Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 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: Jon Tetting
Crucifer: Julian Menchaca
Assisting Minister: Ellen Clement

Ushers: Byron Kirkpatrick
Ritch Cassem
John Kelly
Craig Carlson

GATHERING HYMN:
ELW 632 "O God, Our help in Ages Past"

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.

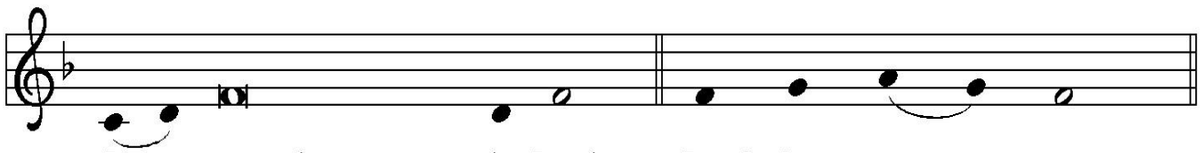
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

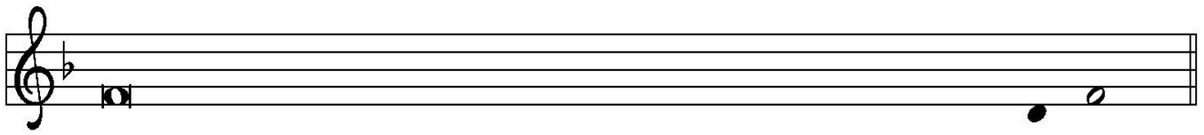
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done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

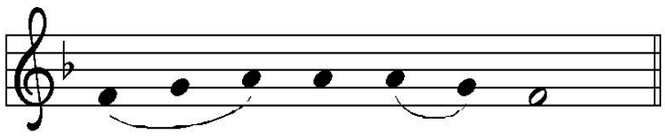
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

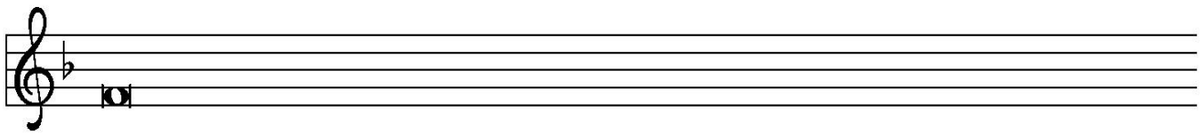
APOSTOLIC GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

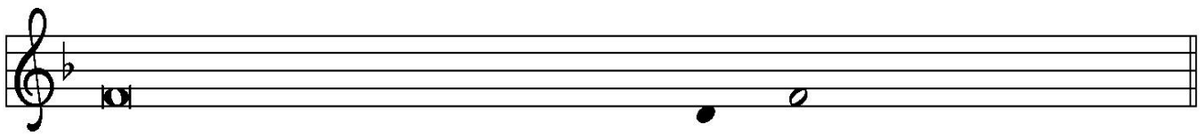
KYRIE. P. 138


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

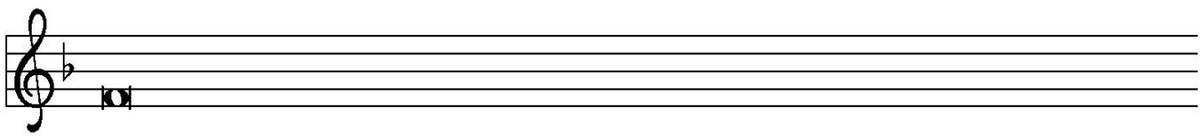

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

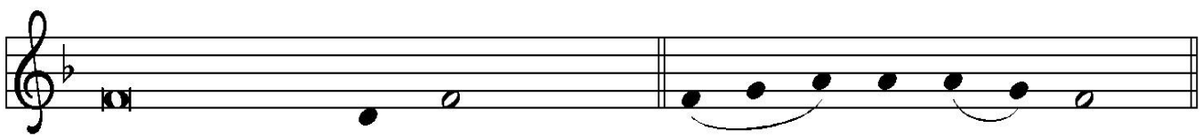

Lord, have mer - cy.

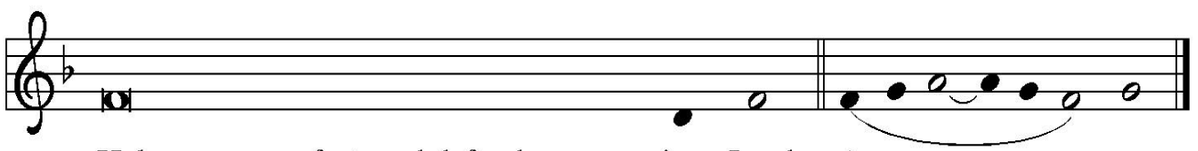

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,


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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you;
And also with you.
Let us pray: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

