

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church gdluth.org

# Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

## To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

### **Our Communion Practice**

If you are a visitor with us today, we are glad that you're here! We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship today. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, we ask that you speak with Pastor Shrimpton or one of the ushers before doing so.

God requires that we only commune with those with whom we share complete agreement in God's Word (**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**) and makes us responsible for ensuring that those whom commune know exactly what God teaches lest people commune to their spiritual harm (**1 Corinthians 11:27-30**). Because of this, we ask that any visitors who are not a member of one of our sister congregations give us the opportunity to compare what we teach with your faith to ensure that we are in complete agreement before you commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Shrimpton after worship for more information.

## The Theme of Today's Worship

Childbearing is an excruciating process. Yet each day countless women, wanting a baby, willingly become pregnant. This shows that pain can be endured if we know it is temporary and that happier times come immediately after. Likewise, the time in between Christ's first and second coming are going to be full hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that this is temporary. Happier times are coming!

That truth is made crystal clear on this All Saints' Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us—all those who had faith in the Lamb of God: the heroes of faith in Scripture; our faithful Christian family members, now fallen asleep. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. As we journey through this time in between, how do we endure? We remember all the saints. We focus on the future glory that waits for us.

# Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Organ Assistant	Oliver Shrimpton
Ushers	Rick Huntington and Daniel Donovan
Communion Assistant	Steve Hansen
Altar Preparation	Janet Powers
Sunday School Teacher	Paul Mueller
Coffee Hour Host	Kids' Coffee Hour

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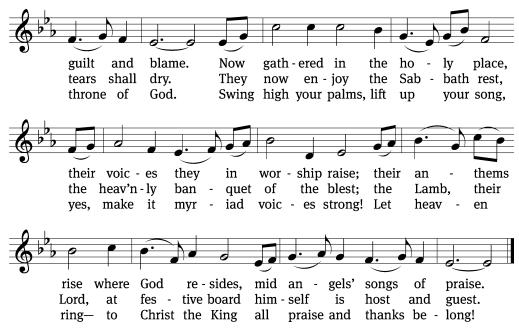


## **Opening Hymn**

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



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Please stand

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# Confession\*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>\*</sup> We are born into this world with a deep need for confession. We come as sinners before the holy God who demands perfection from us. We come asking for his forgiveness, trusting in his promises to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' life and death in our place.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

# Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning<sup>\*</sup> sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>†</sup>

Amen.

# Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.** 

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> To "atone" is to put to separated parties back "at one" with each other. By his death, Jesus covered over our sin and put sinful mankind back at one with our Creator. See **1 John 2:2**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> [Jesus said,] "Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.... Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (John 20:23, Matthew 18:18).

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.** 



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> This song borrows the words of the angels as they proclaimed the birth of the Savior to the shepherds **(Luke 2:14)**. This song's traditional name, *Gloria in Excelsis*, is a Latin phrase meaning *glory in the highest*.



# The Word

# Salutation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Be seated

# **First Reading**

Revelation 7:9–17

After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

<sup>11</sup>All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>13</sup>One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

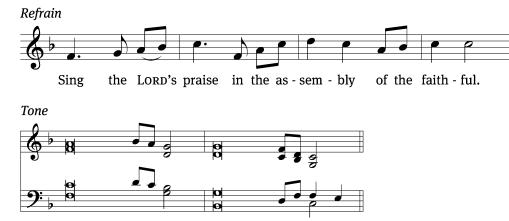
<sup>14</sup>And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
<sup>15</sup>Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
<sup>16</sup>They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm of the Day**



Sing to the LORD a / new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful / people.

Let Israel rejoice in their / Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad / in their King.

Let them praise his name with / dancing

and make music to him with tim- / brel and harp. Refrain

For the LORD takes delight in his / people;

he crowns the humble with / victory.

Let his faithful people rejoice in this / honor

and sing for joy / on their beds.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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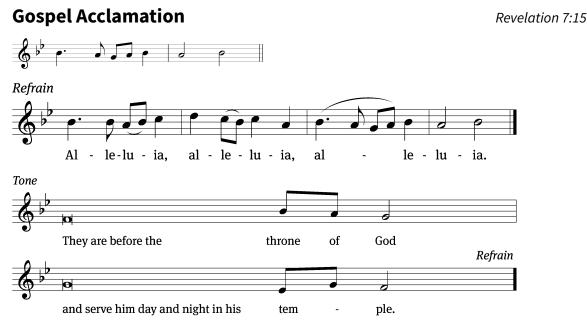
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## **Second Reading**

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup>Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand\*



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## Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

<sup>\*</sup> We stand out of respect for the words and account of the life of our Savior and King, Jesus.

