

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 11, 2026

9:30 AM



GLORIA DEI
LUTHERAN CHURCH
GATHERING IN CHRIST ✝ SHARING HIS LOVE

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.

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Participating in Today's Service:

Pastor: Reverend Tony VanCura, Pastor

Music Director: Len Cremisio

After Worship Secretary: Janet Braun

(In order to assist the Pastor, if you need the Pastor to contact someone or address something)

Assistant Ministers:

Reader: Arlene Kelly

Crucifer: James Menchaca

Assisting Minister: Patricia Bressler

Ushers: Byron Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly
Craig Carlson

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 873 "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

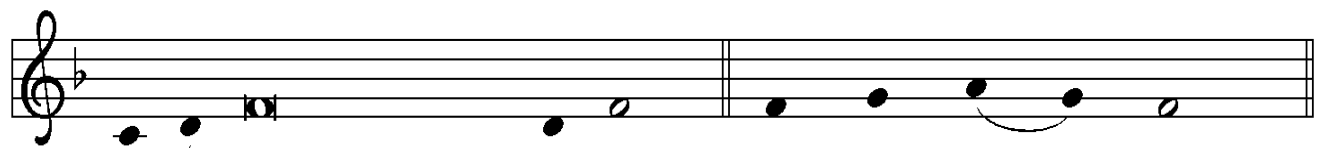
Most merciful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

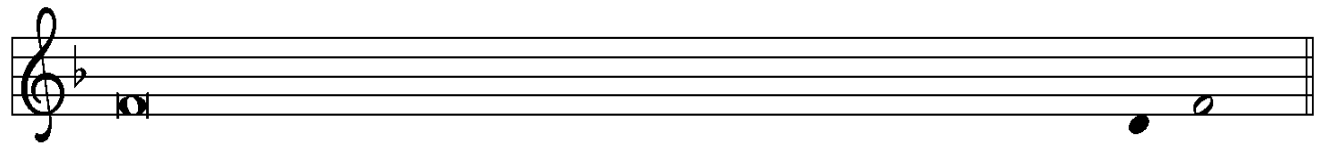
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

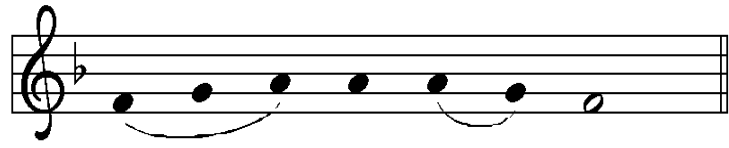
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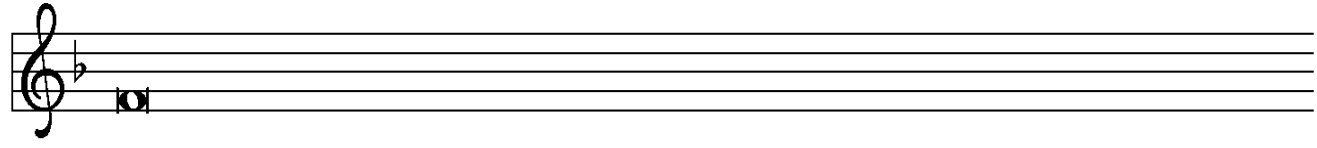
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



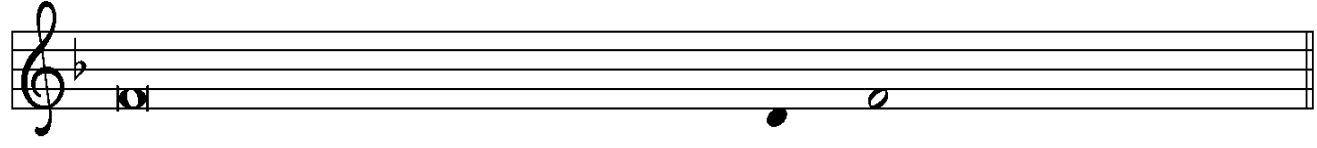
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



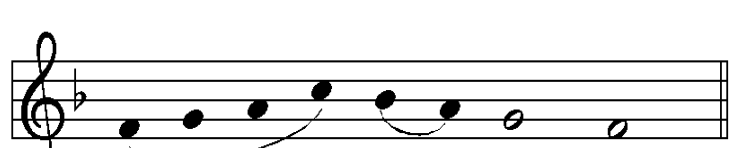
Lord, have mer - cy.



