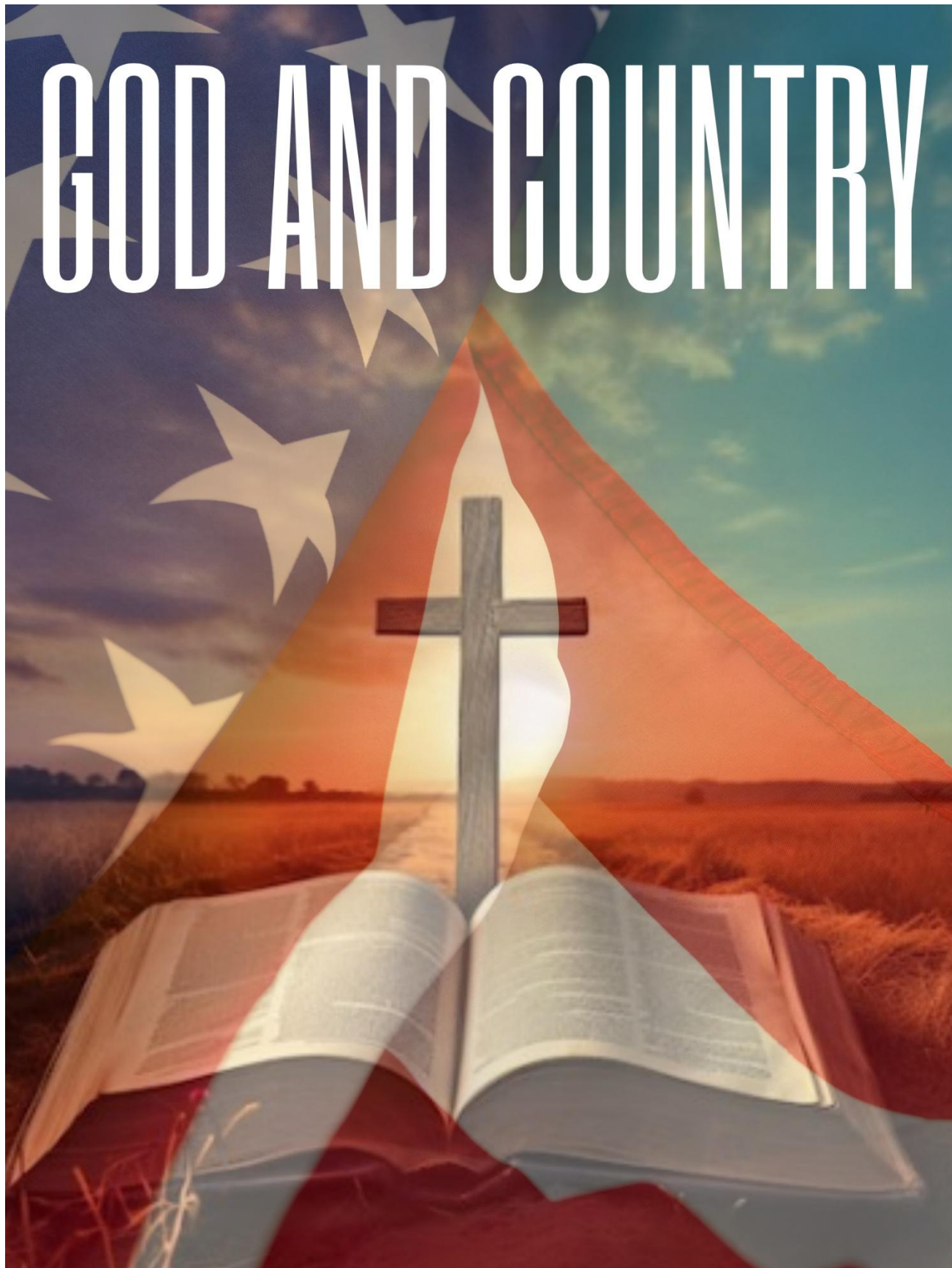


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

God and Country Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 2026

9:30 AM



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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.

