

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 1, 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: Christine Carlson

Crucifer: James Menchaca

Assisting Minister: Patricia Bressler

Ushers: Byron Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly
Craig Carlson

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 422 "For All The Saints"

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Let us pray: Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 3:5-12

⁵Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry "Peace" when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths.

⁶Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them;

⁷the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.

⁸But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

⁹Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity,

¹⁰who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong!

¹¹Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money;

yet they lean upon the LORD and say,
"Surely the LORD is with us!
No harm shall come upon us."

¹²Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 43



Psalm 43:3

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¹Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people; deliver me from the
deceitful and the wicked.

²**For you are the God of my strength; why have
you rejected me, and why do I wander in such
gloom while the enemy oppresses me?**

³Send out your light and your truth, that they may
lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your
sanctuary;

⁴**that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of
my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give
thanks to you, O God my God.**

⁵Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and
why are you so disquieted within me?

⁶**Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks
to the one who is my help and my God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

⁹You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to

have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel concludes:

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:
LBW 652 “Built On a Rock”

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.

NICENE CREED *(Let us confess the faith of the Church in the words of the Nicene Creed.)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he

was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 of Healing Kits:

P:All who extend God's healing to others, please come forward with your Healing Kits:

A:Let us pray:

Almighty God, You call Your people to serve one another in love and to bear one another's burdens as members of the body of Christ. We give You thanks for **these faithful servants**, who assist our pastor and lovingly care for this congregation.

Bless them in their service, and renew them in body, mind, and spirit as they faithfully pour themselves out in service to others.

Bless this **Healing Kit** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and all who use it in service to You and Your people. May Your healing presence be known through their hands and words, bringing comfort to the sick, strength to the weary, hope to the discouraged, and peace to all who receive Your care.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.

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** (*Sung*)

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 in Heaven...

Please give us...
All that we need...
And forgive us...
All our sins...

As we forgive...
Those who harm us...
And lead us not...
Away from you...

~ 4 measure modulation ~

For the Kingdom...
And the power...
And the glory...
Are yours now...

Forever...
And ever...
Amen...
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 487 "What Feast of Love"

Choir Anthem "Rejoice In God's Saints"

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 820 "O Savior, Precious Savior"

THE SERVICE CONTINUES OUTSIDE AMONG THE LAWN CROSSES

Crucifer leads the congregation

FIELD OF CROSSES

In Memory of Departed Saints

P: Lord God, before us are the names of saints who have been redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, who have inherited the Victor's crown of life who are now with you forever.

Fathers and Mothers, Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Sons and Daughters, Husbands and Wives, Aunts and Uncles, Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Loved Ones.

They make up the great cloud of witnesses that surround us. **C: Amen**

P: For angels and archangels and all the heavenly hosts who praise your name with us today, O Lord, and who present to you our prayers unceasingly.

C: Bless you, O God, throughout eternity.

P: For the immense crowd of Saints of the ages past whose sacrifice gave to us your church, who overcame great trials to preserve for us the faith and whose example showed us the way to abundant life.

C: Bless you, O God, throughout eternity.

P: For the immense crowd of saints who live in our midst today and who inspire us and others through their example and their teaching;

C: Bless you, O God, throughout eternity.

P: For the high calling to which you have called us and for the love of your Son Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

C: Bless you, O God, throughout eternity.

P: Lord God, make us holy as you are holy.

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C: Lord Jesus – help us be what you have made us to be by your death and your resurrection.

P: Lord God, bless us and guide us until the day when the saints on earth are joined with the Saints in heaven and we are all able to see you face to face.

C: Amen

Remember the Saints; Go in peace; Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Counters: Jeanne Talts

Greeters:

Fellowship:

Communion Wine: Joseph J. Kancel

Altar Flowers: Given by Craig & Christine Carlson
In memory of Craig’s Mother Ruth

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	11/1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Service/ Brief Order for Healing
Mon.	11/2	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	11/3	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	11/4	10:30 a.m.	WELCA Board Mtg.
Thurs.	11/5	10:30 a.m.	Ruth Circle

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	11/8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
Mon.	11/9	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	11/10	9:00 a.m.	Mary Martha Circle / Mission Quilting
		10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		4:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri.	11/13	10:30 a.m.	Joining Hands in Food Ministry

Attendance for Sunday, October 25, 2026: 76

BIRTHDAYS

Len Cremisio	Nov. 1
Jim Reib	Nov. 1
John Kelly	Nov. 4

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.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.....