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

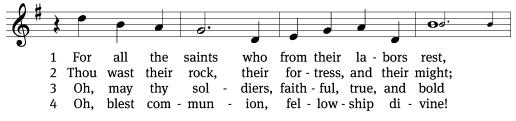
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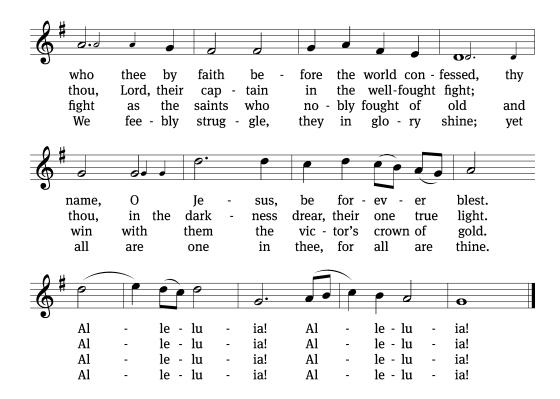
### **Children's Message**

The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.

## Hymn of the Day

880 For All the Saints





- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Please stand

### **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,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> The Nicene Creed was originally adopted by the Council of Nicea in 325 AD and has been a widely used confession of faith throughout Christendom since that time. Its chief purpose was to confess the Christian faith while defending the truth of Jesus' divinity against the teachings of Arianism which claim that Jesus is not true God.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

# **Prayer of the Church**

With grateful hearts, Lord,

#### We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

#### Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

#### We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

#### Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

#### We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

#### Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord, We remember before you this day... Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

#### Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end. **Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.** 

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

# Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit <u>www.gdluth.org/giving</u> or scan the code to the right.

If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

# The Sacrament

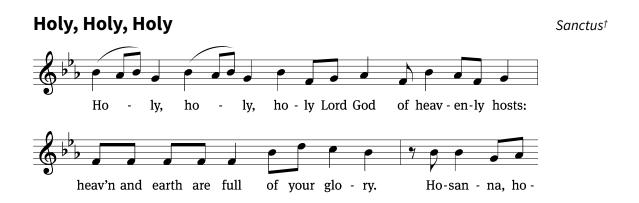
# Preface\*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** 

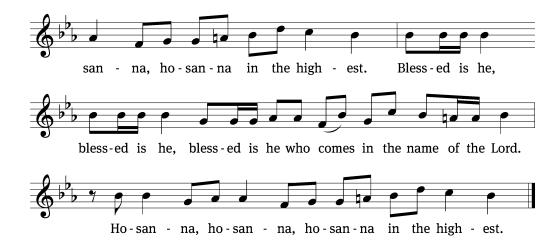
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> The words of the Preface are the least changed liturgical text of the Christian church, dating back to at least 200 AD. They are spoken as joyous words that anticipate the forthcoming reception of the Lord's Supper.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means, "Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, *Sanctus*, is the Latin word for *Holy*.



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

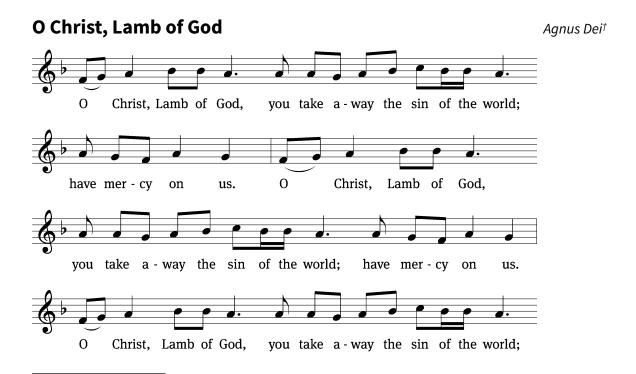
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# Words of Institution\*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 



<sup>\*</sup> This is no symbolic meal nor were Jesus' directions a parable. As his last will and testament, Jesus' direction on the Lord's Supper is clear: in a miraculous way, his true body and true blood are present with the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins won for us by his death on the cross. † John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**, the long-promised, perfect sacrifice for sin. The traditional name of this song, *Agnus Dei*, is the Latin phrase *Lamb of God*.