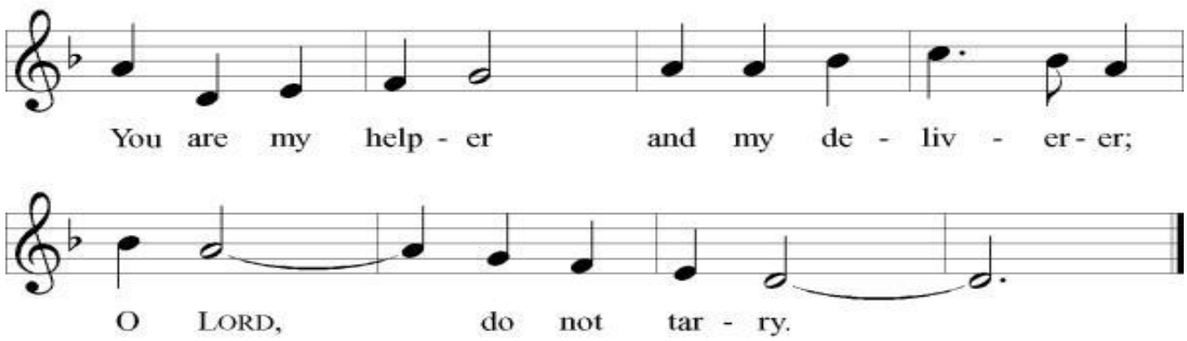
FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 70



[1]Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2]**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. R

[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4]**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.**R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

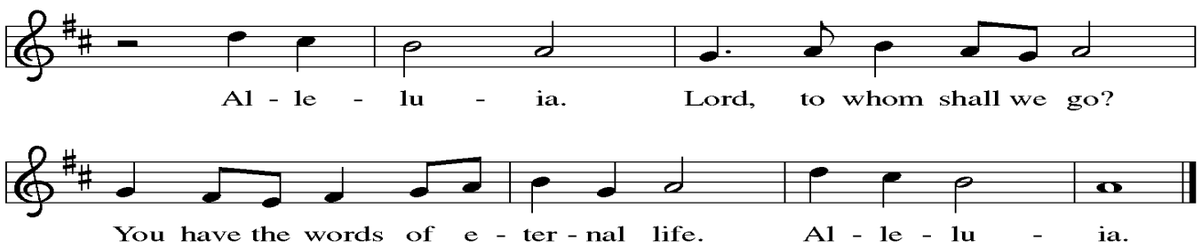
[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
[14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
[17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the

Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.
[18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

[5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
[10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel concludes:

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

HYMN OF THE DAY:
LBW 244 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

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 494 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Choir Anthem "The Rising Sun"

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 638 "Blessed Assurance"

DISMISSAL

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

The end of Worship –
The beginning of Christian Ministry.
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Counters: Linda Steege
Patricia Bressler

Greeters:

Fellowship: Joan Davis
Helen & Don Jr. Ames

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.	**11/8**	**9:30 a.m.**	**Sunday Service/ Brief Order for Healing**
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**
Thurs.	**11/13**	**10:30 a.m.**	**Joining Hands in Food Ministry**

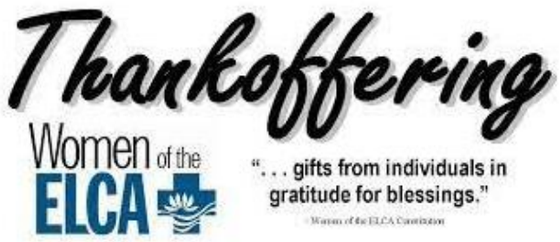
NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

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**
	11/18	**9:00 a.m.**	**1st Impressions Task Force Mtg.**
		11:30 a.m.	**Executive Committee Mtg.**
Fri.	**11/20**	**10:30 a.m.**	**Mission Quilting**

Attendance for Sunday, November 1, 2026: 81

BIRTHDAYS

Craig Carlson	**Nov. 10**
Andy Mincer	**Nov. 11**



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.

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

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.

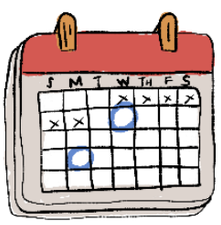
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS…..



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!



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!



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

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS TO THE GLORION

We would like to bring a few corrections to your attention regarding the recently distributed monthly Glorion. Please note the following changes:

1. **November Calender:** Wednesday, November 4th 10:30 a.m. WELCA Board Meeting.
2. **November Calendar:** Thursday, November 5th 10:30 a.m. Ruth Circle.
3. **HOPE: The Promise of Things to Come typo in paragraph 4:** As Christians, we live in hope because we have faith in the One who has promised us a future beyond what we can see or fully understand. Called by Christ, we are entrusted with sharing the Good News and making God's love known to others, so that they, too, may come to know the hope we have in Christ and the promise of the world to come.

We apologize for any confusion these errors may have caused and appreciate your understanding.



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 has been rescheduled from Novembr 1st to 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 included form and return it by **Thursday, December 17th**.Thank you for helping make our Christmas celebration beautiful and memorable!



We are implementing Call Multiplier

A new way to stay connected with our members and friends using **cell phones** and **text messages**.

The intent of this system is to provide timely updates regarding our ministries and events, including our **weekly Sunday worship**.

By default, **all members** will initially be included in these Call Multiplier updates.

Weekly messages will be limited to a brief, **two minute phone call** at a set time each week.

Additionally, we will send automated calls or texts as necessary to notify you of **urgent matters**, such as service cancellations or serious concerns that need immediate communication.

OPT OUT

You can **opt out** of these messages at any time.

Our goal with Call Multiplier is not to clutter your phone, but rather to **improve the efficiency** of our communication while **reducing duplication and redundancy**.

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.