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Participating in Today's Service:

Pastor: Reverend Tony VanCura, Pastor

Music Director: Len Cremisio

After Worship Secretary: Judy Eads *(In order to assist the Pastor, if you need the Pastor to contact someone or address something)*

Assistant Ministers

Reader: Irvin Johnson

Crucifer: Arlene Kelly

Assisting Minister: Kathy Bush

Presentation of the Flay: John Kelly

Ushers: Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick, John Kelly, Craig Carlson

GATHERING – Dick Healy

A moment of Silence, and a prayer, from the very Spirit that guides and sustains us all at the will of our Creator and Father of all humankind.

pause

We pray for peace when we cannot understand our conflicts;
We pray for unity when we cannot see our divisions;
We pray for the health of our county and world
when we cannot see our afflictions;
We pray for courage when we cannot see our weakness;
We pray for compassion... While we are still learning to love one another.
Gracious Father, Son and Holy Spirit: reveal your love for all
people and open ALL OUR HEARTS to see, feel, hear, touch, and
know... the peace that passes all understanding to keep our hearts and
minds though Jesus Christ our Lord! **Amen**

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

GATHERING SONG: God of Our Fathers

**1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**2 Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.**

**3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**4 Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.**

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.

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:**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

7 But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord;
thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

Read responsively, the congregation speaks the bold lines.

1 Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4 'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**16 They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

17 For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18 Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to

anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Rev. Tony VanCura, Pastor

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 891 "God Bless Our Native Land"

1 God bless our native land;
firm may it ever stand
through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
do thou our country save
by thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
to God above the skies,
on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
guarding with watchful eye,
to thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

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.**

HONOR THE FALLEN – Irv Johnson

PRESENTATION OF A FLAG FOR THE FALLEN

TAPS

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

A bell chimes 13 times in honor of those with the courage, faith, and resolve to form the United States of America and to all those who preserve it from generation to generation.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

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: (National Hymn) "We Gather Together"

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be Thine!

3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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.

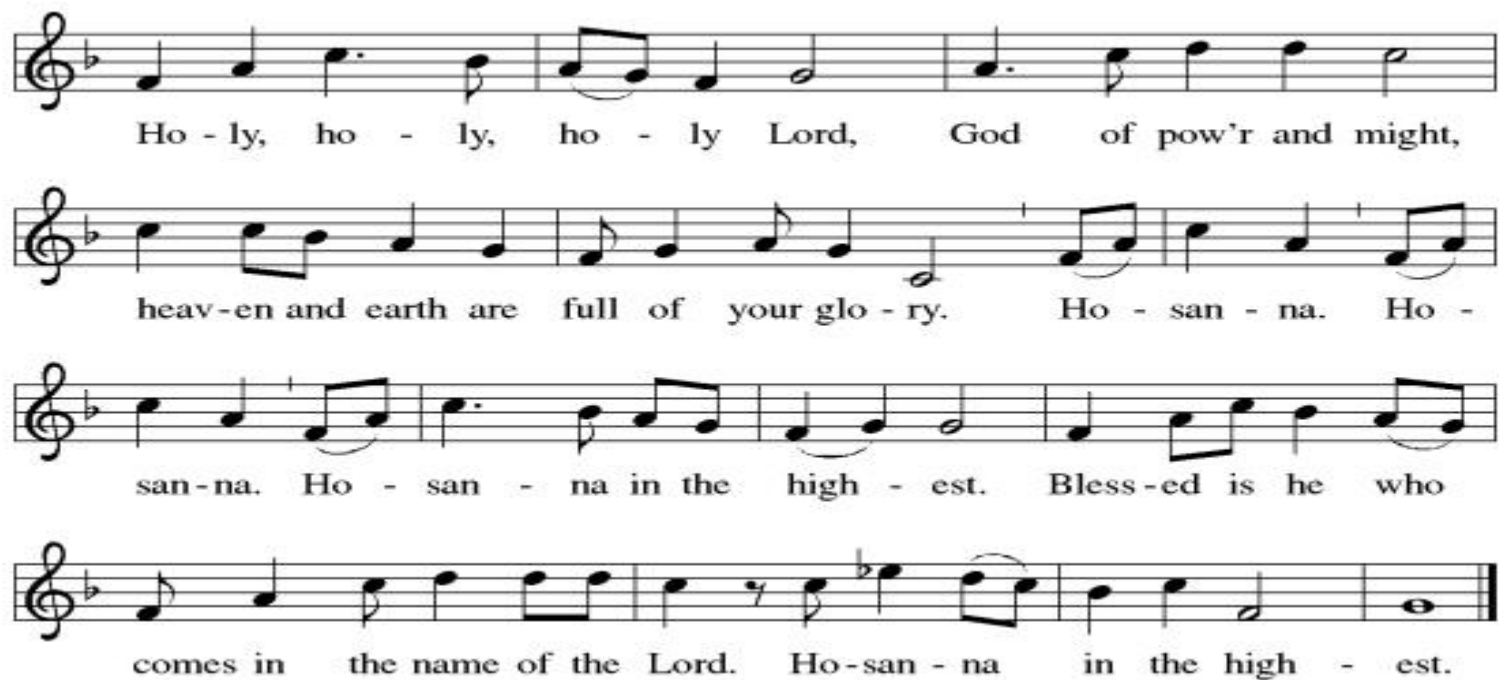
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 LORDS PRAYER *(Spoken)*

