



# The Gloria Dei Grapevine



The *Gloria Dei Grapevine* is the monthly newsletter of Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact us.

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## *Please Join Us*

- ♦ **Sunday Morning Worship** at 9:00am
- ♦ **Communion** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month
- ♦ **Adult, Teen, & Children's Sunday School** at 10:00am, September thru May
- ♦ **Adult Bible Study** - every Thursday at 9:00am
- ♦ **Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) First Saturday of the month, 6-9pm. Contact Laura or Allen Mortimer for more information.
- ♦ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Meets twice monthly September thru May.

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## *From the Pastor...*

Imagine it in your mind's eye. Everywhere you look there are people. They are waving banners and shouting at the top of their lungs and clapping until their hands are raw. And you're there too, a voice among the multitudes, waving, shouting, and clapping. But why all this joy? Well, the King of Kings is coming. He's the greatest king of all. And he's not the greatest because he is a tyrant like some Middle East dictator who will put you through an industrial shredder if you don't cheer him. You praise your King because his rule is a rule of grace.

It is possible that this Psalm 47 was written for a special event in Israel's history. For years after the Israelites moved into the promised land, Jerusalem was still in heathen hands. Finally, King David conquered Jerusalem and his son Solomon built a temple to the Lord there. The dedication of the temple gave the Ark of the Covenant – the symbol of the

presence of the King of Kings among his people – a permanent home. Hence the words about the King going up amid shouts of joy.

But these words have a different application for us. God has promised us a permanent home in heaven. And that is so amazing because it's something that we don't deserve. We so often have different "kings" ruling our lives. Sometimes its popularity. We want attention and if we do something we want it to be well known and get everyone else's attention. Sometimes money is king. All we can think of is how much we do or don't have and those thoughts occupy our minds. Finally, we can just say that anytime we disobey the Lord, we are putting ourselves on our heart's throne where the Lord should be.

What we don't remember is that those "kings" rules with an iron fist. All of them push us to a home that we really want no part of. In Romans 5 we

# *Serving in June*

## June 1

**Ushers:** Eric Metz, Paul Allar, Jim Sharich  
**Communion Set Up:** Furnner  
**Communion Assistants:** Mark Moore  
**Power Point Assistant:** Mitchell Bessolo  
**Livestream Assistant:** Luke Mortimer  
**Counters:** Straub & Luisier  
**Cleaners:** Allar

## June 8

**Ushers:** Jim Luisier, Joe King, Kent Kerwin  
**Power Point Assistant:** Noah Straub  
**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer  
**Counters:** Mortimer & Metz  
**Cleaners:** Moore

## June 15

**Ushers:** Mark Moore, Harold Fox, Tom Furnner  
**Communion Set Up:** Furnner  
**Communion Assistants:** Rod Davies  
**Power Point Assistant:** Kaylee Mortimer  
**Livestream Assistant:** Paul Allar  
**Counters:** Neuwirth & Moore  
**Cleaners:** Bessolo

## June 22

**Ushers:** Eric Bessolo, Rocky Bessolo, Mitchell Bessolo  
**Power Point Assistant:** Luke Mortimer  
**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer  
**Counters:** Mortimer & Major  
**Cleaners:** Mortimer

## June 29

**Ushers:** Marshall Bessolo, Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer  
**Power Point Assistant:** Calvin Bessolo  
**Livestream Assistant:** Luke Mortimer  
**Counters:** Callahan & Furnner  
**Cleaners:** Reinke



# *Serving in July*

## July 6

**Ushers:** Justin Lawrence, Eric Metz, Paul Allar  
**Communion Set Up:** King  
**Communion Assistants:** Wayne Pennell  
**Power Point Assistant:** Owen Straub  
**Counters:** Straub & Luisier  
**Cleaners:** Gresock

## July 13

**Ushers:** Jim Sharich, Jim Luisier, Joe King  
**Power Point Assistant:** Mitchell Bessolo  
**Counters:** Mortimer & Metz  
**Cleaners:** Major

## July 20

**Ushers:** Kent Kerwin, Mark Moore, Harold Fox  
**Communion Set Up:** King  
**Communion Assistants:** Jim Luisier  
**Power Point Assistant:** Noah Straub  
**Counters:** Neuwirth & Moore  
**Cleaners:** Allar

## July 27

**Ushers:** Tom Furnner, Eric Bessolo, Rocky Bessolo  
**Power Point Assistant:** Kaylee Mortimer  
**Counters:** Mortimer & Major  
**Cleaners:** Moore



# From the Pastor...

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hear that, "Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death came to all men because all sinned. The home we deserve because of sin is eternal death.