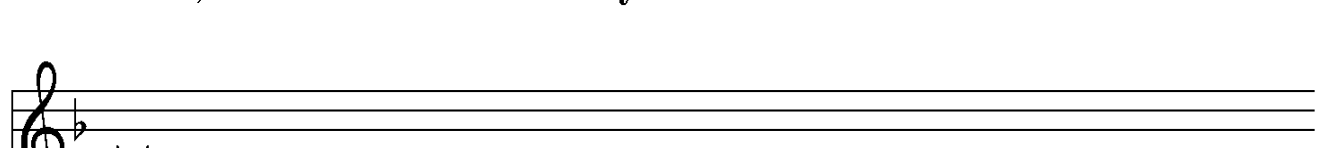
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



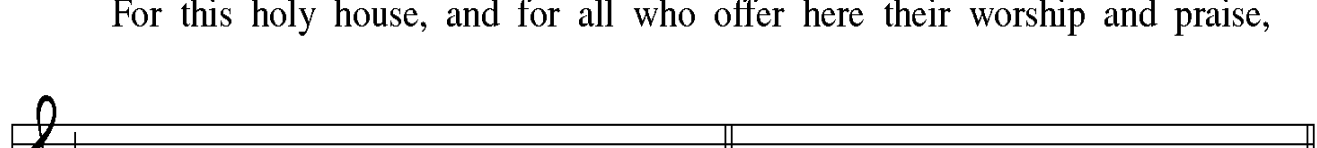
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE P. 139

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



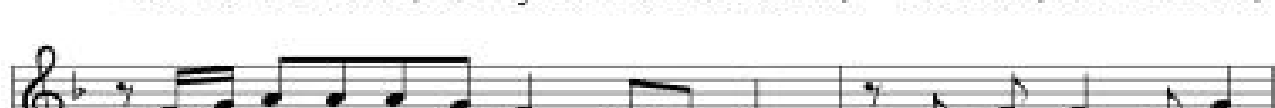
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



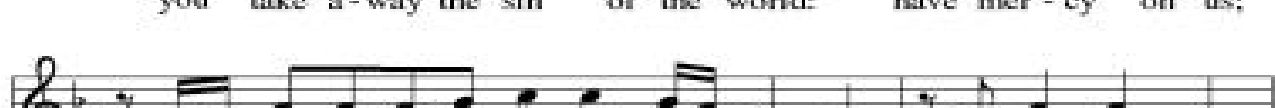
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



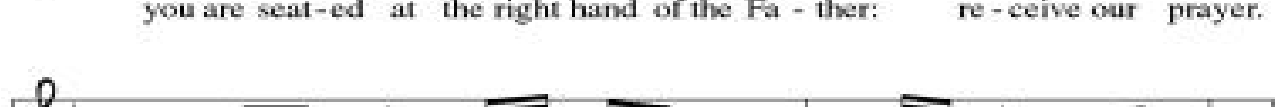
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



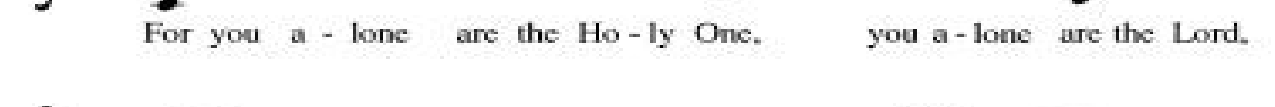
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



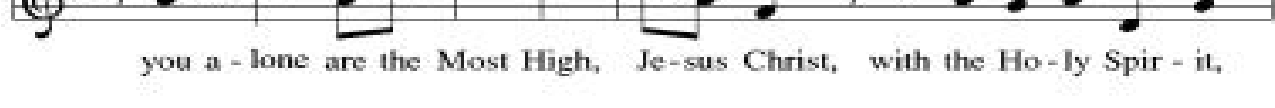
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the
heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter
rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all
peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all
faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that
he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

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¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's
sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running
over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way,
my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same
mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal
companion, help these women, for they have struggled
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with

Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry

about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
ELW 151 "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and

my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel concludes:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW 802 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

MESSAGE: Rev. Tony VanCura, Pastor

The assembly is seated.

