

# November 15, 2020

## Saints Triumphant

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*Welcome to Gloria Dei!*

We welcome you to worship here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church! We pray that the message of God's Word comforts your soul and strengthens your faith in the forgiving grace of God that is yours through God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is a Cry Room located off the Narthex if needed. There are restrooms in the Cry Room and in the Fellowship Hall, which is to your left as you're leaving the Sanctuary.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Dear Lord of all and Savior of the world, we pray that You would bless our country with peace and prosperity. Make it a place where we may freely proclaim your gospel message without prohibition or interference. Open our eyes to see the opportunities You have placed before us to put our faith into practice and to live as model citizens, Make us beacons of light-proclaimers of the Good News-who shine with a glow that reflects your glory and leads others to You. Amen.

**COMMUNION:** Since Gloria Dei values very highly the special treasure that God gives us in Holy Communion, and since Scripture also says that one can receive Communion to his own great harm (I Corinthians. 11:23-32), we ask that only those who are members of Gloria Dei, or another WELS or ELS congregation come to the altar for the sacrament. Instruction classes to become a communicant member are available throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Himm for more information.

## Come Let Us Worship

**Hymns:** 368, 355, 304, 348

**First Lesson:** Ezekiel 37:15-28

**Second Lesson:** Revelation 19:1-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

**Message:** Matthew 13:44-46

### *The Value of Having Jesus*

**1. The Ultimate Treasure**

**2. The Cost**

#### **THOSE WHO ARE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING:**

**USHERS:** Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, & Eric Bessolo

**COMMUNION SET UP:** Major

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jim Luisier & Tom Furnner

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Tobias Edgett

**COUNTERS:** Mortimer & Major

**CLEANER FOR NOVEMBER 22:** Faulkner

#### **THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU NOVEMBER 22:**

**USHERS:** Mike Hoppe, Joe Hoppe, & Tobias Edgett

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Anna Hoppe

**COUNTERS:** Hoppe & Luisier

**CLEANER FOR NOVEMBER 29:** Moore

## Our Love for God's Word & Work

<b>November 8</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Offering</b>
Worship	61	General	\$2,280.00
Adult Bible Class	20	Choir	250.00
PreK – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7		
Teens	4		
Thursday ABC	12		

**Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,522.00**

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## Daily Bible Reading

Date	Old Test.	Psalms	Proverbs	New Test.
15-Nov	Ezek. 17	114	15	Rom. 16
16-Nov	Ezek. 18,19	115	16	Acts 21
17-Nov	Ezek. 20	116	17	Acts 22
18-Nov	Ezek. 21	117	18	Acts 23
19-Nov	Ezek. 22	118: 1-14	19	Acts 24
20-Nov	Ezek. 23	118: 15-29	20	Acts 25
21-Nov	Ezek. 24,25	119: 1-16	21	Acts 26

### THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

Please be aware and sit accordingly.



All pews except for  
the front 4 rows.



Only in the front  
4 rows.

**WELCOME:** We would like to welcome and thank Pastor emeritus Mark Porinsky for serving us while Pastor Himm is out of town. Pastor emeritus Porinsky served at Faith Lutheran in Dexter for many years. He is currently a member of Prince of Peace in Howell and helps with Shepherd of the Lakes in Fenton.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Thank you to Tammi Neuwirth for providing today's Altar Flowers.

**HELP NEEDED:** We need people to sign up for **Altar Flowers & Fellowship**. The sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. **You can also call the church office to check for available dates and to sign up.**

**DONATION SUNDAY:** Our next Donation Sunday will be **December 6**. The Ladies Guild asks that you bring in donations of commonly used items, such as: coffee, coffee filters, coffee creamers, paper products, plastic silverware, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, hand soap, dish soap, batteries (especially AA & AAA), etc. If you do not wish to bring in something you can also make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase those needed items. **These donations are becoming more vital with more people returning to worship each week.** Thank You!

**CALENDARS:** The Ladies Guild are currently selling LWMS calendars for 2021. They are mission-minded calendars and feature a new missionary and family for each month. What a great way to be reminded to pray for our missionaries every day! They are \$15.00 each. There is a sample calendar and signup sheet on the board in the Fellowship Hall. **If you have any questions, please speak with Barb Lambert.**

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:** Please plan on joining us on **Wednesday, November 25**, at **7:00pm** for our Thanksgiving Worship Service.

**EHV BIBLES:** We will be replacing our NIV'84 pew Bibles with the EHV (Evangelical Heritage Version) Bible - it is the translation that we use for our Sunday readings. If you would like to order one for yourself, you can do so. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board or call the church office. Cost is **\$17.25** per Bible. Deadline to order is **NOVEMBER 29**.

**ADVENT WORSHIP:** Please plan on joining us on **Wednesday, December 9**, at **7:00pm** for our annual Advent service. It's a great time to take a breather from all the hustle & bustle of the holiday season and spend some time focusing on the birth of our Savior.

## **SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING**

Next **Sunday, November 22**, we will hold a brief **Special Voters' Meeting** that will address the purchase of video equipment to enhance our streaming capabilities of our worship services. We discussed this at our October 18 Voters' Meeting but did not have the detail needed to vote on it. Now we do.

- Items included are a new PTZOptics camera, another computer (built by Allen Mortimer for this specific use to partner with our PowerPoint computer), various components, software, and cables.
- In addition, we will need to expand our audio desk in the back of the church to accommodate this new system.
- Anticipated cost should be about \$3,500.
- We do have \$4,900 in the Video System Fund.
- Allen Mortimer (with the help of Mike Hoppe) will be building and installing the system. We sincerely thank both of them for the countless hours they are giving to this important effort. They are saving us more than double the price if we had someone order the items and put them together.

The goal of this new system is to produce

- crystal clear video that can zoom and move
- louder sound coming through our current sound system
- import our hymn slides from our PowerPoint so the online audience doesn't have to read the wall
- our ability to stream to different venues

Another item for this Voters' Meeting is to appoint a Nominating Committee for our 2021 Elections.

## **OFFERING COUNTERS' MEETING**

After the special Voters' Meeting, our Financial Secretary, John Kritzman, is asking that all Counters meet for a short review meeting to answer some common questions and make sure everyone is consistent on how we count offerings after worship. All Counters are asked to attend. If you are interested in joining the important group, please attend or contact John or our church secretary, Val Hoppe.

## *Ladies Guild Fundraiser*

Let's make the holidays a little easier and raise some money for the Ladies Guild at the same time!

The Ladies Guild purchases commonly used items, such as: coffee, coffee filters, coffee creamers, paper products, plastic silverware, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, hand soap, dish soap, batteries (especially AA & AAA), etc. for the church on a regular basis.

They also purchase "big ticket items" when needed. They recently purchased the new stove in the kitchen. In the past they've purchased the blinds in the fellowship hall and multiuse room, the tables, and helped with the redecorating of the fellowship hall. Next on the list is new blinds for the offices & the classrooms.

If you would like to purchase a pie (or two) or some delicious jam please fill out the order form, making checks payable to Gloria Dei Ladies Guild, and return the form and payment by November 29. You can give your order directly to one of the officers of the Guild, Cass Moore, Laura Mortimer, Deb Mortimer, or Cheryl Major. You can also leave your order form & payment in an envelope on the secretary's desk. Your orders will be at Gloria Dei on December 13 for pick up.

**\$5.00** from each pie & jam order will go to the Guild.

If you have any questions, please speak with Wendi Edgett.