But Jesus, the king of grace will bring us to a home that is very different. We are no longer under the rule of sin. We see his grace when we see him remaining silent and not taking any opportunity to defend himself as he was unjustly accused and executed on the cross. We see his grace as we see his empty tomb. That is how Jesus freed us from the rule of sin. That is how Jesus can promise us a home in heaven.

And that's what he's preparing for us even now. It is not a place of pain and sadness. It is a place of eternal rest. That's one reason why we celebrate today. Jesus is keeping the promise that he made to his disciples when he said that he was going to his Father's place and there he would prepare places for all of God's people. Yes, he's getting a place ready for you right now.

But that's not all he's doing. From 1014-1035 AD there was a king in England named Canute. There is a legend that he got tired of the members of his royal court flattering him constantly with praises about his greatness. So one day he ordered his throne to be set at the seashore, where he sat and commanded that the waves wouldn't come in and get him wet. But no matter how forcefully he commanded the tide not to come in, his order was not obeyed. He got wet. One historian tells us that afterward he never wore his king's crown, but instead hung it on a statue of Jesus, the King who rules all things.

Gone are the days when people in power make such a clear statement about who is really in control. And really, the way things are going in this world we might wonder who is really in control. But take heart. Jesus, right now is at his Father's right hand, a position of power and prestige, not a position of sitting back and doing nothing.

You might be thinking, "Give me proof of this rule of Jesus. I just don't see it." Maybe we don't see it because we're looking in the wrong places for it. We actually don't have to look too far to see his kingdom. Whenever we are gathered in worship around the word shows Jesus' kingdom is still going. If evil were winning, we wouldn't be here. And what's happening here is happening throughout the world. Jesus is ruling this world so that his gospel continues to go out.

But that's not the only proof of Jesus' rule. It might seem like evil rules everything now. But that's only temporary. Jesus is coming back to judge. And evil and evildoers will be declared guilty. They won't be able to escape judgment. They won't be able to cop a plea for a lesser sentence. They will be locked in hell forever. We, whose sins have been taken away, won't have that same fate. We'll spend eternity in a place where evil and evildoers can't touch us. What a day that will be when we get there!

**<sup>1</sup>All you peoples, clap your hands!**

**Shout to God! Sing a loud song!**

**<sup>2</sup>Yes, the LORD Most High is awesome.**

**He is the great King over all the earth!**

**<sup>3</sup>He subdues peoples under us  
and nations under our feet.**

**<sup>4</sup>He chooses our inheritance for us.**

**It is the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.**

**<sup>5</sup>God has ascended with a joyful shout.**

**The LORD goes up with the sound of the ram's horn. (Psalm 47:1-5)**

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

The Men's Breakfast & Bible Study is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at 8:00am. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



## Congratulations!

**To our 2025  
Highschool Graduates  
Lilly Allar  
Brooklyn Luisier**

<sup>8</sup> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:8,9

## Birthdays in June

6/02	Bishop Szecsodi
6/03	Walter Lawrence
6/05	Bob Hall
6/06	Gene Fowler
6/08	Nora Skene
6/08	Lynne Reinke
6/12	Hayley Guffey
6/16	Pat Furnner
6/16	Sam Allar
6/16	Ben McGowen
6/16	Maren Szecsodi
6/17	Cole Coutcher
6/19	Sophie Leng
6/20	Alisa Coutcher
6/22	Owen Straub
6/26	Penny Sharich
6/28	Spencer King



## Anniversaries in June

6/08	Ben & Jane Peterson
6/12	Gary & Karren Richmond
6/15	Matthew & Michelle Craft
6/15	Gene & Debera Guenther
6/16	Bob & Shelly Kost
6/16	David & Rhonda Thomason
6/20	Mark & Cass Moore
6/20	Garry & Nancy Viele
6/23	Josh & Rebecca Sharich