SHARING OF THE 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.

Please remain standing.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 184 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. 144 "Holy, Holy, Holy"



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

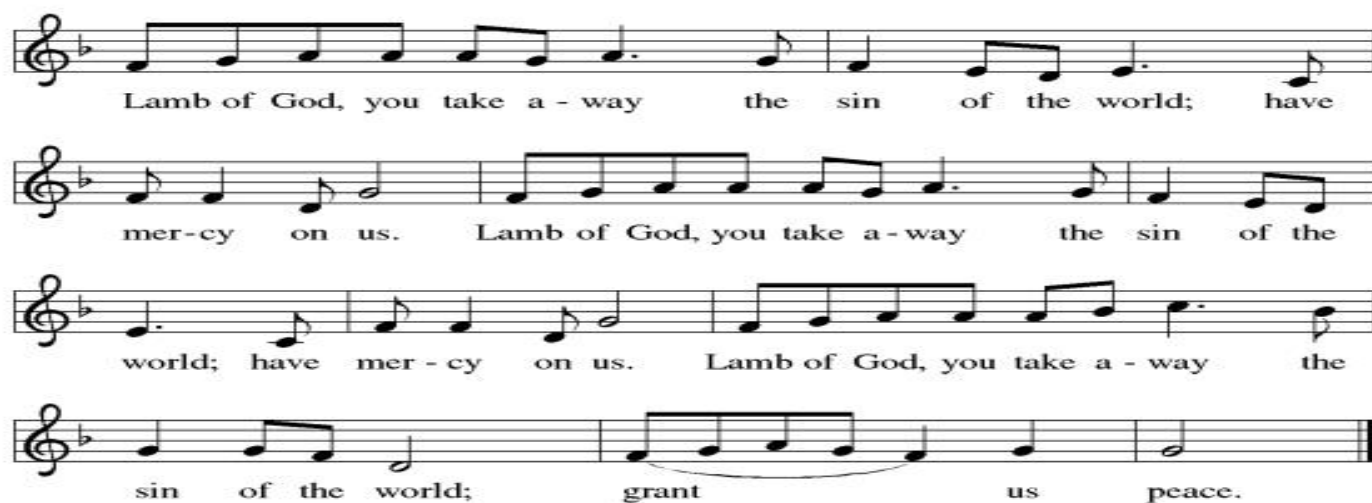
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to
pray.

**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

The banquet of our Lord is prepared and offered to
all. Taste and see the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW pg. 146 “Lamb of God”



DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

ELW 477 “I Received the Living God”

Choir Anthem “Grace Alone”

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

Communion is open to all. We offer wine in individual glasses, followed by the Common Cup for those who prefer this tradition. The center ring of the tray contains white grape juice for those who prefer juice instead of wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available to anyone who requires or prefers them.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

ELW 207 "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain standing:

Let us pray together. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you His peace.

THREEFOLD AMEN (SUNG)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN:

ELW 658 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Communion Wine: Given to the Glory of God.

