Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026

9:30 AM

Pastor Tony Van Cura

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: Marva Tetting
Crucifer: James Menchaca
Assisting Minister: Patricia Bressler

Ushers: Byron Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly
Craig Carlson

GATHERING HYMN:
ELW 668 "O Zion, Haste"

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.

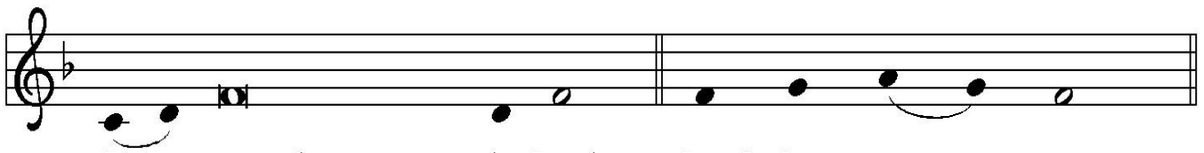
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

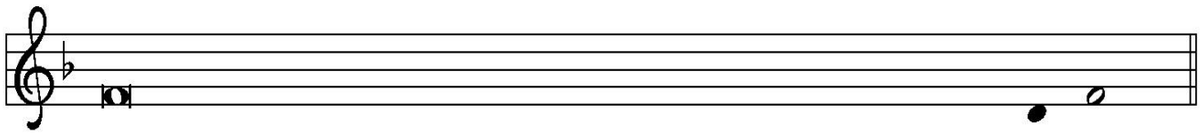
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done 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.**

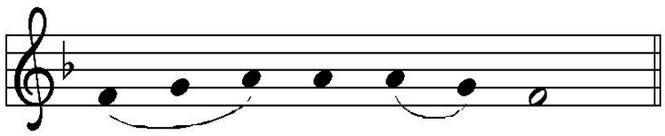
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

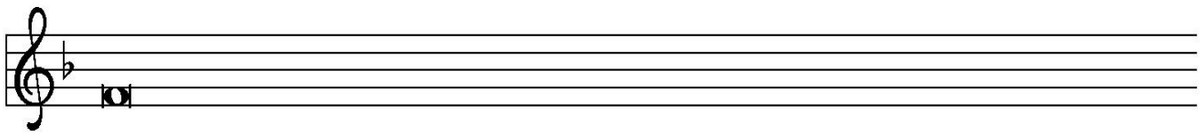
APOSTOLIC GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

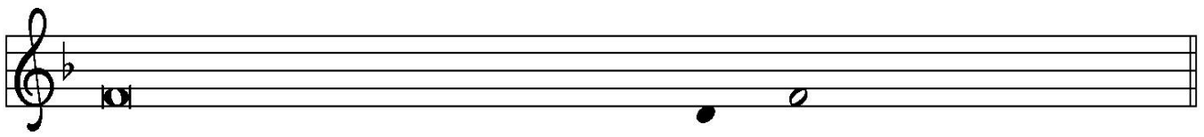
KYRIE. P. 138


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

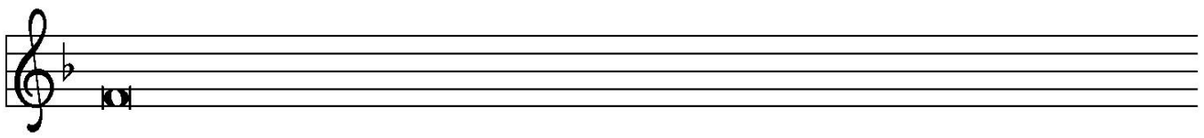

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

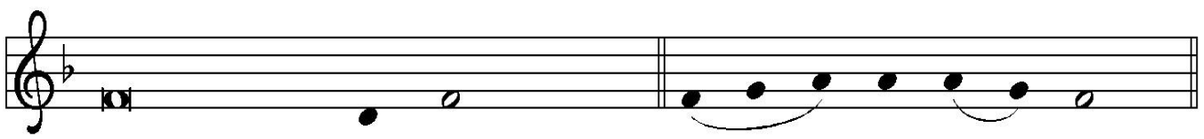

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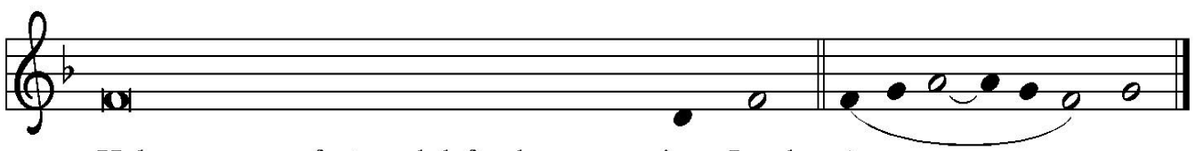