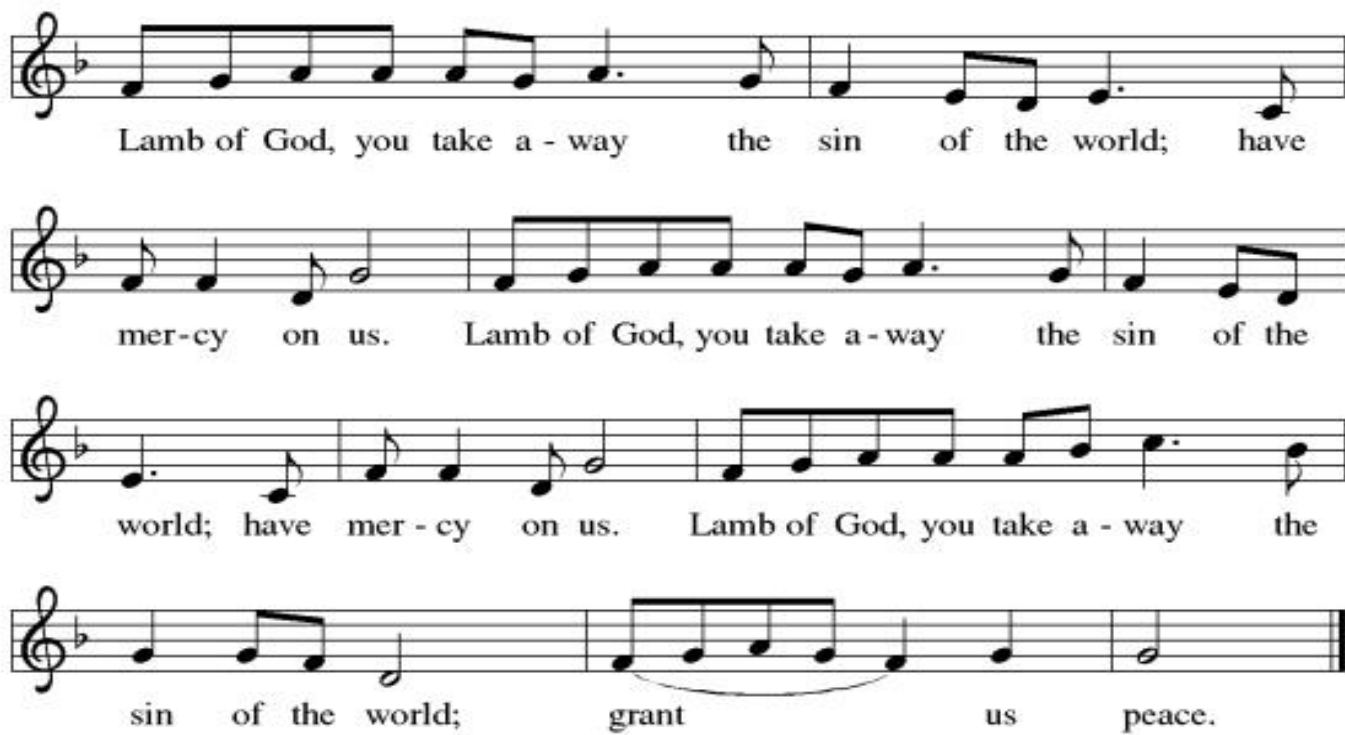
(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).

