

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
11th Sunday After Pentecost



August 8th, 2010

Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Latin for “Glory to God!” Our name expresses our hearts desire in that all we do here at **Gloria Dei** is done to bring glory to God.

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and welcome you to our church home. Please sign the perforated tear off sheet on the back cover of the bulletin. All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Lord’s body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Everyone is invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion. Except for the hymns, today’s entire worship service is printed in this booklet. Hymns are found in the red hymnal. Worshipers read or sing all boldface type marked “**All.**” Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Childcare is available in our nursery. Our ushers will be happy to assist you.

By Grace, God Gathers Us

PRELUDE: “Praeludium” Michael Higgins

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(please stand as you are able and turn to face the processional cross as it enters the church.)

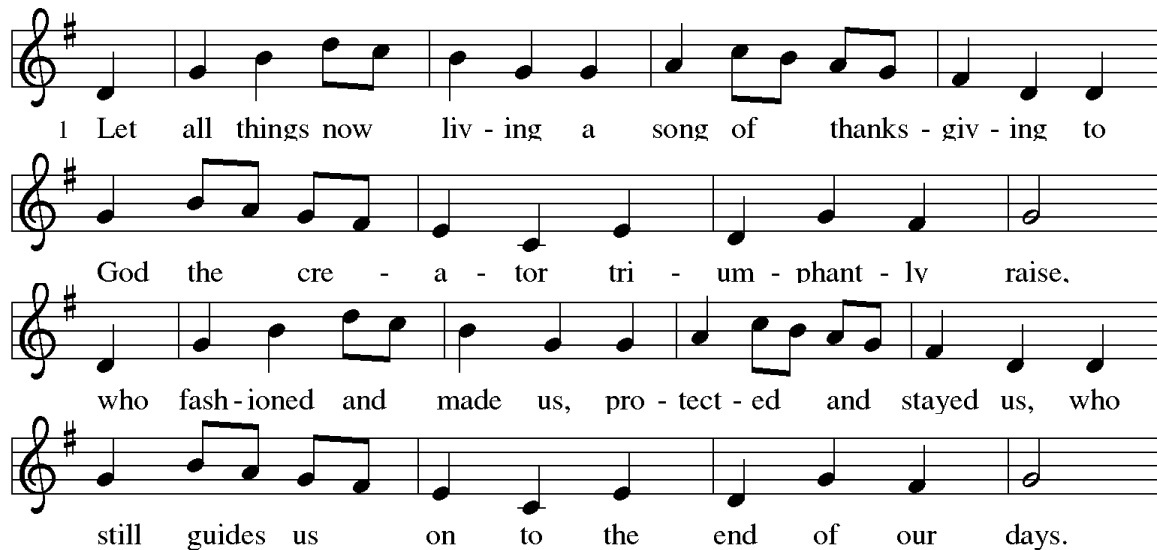
ENTRANCE HYMN: “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” ELW 557

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

All: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Let All Things Now Living” ELW 881 v.1



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

(please be seated)

In Grace, God Empowers Us With The Word

FIRST READING:

Genesis 15: 1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM:

Psalm 33: 12-22

(Read responsively)

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army,

nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory;

despite its great strength it cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear¹ you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

to deliver their lives from death,

and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,

our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you,

for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,

even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11: 1-3; 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "How Firm a Foundation" ELW 796 v.1

*How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter:

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL:

Luke 12: 32-40

Jesus said, Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

(please be seated)

SERMON: “Dressed for Action” Pastor Rosemary Backer

(please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” ELW 327

APOSTLE’S CREED

*God has made us his people through our baptism in Christ, living together,
we confess our faith.*

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Kneel/Sit

After each petition of the prayers:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The worshipers may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

In Grace, God Empowers Us With The Meal

THE OFFERING

The OFFERING is received – if you haven't already done so, we ask at this time for you/family to complete the perforated tear off sheet on the back of your bulletin.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Stillness”

Colin Mawby

(please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

All: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Pastor: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up,
and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of
the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the
hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the
ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life,
your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church celebrates open communion. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples. We don't require you to be a member of this church to participate with us in this feast of grace – it is God's Table. Simply come forward at the usher's direction. The wafer will be given to you by the pastor and communion assistant will offer the cup for you to dip the wafer into the wine. If you prefer a common cup this available at the next communion assistant. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available for those who are allergic, please ask the communion assistant.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN: “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” ELW 759

(please stand as you are able)

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
And keep you in His grace.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

God our creator, At this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“*O Living Bread From Heaven*” ELW 542 v.1

*O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows!*

With Grace, God Sends Us

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Life is short and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.
And may the Divine Mystery Who is beyond our ability to know
but Who made us, and Who loves us, and Who travels with us,
Bless you and keep you in peace.
In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*” ELW 678

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on “Dix”* Anon.

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OUR CHURCH COOKBOOK

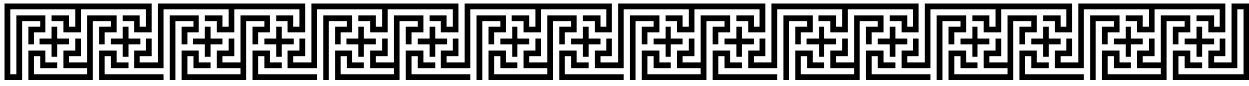


THE COOKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!!