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,


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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of
the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will
search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the
people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who
say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will
he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses
laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not
inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall
not drink wine from them. 14 The great day of the LORD
is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day
of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and
anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of
darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty
battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they
shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned
against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like
dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor
their gold will be able to save them on the day of the
LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth

shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

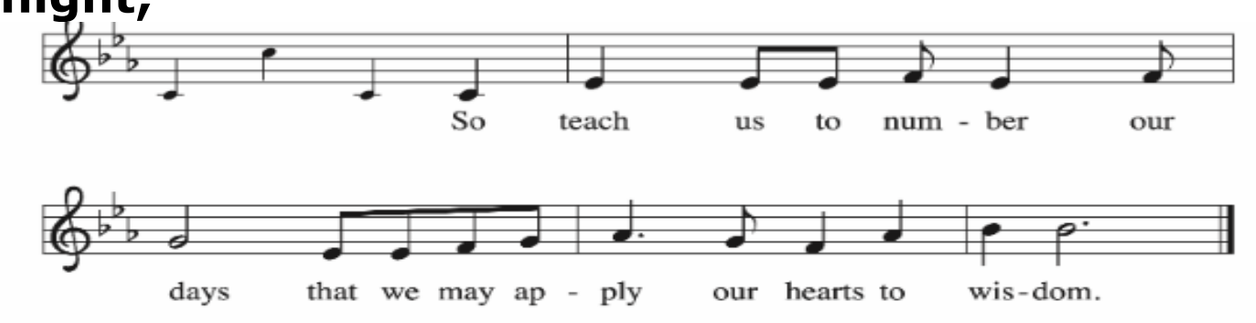
PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12



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[1]Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
[2]**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.

[3]You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
[4]**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

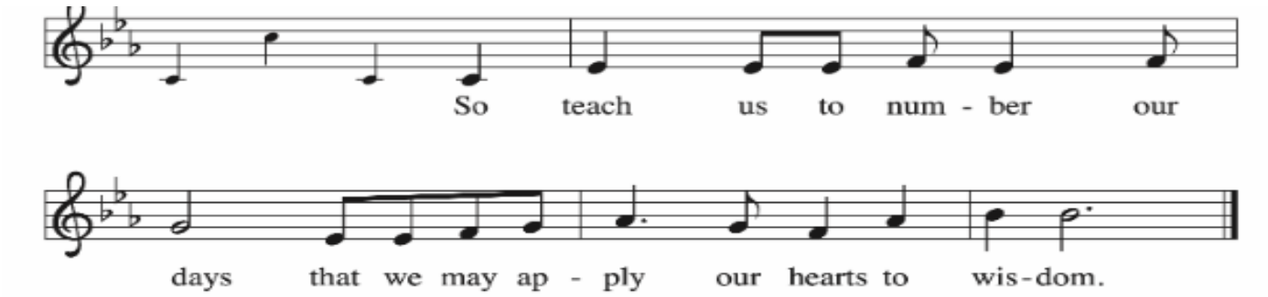


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[5]you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6]**in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

[7]For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

[8]Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.



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[9]When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10]The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

[11]Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
[12]So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.



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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

[4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall

asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

[8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ELW 151 "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14]"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

[16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

[20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I

have made five more talents.’ 21His master said to him,
‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

22And the one with the two talents also came
forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ 23His
master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy
slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will
put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master.’ 24Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that
you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I
was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours.’

26But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave!
You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and
gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to
have invested my money with the bankers, and on my
return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to
the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance; but from those who have nothing, even
what they have will be taken away. 30As for this
worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel concludes:

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 785
“When Peace like a River, It is Well with My Soul”

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. A second collection is received today for our hunger ministry.