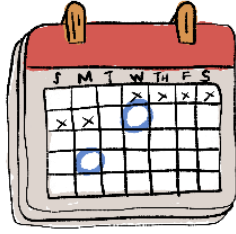


We need **volunteers for Assisting Ministers, Crucifers and Readers!!!** If you would like to try it but need a little more information, please contact the church office. Thank you.



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!



Giving Thanks, Making a Difference

Thankofferings are a way to express our gratitude through generous giving. Your gifts support the ongoing ministries of Women of the ELCA, including advocacy, congregational and synodical groups, resources, grants, scholarships, and educational opportunities.

Next Sunday, November 8th we will receive a special offering for Thankofferings. Thank you for giving generously!



On Friday, November 6, there will be a **Celebration of World Community Day at St . Paul Catholic Church.** Snacks and coffee will be offered at 9:30 a.m., with a **service beginning at 10 a.m. St. Paul Catholic Church is located at [1330 Sunshine Avenue](#) in Leesburg.** Let's support this great organization.

Leone Goding, Coordinator.



WELCA Christmas Party

**Thursday December 3, 2026 11:30am
Chesapeake Bay Grille - Arlington Ridge
Tickets on Sale November 1st \$25.00**



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 4:00 p.m.***

Come join us and be part of this wonderful ministry!

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



**New Number?
New Address?
New Haircut?
Let Us Know!**

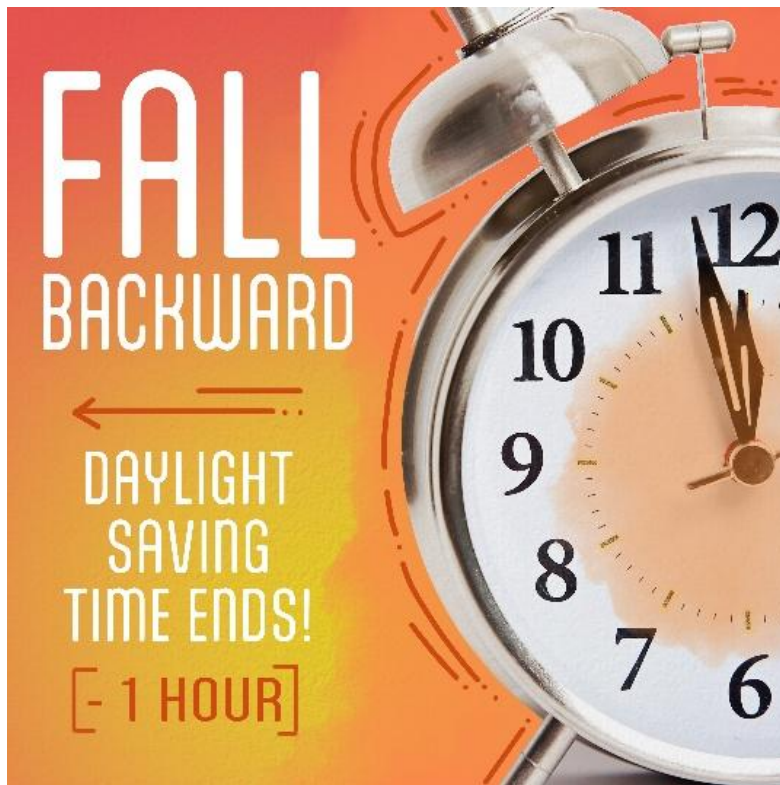
Please Check Your Church Directory Information!

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

Temple Talk #2 has been rescheduled from November 1st to November 15th immediately following worship. Your presence matters. Please join us!



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.*