Be seated

### Distribution

**To our guests:** please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

Those communing with us today should follow the ushers' direction to come forward via the center aisle and return to their seats by the side aisles.

Please stand

#### Hymn of Thanksgiving 892 By All Your Saints Still Striving all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at 1 Bv rest, mar - tyrs, and 2 A - pos - tles, proph-ets, all the no - ble throng 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son vour ho - ly name. O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed. who wear the spot-less rai - ment and raise the cease-less songand sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One, You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown for these, passed on be - fore of - fer prais-es due us, we the ran-somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne till all



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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.\*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.<sup>†</sup>

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### **Blessing**<sup>‡</sup>

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

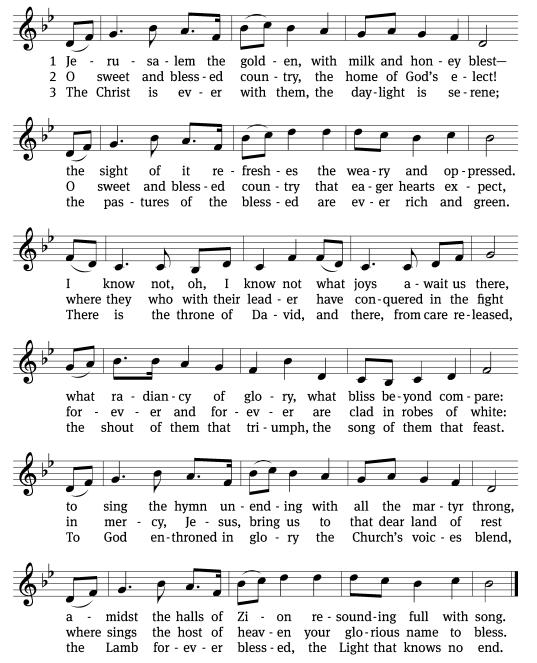
#### Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see **Psalm 118:1**.

<sup>† 1</sup> Corinthians 11:26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> The closing blessing of the service follows the pattern of the blessing that God gave to his Old Testament people in **Numbers 6:22-27**.

**Closing Hymn** 



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# Calendar & Announcements

# Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]9:	15 am
Worship10:	30 am
Coffee Hour	30 am
Catechism Class12:0	)0 pm

### Tuesday

In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	10:30 am
Bible Information Class	4:30 pm
Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	7:30 pm

### Thursday

Senior Care Center Devotional Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]	10:00 am
Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm

### **Next Sunday**

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]9	:15 am
Worship10	:30 am
Coffee Hour11	:30 am
Catechism Class12	:00 pm

### Women's Advent by Candlelight

Friday, December 1 at 6pm Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and a lovely program to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior. All women and girls are invited; and bring a friend! Save the date and more details to come. Reach out to Sarah Gerrish with any questions: ilessr@gmail.com

## **Upcoming Holiday Schedule**

As we make our way into the holiday season, here's an upcoming schedules of events to put on your calendars:

- Wednesday, November 23, 7pm: Thanksgiving Eve Worship ٠
- Friday, December 1, 6pm: Women's Advent by Candlelight
- Sunday, December 3, 12pm: Church Decorating (continued on next page) •

- Saturday, December 9, 1-3:30pm: Christmas for Kids
- Sunday, December 24, 10:30am: Normal Sunday Worship (4th Sunday in Advent)
- Sunday, December 24, 6pm: Christmas Eve Worship
- Monday, December 25, 10:30am: Christmas Day Worship

### **Text Messages Reminders from Gloria Dei**

We have added the ability to send out brief text message reminders ahead of worship services, classes, or meetings as a light reminder. Those that are already signed up have said they really appreciate it as a way to stay connected to the events of the congregation, and through that, our Savior's Word. To register you can go to this address (<u>http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/texting</u>) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.





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As a family of believers, Gloria Dei proclaims God's glory, the good news of sins forgiven in Jesus. We teach the entirety of God's truth as revealed in the Bible to strengthen the faith of our members, to train those who wish to know more about their Savior, and to proclaim Christ-crucified to all the world.

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