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.**

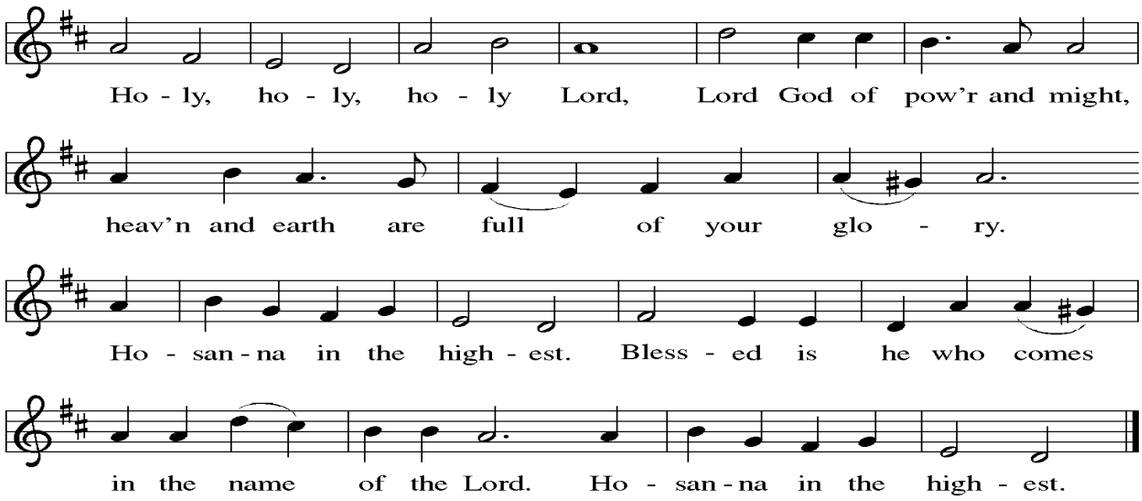
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. 153 "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)*

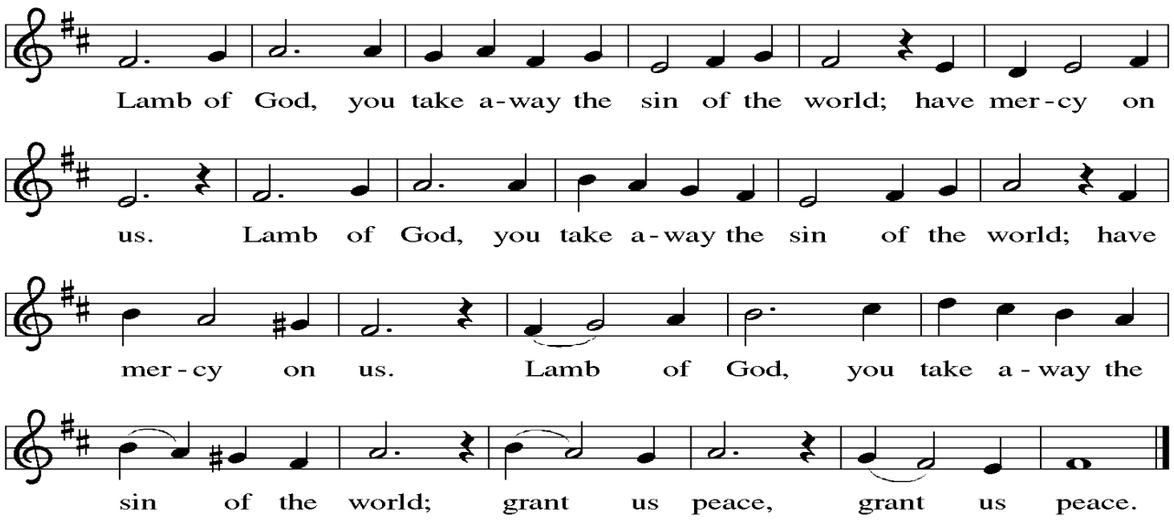
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 574 "Here I Am Lord"
Choir Anthem "Love Your Neighbor"

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 864 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.