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PUT IN YOUR ORDER NOW IS THE
TIME!

DON'T MISS OUT!

TO ORDER YOURS PLEASE SEE EITHER MANDY BAKER OR
SHIRLEY MUNDELL. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE. ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
AND THE NARTHEX.



MAKE YOUR MARK IN GLORIA DEI HISTORY

Gloria Dei’s commemorative pavers will become a lasting legacy to Gloria Dei in our Memorial Garden & path. Purchasing a paver with your name and message engraved on it is a beautiful way to help fund many areas of our growing church.

**CHOOSE YOUR MESSAGE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE
DON’T WAIT! RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!**

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

 YES! I want to reserve a Gloria Dei Paver. Donation \$100.00

Each paver may contain three (3) lines with up to 13 characters per line. Spaces and punctuation such as commas, periods and hyphens are counted as a character.

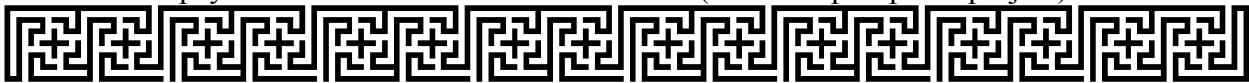
I would like my personal inscription to read:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Make checks payable to: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (In memo put: paver project)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL PRAYERS - Please pray for Bud & Gretchen Edgren, Shirley Horvath, Phyllis Munson and Family, Kathy Clark, Mike Mulyck, Sara Edixon, Ken Fuchs, Barbara Gilso, Donald Turner, Linda Brusco, Ella Fullin, Lac Nguyen, Brianna Tonkin, Miriam Longenecker, Matthew & Andrew Woodall, Jordan Bailey, Roger Moury, Courtney Lakis, Felicia Alberico, Gerhard John, Joanne Rood, Louise Johnston and Phil Bjornberg.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY may be over but we are still collecting items. Please take a moment to look at the Christmas tree in the Narthex and take an item package that you would be willing to give to the needy family. We will be collecting donations until mid-August. Your donations may be brought to the church office.

WE ARE COLLECTING SHOES....Please bring in a pair of new shoes and/or a pair of new socks for Project Heart. If you would rather bring in a monetary donation please do so. This is an organization that helps the homeless children of Manatee County.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week are given by Carol Stene in celebration of Dennis' birthday.

SERVING IN WORSHIP...please see the Serving in Worship schedule in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall. This is the Worship Leader and Reader schedule through October. You have been added to this schedule because you have offered to serve in worship. If you are unable to serve your day you are asked to find a replacement and notify the church office. Thank you

PAVERS ARE STILL FOR SALE....leave your message engraved in the Memorial Garden. See the order form in this bulletin.

A **THANK YOU** goes to all those who helped with the Pastios Memorial. Your effort was greatly appreciated.

A **CARING BOARD MEETING** is scheduled for Tuesday at 10:30am.

A **COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for Thursday at 6:30pm.

ATT. LAST WEEK: 5:00 – 17 9:30 – 55 C.O.M.T.D.-\$2799.52

SERVING IN WORSHIP: Memorials M.T.D.- \$5000.00

Reader: Raymond Paysour Worship Asst: John Bonser

Ushers: Greg Mundell and Rein Mueller

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI
August 7th – August 15th

Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church
Communication Card
August 7th & 8th

11th WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY

5:00 P.M. Celebrate!
8:00 P.M. AA

SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. **Traditional Worship**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M. Quilters
(All invited bring a bag lunch)
10:30 A.M. Caring Board Mtg.

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

9:30 A.M. Women's Book study
6:30 P.M. Council Mtg.

FRIDAY

MARY MOTHER OF OUR LORD WEEKEND

SATURDAY

5:00 P.M. Celebrate!
8:00 P.M. AA

SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. **Traditional Worship**
10:30 A.M. Fellowship

Name _____

Phone _____

Address, Phone or E-mail
change?

Please check appropriate
box:

I would like info on
making Gloria Dei my church
family.

I would like to receive the
newsletter electronically
e-mail _____

I am willing to learn to be a
worship assistant

I have something to
contribute for the next
newsletter.

I will read during worship

I will donate a thumb
drive/memory card for Haiti

Message to Staff:

**Guests: Welcome to
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!**
Are you visiting with us today?
If so, please fill out the following
information:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail _____

Local Address _____

**We're glad you're here! Please
tell us about yourself:**

Which service did you attend?
Trad. Worship @ 9:30 AM

How did you hear about us?

- Newspaper Banner
- Mailing Friend
- I would like information on
joining Gloria Dei Church
- I would like information on
Sunday School Classes
- I would like information on
Adult Small Groups
- Please register me for a
New member's Class
- Gloria Dei would like to be a
home away from home. If you
need a prayer or a Pastor's call
please let us know.
- Other _____

(please place card in collection plate)

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