Altar Flowers: Given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	10/11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
		11:00 a.m.	Temple Talk
Mon.	10/12	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	10/13	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
		10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	10/14	9:00 a.m.	First Impressions Mtg.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	10/18	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Service/ Hunger Offering
Mon.	10/19	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	10/20	9:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Mtg.
		10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	10/23	9:00 a.m.	Quilting

Attendance for Sunday, October 4, 2026: 68

BIRTHDAY

Carla Hoback	Oct. 10 th
C.J Clarke	Oct. 16 th



Temple Talk

TEMPLE TALK TODAY! Immediately Following Worship

Please join us today, **October 11**, for an important Temple Talk: ***The Foundation Does Not Move.***
Please be sure to **take a copy of *The Foundation Does Not Move* and the accompanying graphic** to review at home. **Your presence matters. Please join us!**

BIBLE STUDIES

Zoom Bible Study

Please join us on Monday Evenings at 7pm for a Bible Study that focuses on the Lectionary Texts in a structured format provided by the ELCA (Daily Discipleship). The meeting is hosted on Zoom and can be joined with

Meeting ID:8732742912 and the Password: 12345

We look forward to gathering in Word and Spirit 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.



If you would like to join Gloria Dei Church, please see Pastor Tony after our 9:30 Sunday service. You can also give him a call at 407-765-2822.



There are Gloria Dei members of our congregation who would come to church if they had a way to get here. We need volunteers for our "Rides to Church" program. If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please call the church office at 352-787-3223.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.....

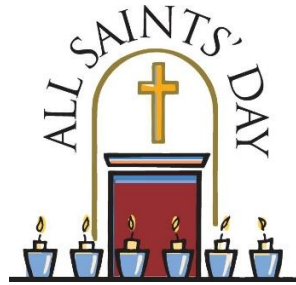


We need **volunteers for Assisting Ministers, Crucifers and Readers!!!** If you would like to try it but need a little more information, please contact the church office. Thank you.



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 contact **Marie Davids via email at mewdean@live.com**.



All Saints Sunday – November 1

As we prepare for **All Saints Sunday on November 1**, we are also preparing to place crosses on our lawn in remembrance of our beloved who have entered into the Church Triumphant.

Our crosses are currently being constructed and will soon be adorned with **silk flowers and the names of those we remember**. We are seeking donations of silk flowers, which will be hot-glued to the crosses, as well as volunteers who would be willing to help decorate and prepare them.

Would you like a cross placed on our lawn in memory of a loved one? Please complete the **All Saints Cross insert, available from our ushers**, and return it to the church.

We will announce a date in the very near future when we will gather together to finish and adorn our **All Saints Crosses**.

Thank you for helping us create this beautiful and meaningful tribute to those we love and remember.



Church Women United

Friday, November 6, There will be a **Celebration of World Community Day at St . Paul Catholic Church.** There will be snacks and coffee at 9:30am with the **service beginning at 10am. St. Paul Catholic Church is located at [1330 Sunshine Avenue](#) in Leesburg.**

Please try and support this great organization.

Coordinator Leone Goding.



WELCA stands for Women of the ELCA, which means every woman of Gloria Dei is already part of WELCA.

While participation has changed as seasons of life bring moves, health concerns, and aging, the heart of WELCA remains strong and welcoming.

If you are able, we warmly invite you to become more involved through the **Mary Martha Circle** or **Ruth Circle**. If monthly meetings aren't possible, your help with projects and special gatherings is always welcome and appreciated.

WELCA's mission is "**Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.**" Together, we grow in faith, support one another, use our gifts, and serve our church, community, and world.



WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO COME AND JOIN THE CHOIR!

Choir Rehearsals have already begun, but it is NOT too late to join us!

*Rehearsals are held on **Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.***

Come join us and be part of this wonderful ministry!

Please speak to Len or any choir member for more information!



Important Notice from the Pastor

Scams are increasing, especially in churches. Please be aware that recent texts and emails claiming to be from me are **not from me**.

Please remember:

- I will **never ask for money or gift cards.**
- I will **never use "Rev." as part of my name in a text.**
- Always verify the **actual phone number or email address.**
- If you receive a suspicious message, **please call me directly before responding.**

When in doubt: STOP • VERIFY • CALL.

Be safe in Christ always,
Pr. Tony



reminder that the next **Glorion** article submissions are due **Wednesday, October 21st**.

Prayer MATTERS



Pastor Tony invites all
to come join him on

TUESDAY MORNINGS

FOR PRAYER AT 10:00AM

*Together we can lift our hearts,
our church and our community in prayer.*