthday. To the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sun.	11/9	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship/ Brief Order for Healing
		11:00 a.m.	Home Instead Presentation
Mon.	11/10	7:00 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	11/11	9:00 a.m.	Mary Martha Circle
		9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilting
		10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wed.	11/12	10:00 a.m.	Call Committee
		4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	11/14	8:30 a.m.	Joining Hands In Food Ministry

NEXT 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

Attendance for Sunday, November 2, 2025: 77

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.**

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.

SWO All God's Children Fall Gathering

is happening this weekend at Warren Willis United Methodist

Conference and Retreat Center. Please keep the participants in your prayers as they enjoy a meaningful weekend together.

CLARIFICATION – The total amount of money raised at the Fall Fashion Show was \$515 to benefit the Habitat for Humanity, Women Build program. I inadvertently left the amount out of the Glorion article – Dianne Marcotte

Tickets for the **WELCA Christmas luncheon on Dec. 4th** will be sold over the next 3 Sundays. See poster in the Fellowship hall or speak to a member of Ruth Circle for further information.