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

LAMB OF GOD: ELW pg. 146 "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: ELW 881 "Let All Things Now Living" (vs. 1)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated:

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.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES

US ARMY

"Over hill, over dale;
We have hit the dusty trail,
And the Caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout,
Counter march all about,
And the Caissons go rolling along.
For it's hi! hi! hee! -In the field artillery
Count out your numbers loud and strong,
And where e'er you go, You will always know
That those Caissons go rolling along."

US MARINES

"From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We will fight our country's battles
In the air on land and sea;
First we fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of United States Marines."

US NAVY

"Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to college joys,
we sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night on shore,
hail to the foam,
Until we meet once more,
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!"

US AIR FORCE


"Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one terrible roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
For nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!"

US COAST GUARD

"We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through howling gale and shot and shell
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge and motto too.
We're always ready, do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard we fight for you!"

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 888 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

DISMISSAL

We Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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Arlene Kelly, Lillian Ostrander

Greeters:

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Communion Wine: For June is given by Ken & Marti Yance, in honor of June Rieb's birthday June 1st.

Altar Flowers: Given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	6/28	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Service
		11:00 a.m.	Council Meeting
Mon.	6/29	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	6/30	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Fri.	7/3	Office Closed	Independence Day

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun.	7/5	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Service/ Brief Order for Healing
Mon.	7/6	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	7/7	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Fri.	7/10	8:30 a.m.	Joining Hands In Food Ministry

Attendance for Sunday, June 21, 2026: 63

BIRTHDAYS

Leone Goding June 28th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Michael and C.J. Clarke June 28th

Installation Service for Pastor Tony VanCura

The congregation of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is joyfully invited to attend the Installation Service of **Rev. Tony P. VanCura as the 16th Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.**

The service will take place on **Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** and will be officiated by **The Rt. Rev. Pedro M. Suárez, Bishop of Florida-Bahamas.**

This is a special occasion in the life of our congregation as we celebrate and officially welcome Pastor Tony into his ministry among us. Following the service, a reception with light refreshments will be held in the fellowship hall.

All members, family, and friends of Gloria Dei are encouraged to attend and share in this joyful celebration.

Please RSVP by **July 1, 2026** at **352-787-3223** or gloriadeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDIES

Zoom Bible Study

For the Monday Zoom Bible Study we are studying a variety of topics. We meet **Every Monday at 7pm.** Contact the church office for the Zoom meeting link.

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 enter your name on the kitchen counter sign-up sheet or contact the church office.** Thank you!



Missed the Gloria Dei Video Presentation? Watch It Online!

Last Sunday everyone got to see the new Gloria Dei Video/slide presentation. In case you missed it or would like to see it again or invite someone else to view it, there is a link to the video posted on the homepage of our website for your use.



Gloria Dei is switching our livestream from Facebook to YouTube. You do not need an account to watch the videos. Please go to this URL on your computer or smart device... <https://www.youtube.com/@gloriadeilutheranchurchlee2268>

You should see the live video playing at that website, but you may have to click on the Live tab to find it. All church videos from now on will be on YouTube.

While watching your first video, please consider subscribing to the channel.