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Greeters:

Fellowship: Marty & Jon Yance
Marva Tetting

Communion Wine: Joseph J. Kancel

Altar Flowers: Given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	**11/15**	**9:30 a.m.**	**Sunday Service/ Hunger Offering**
		11:00 a.m.	**Temple Talk 2**
Mon.	**11/16**	**7:00 p.m.**	**Zoom Bible Study**
Tues.	**11/17**	**10:00 a.m.**	**Morning Prayer**
		4:00 p.m.	**Choir Rehearsal**
Weds.	**11/18**	**11:30 a.m.**	**Executive Committee Mtg**
Fri.	**11/20**	**9:00 a.m.**	**Mission Quilting**

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	**11/22**	**9:30 a.m.**	**Sunday Service**
Mon.	**11/23**	**9:30 a.m.**	**1st Impressions Task Force Mtg.**
		7:00 p.m.	**Zoom Bible Study**
Tues.	**11/24**	**10:00 a.m.**	**Morning Prayer**
		4:00 p.m.	**Choir Rehearsal**
Thurs.	**11/26**	**Office Closed**	**Thanksgiving**
Fri.	**11/27**	**Office Closed**	**Thanksgiving**

Attendance for Sunday, November 8, 2026: 75

BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Crane Nov. 27



Church Women United of Lake County thanks those gracious ladies that came to the World Community Celebration at St. Paul Catholic Church on Friday, the 6th of November. The attendance was 31 ladies with an offering of $225.00. The program was peace with yourself and who you meet. With your generous support and help we can move forward.
Sincerely, Leone Goding

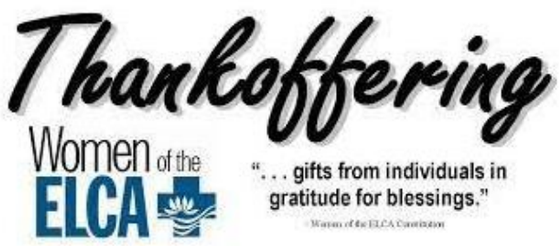
Advent Series 2026 – Wednesday 1:00pm
Table in the Wilderness:
God Preparing Us for the Bread of Life
Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

🌾 **Week 1 (December 2nd):**
Harvesting the Wild Grain

👐 **Week 2 (December 9th):**
Kneaded by the Spirit

⏳ **Week 3 (December 16th):**
Resting in the Proof

🍽️ **Week 4 (December 23rd):**
Receiving the Bread of Christ



THANK YOU

The WELCA Board thanks everyone who gave so generously to the Thank Offering that is given for those in need by the Women of the ELCA. The total amount was $506.00. Your generous giving will help those in need.
Gloria Dei WELCA Board

BIBLE STUDIES

Zoom Bible Study

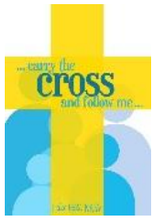
Please join us on Monday Evenings at 7pm for a Bible Study that focuses on the Lectionary Texts in a structured format provided by the ELCA (Daily Discipleship). The meeting is hosted on Zoom and can be joined with **Meeting ID:8732742912 and the Password: 12345**
We look forward to gathering in Word 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.

NEW MEMBERS: 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.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS…..





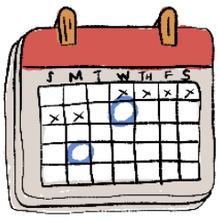


We need **volunteers for Assisting Ministers, Crucifers and Readers!!!** If you would like to try it but need a little more information, please contact the church office. Thank you.



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.**



Planning for Next Year!

A friendly reminder to all committee leaders: Please share your upcoming events, programs, and meeting dates with Evelyn so she can begin preparing next year's church calendar. Thank you for helping us keep everyone informed and connected!

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

A reminder that the next **Glorion** article submissions are due **Friday, November 20th**.



Please Check Your Church Directory Information!
We kindly ask everyone to take a moment to review their information in the church directory. Please let the church office know if any corrections are needed or if you have a new phone number, address, or other contact information. Keeping our directory up to date helps us stay connected as a church family. Thank you for your help!



Temple Talk #2 today,November 15th immediately following worship. Your presence matters. Please join us!



Order Christmas Eve Poinsettias
Honor a loved one or special event by ordering poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. Fill out the form included and return it by **Thursday, December 17th**. Thank you for helping make our Christmas celebration beautiful and memorable!

WELCA Christmas Party



Thursday December 3, 2026
11:30am
Chesapeake Bay Grille - Arlington Ridge
Tickets on Sale each Sunday
$25.00

CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

Gloria Dei is turning 75 in 2027, and we want YOUR ideas!

Join us for a Brainstorming Session on Sunday, December 6 from 11:00 am to 11:30 am in the choir room h to help plan how we'll celebrate this special milestone.

Whether you have ideas for events, traditions, service projects, or ways to honor our history, we'd love to hear them. No experience needed, just bring your memories and your imagination. Everyone is welcome!

Hope to see you there!



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.