# Daily Bible Readings for June



DATE	OLD TESTEMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS	NEW TESTEMENT
1-Jun	2 Sam. 23,24	119: 129-144	1	Heb. 11
2-Jun	1 Chr. 1,2	119: 145-160	2	Heb. 12,13
3-Jun	1 Chr. 3-5	119: 161-176	3	Titus
4-Jun	1 Chr. 6	120	4	Philemon
5-Jun	1 Chr. 7,8	121	5	1 Tim. 1-3
6-Jun	1 Chr. 9,10	122	6	1 Tim. 4-6
7-Jun	1 Chr. 11,12	123,124	7	2 Tim. 1,2
8-Jun	1 Chr. 13-15	125,126	8	2 Tim. 3,4
9-Jun	1 Chr. 16,17	127	9	1 Peter 1,2
10-Jun	1 Chr. 18-20	128	10	1 Peter 3-5
11-Jun	1 Chr. 21,22	129	11	2 Peter
12-Jun	1 Chr. 23-25	130,131	12	1 John 1,2
13-Jun	1 Chr. 26,27	132	13	1 John 3-5
14-Jun	1 Chr. 28,29	133,134	14	2,3 John
15-Jun	1 Kings 1	135	15	Jude
16-Jun	1 Kings 2	136	16	Rev. 1
17-Jun	1 Kings 3,4	137	17	Rev. 2
18-Jun	1 Kings 5,6	138	18	Rev. 3
19-Jun	1 Kings 7	139	19	Rev. 4,5
20-Jun	1 Kings 8	140	20	Rev. 6,7
21-Jun	1 Kings 9,10	141	21	Rev. 8,9
22-Jun	1 Kings 11	142	22	Rev. 10,11
23-Jun	1 Kings 12,13	143	23	Rev. 12,13
24-Jun	1 Kings 14,15	144	24	Rev. 14,15
25-Jun	1 Kings 16,17	145	25	Rev. 16,17
26-Jun	1 Kings 18,19	146	26	Rev. 18
27-Jun	1 Kings 20	147	27	Rev. 19
28-Jun	1 Kings 21,22	148	28	Rev. 20
29-Jun	2 Chr. 1,2	149	29	Rev. 21
30-Jun	2 Chr. 3,4	150	30,31	Rev. 22



Friends and Family of Gloria Dei,

The opportunity to share God's word with you was such a blessing and privilege for me. Being able to do my first sermon in my home church in front of so many people who played a role in getting me to where I am was truly special. I pray that God was able to work through me to perform the works and blessings which he has promised will come of his word.

Aubrey and I are enjoying our time in Wisconsin with our dog Cabby, but we miss seeing all of you. Life at the Seminary is an experience unlike any other. Being able to spend my weeks studying the word of God with men as intelligent and experienced as the ones we have here is wonderful. Both the Professors and my fellow students have taught me so much in just my first few months here.

The treasures that you blessed us with in your offerings are greatly appreciated. In all my time at Gloria Dei it amazes me each time you choose to share your gifts to further my ministerial goals. It's a constant reminder of the heart that God's people have for his work. These gifts allowed us to make my last Seminary payment for the year.

Aubrey and I continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on Gloria Dei in your ministry. My parents frequently update me on the latest happenings at church and I'm sure we will have the opportunity to visit again this summer. As Paul said best in Philippians,

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

God's Blessings, The Moores



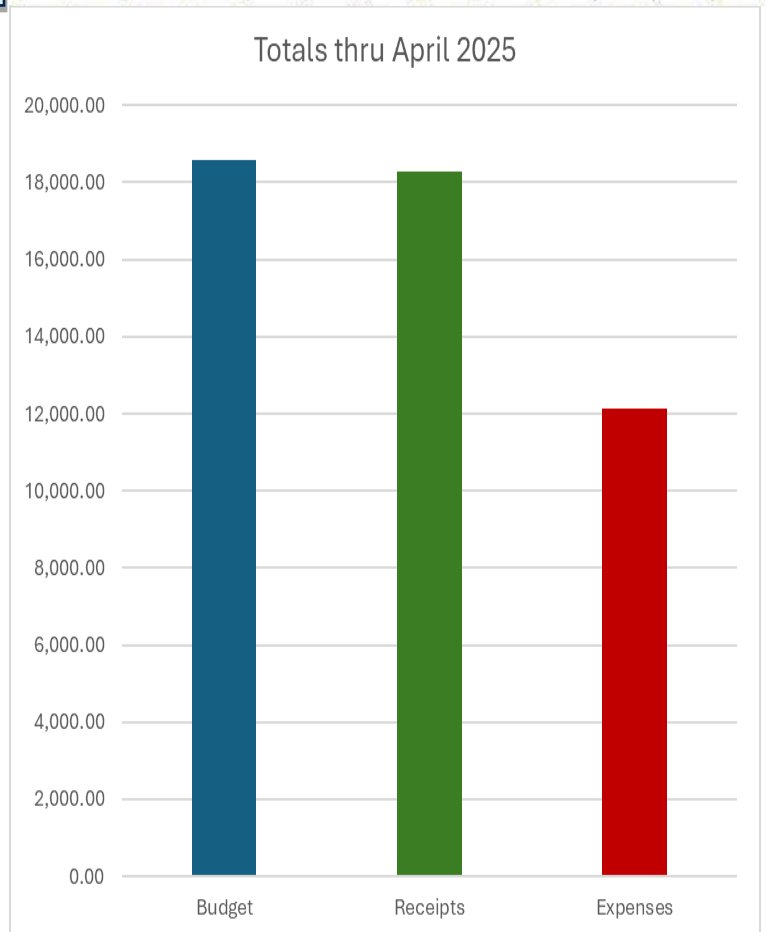
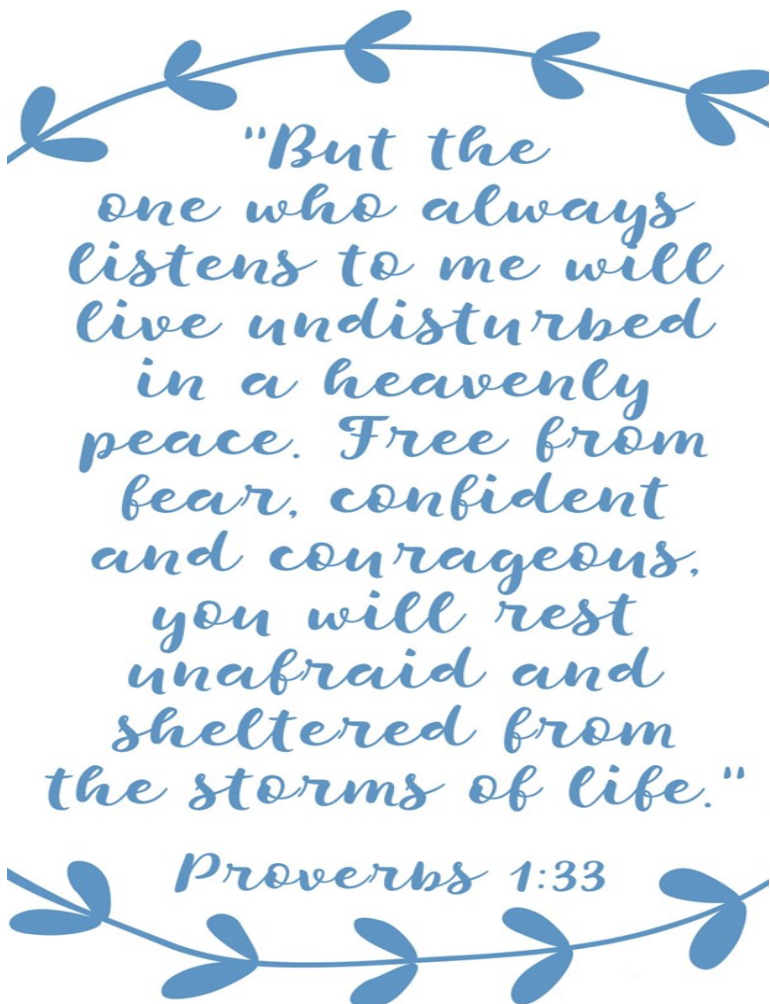
## Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is June 1. We have three 8th graders who will be confirmed.

- Jordan Thomason
- Asher Tesler
- Patrick Tesler



Please join us as we celebrate this special day with them.



General Fund is 46,799.71

Budget	Receipts	Expenses
18,575.21	18,267.79	12,140.35

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