



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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**I am the vine, you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in
him, he will bear much fruit; apart
from me you can do nothing.**

John 15:5

Please Join Us

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Worship** at 9:00am
- ◆ **Communion** on the 1st and 3rd
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** (6th-12th grade) First
Saturday of the month, 6-9pm. Con-
tact Laura or Allen Mortimer for
more information.
- ◆ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8th grade)
Meets twice monthly September
thru May.

Christ's Love
Our Calling

From the Pastor...

Isn't it amazing how busy life can get. One thing adds to another and the next thing we are swamped. No time for anything more. We just need a timeout, some down time, a rest. Your heavenly Father knows you need time to rest, to relax, and to be served. Already at creation he rested so that we would have an example to do just that. At Mt. Sinai he commanded his people, **"Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy."** Set time aside to rest in his presence with his comforting and encouraging words. Make it priority, not just *IF* it happens. Treat your Sunday morning as something sacred. Give it top priority. Yes, there is good reason why your Savior invites you in a busy, stressful world: **"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."**

Reformation:

In 1541, Martin Luther's prince requested pastors to offer special prayers for divine protection. In August 1541, Muslim invaders from Turkey had conquered Budapest, Hungary. Now they had set their eyes on Austria and Germany. A prayer service was arranged in Luther's native Wittenberg. Not only did the Reformer design the service, but he also seems to have composed the children's hymn **"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"** for the occasion. Luther saw the

potential of a Muslim invasion not simply as a political calamity but as one that touched on the very heart of the Christian faith. The undiluted proclamation of the gospel, for which he had fought so long and hard, was at stake. How necessary it now was to ask Jesus to keep his people strong in his Word so that they might have the continued freedom to sing their faith! In his German original, Luther pulled no

Serving in October

October 1

Ushers: Tom Furnner, Allen Mortimer, & Scott Mortimer

Communion Set Up: Mortimer

Communion Assistants: Tom Furnner & Wayne Pennell

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Major

October 8

Ushers: Rocky Bessolo, Eric Bessolo, & Eric Metz

Power Point Assistant: Josh Thomason

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Allar

October 15

Ushers: Paul Allar, Jim Luisier, & Jim Sharich

Communion Set Up: Mortimer

Communion Assistants: Gary Richmond & Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Brooklyn Luisier

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Moore

October 22

Ushers: Joe King, Kent Kerwin, & Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Bessolo

October 29

Ushers: Logan Moore, Harold Fox, & Tom Furnner

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Mortimer

Serving in November

November 5

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, & Rocky Bessolo

Communion Set Up: Furnner

Communion Assistants: Tom Furnner & Rod Davies

Power Point Assistant: Owen Straub

Livestream Assistant: Brooklyn Luisier

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Davies

November 12

Ushers: Eric Bessolo, Eric Metz, & Paul Allar

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Baker

November 19

Ushers: Jim Luisier, Jim Sharich, & Joe King

Communion Set Up: Furnner

Communion Assistants: Gary Richmond & Wayne Pennell

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Gresock

November 22

Ushers: Kent Kerwin & Logan Moore

Power Point Assistant: Josh Thomason

Livestream Assistant: Brooklyn Luisier

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

November 26

Ushers: Mark Moore, Harold Fox, & Tom Furnner

Power Point Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Logan Moore

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Major

Reformation:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (CW 203)

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punches when identifying the chief enemies of the gospel in his day. He prayed, "*Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort und steur des Papsts und Türken Mord.*" (Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; restrain the murd'rous Pope and Turk.). Modern translations normally broaden Luther's original suspects to include all "those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your Son and to destroy what he has done" (stanza 1).

Luther, however, reminds us that the fight is not ultimately ours. It belongs to Jesus, and He is victorious. His prayer continues, "*Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your Christendom that we may sing your praise eternally*" (stanza 2).

Finally, Luther's prayer calls upon the Holy Spirit. Through the eternal, saving Word, he binds together God's people in unity and grants them peace: "*Send peace and unity on earth.*" And at life's end we pray, "*Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life*" (stanza 3).

Some suggest that this hymn serves as the ultimate teaching hymn because of its combined depth and simplicity. Many Lutheran congregations established the tradition of singing this hymn at the end of every service. May we cherish this powerful, yet simple truth as we sing:

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Join us on Saturday, October 21, at 8:00am for the Men's Breakfast & Bible Study.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held October 29. Participation has been great in the past and we're hoping for another fun year. Typically, we have a large turn out of non-member families, so this is a wonderful time for us to reach out to our community. So, come enjoy a fun evening of decorated cars, costumed kids (and adults) popcorn, cider, hay rides, and maybe even a donut or two...

Voters Meeting

There will be a Voters Meeting and adoption of the 2024 Budget on October 15, following the service.

Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Birthdays in October

October 1	Luke Mortimer
October 2	Noah Straub
October 2	Geri Zoch
October 4	Paul Allar
October 5	Harold Fox
October 6	Katherine Callahan
October 8	Emmalyn Stevenson
October 8	Ben Peterson
October 9	Rod Davies
October 17	Susanna Kost
October 22	Reagan Moore
October 24	Bob Kost Jr.
October 24	Kim Davies
October 26	Brayden Corby
October 28	Madeline Skene
October 29	Ashley Hipps
October 30	Pete Straub

Anniversaries in October

October 2	Don & Adair Rowe
October 2	Rod & Kim Davies
October 8	Eric & Brenda Bessolo
October 19	Brian & Melissa King
October 19	Mike & Lindsay Szecsodi
October 20	Pete & Mandy Straub
October 24	John & Lesa Neuwirth

Ladies' Guild

There will be a Ladies Guild Meeting October 15, following the service.

All Women of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

The Flint Pregnancy Care Center

The Flint Pregnancy Care Center (WELS) has many opportunities to reach lives for time and for eternity. However, those opportunities are greatly limited due to available workers. Please consider using a little of your time to help those loved by the **LORD**.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

- You can volunteer by doing things at the center
- You can volunteer by doing things from your home
- You can volunteer by doing things behind the scenes
- You can volunteer by working with clients
- You can volunteer by sharing physical things
- You can volunteer by sharing God's Word

There is truly something for everyone.

Although this mission field is carried on mostly by women, there are some things men can do also.



Daily Bible Readings for October



Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
1-Oct	Jer. 30,31	79	1	James 1,2
2-Oct	Jer. 32	80	2	James 3-5
3-Oct	Jer. 33,34	81	3	Acts 12
4-Oct	Jer. 35,36	82	4	Acts 13,14
5-Oct	Jer. 37,38	83	5	Acts 15
6-Oct	Jer. 39,40	84	6	Gal. 1,2
7-Oct	Jer. 41,42	85	7	Gal. 3,4
8-Oct	Jer. 43,44	86	8	Gal. 5,6
9-Oct	Jer. 45-47	87	9	Acts 16
10-Oct	Jer. 48	88	10	Phil. 1,2
11-Oct	Jer. 49	89: 1-18	11	Phil. 3,4
12-Oct	Jer. 50	89: 19-37	12	Acts 17
13-Oct	Jer. 51	89: 38-52	13	1 Thes. 1-3
14-Oct	Jer. 52	90	14	1 Thes. 4,5
15-Oct	Dan. 1	91	15	2 Thes.
16-Oct	Dan. 2	92	16	Acts 18
17-Oct	Dan. 3	93	17	1 Cor. 1,2
18-Oct	Dan. 4	94	18	1 Cor. 3,4
19-Oct	Dan. 5	95	19	1 Cor. 5,6
20-Oct	Dan. 6,7	96	20	1 Cor. 7,8
21-Oct	Dan. 8	97	21	1 Cor. 9,10
22-Oct	Dan. 9,10	98	22	1 Cor. 11,12
23-Oct	Dan. 11,12	99	23	1 Cor. 13,14
24-Oct	Job 1-3	100	24	1 Cor. 15
25-Oct	Job 4,5	101	25	1 Cor. 16
26-Oct	Job 6-8	102: 1-10	26	2 Cor. 1,2
27-Oct	Job 9-11	102: 11-17	27	2 Cor. 3-5
28-Oct	Job 12-14	102: 18-28	28	2 Cor. 6,7
29-Oct	Job 15-17	103	29	2 Cor. 8,9
30-Oct	Job 18-20	104: 1-17	30	2 Cor. 10,11
31-Oct	Job 21-23	104: 18-35	31	2 Cor. 12,13



Ladies, start thinking about hosting a table for our annual Ladies Advent by Candlelight. This year it will be held on Thursday, December 7. It really is a wonderful way to spend the evening and share the birth of our Savior with the special women in your life. **There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for hostesses.**

We are in desperate need of more Livestreaming Assistants. **We currently only have three people willing to do the livestream.** Anyone, 7th grade and up (adults included), are welcome to sign up and training is available. If you are willing to help, please speak to Logan Moore or Allen Mortimer.





USING YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS

Would you like to be more involved here at Gloria Dei? Find a way to share your talents! Help to fill a need! Opportunities await you.

- ♦ **Usher**
- ♦ **Counters**
- ♦ **Communion Set up**
- ♦ **Power Point Assistant**
- ♦ **Livestreaming Assistant**
- ♦ **Clean the Narthex and the Sanctuary**
- ♦ **Purchase and serve refreshments** on Sunday morning
- ♦ **Purchase flowers** for the alter for a special occasion, special person, or just because. (Flower cost is \$20.00 and you can take the flowers home after the service.)



OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 *Donation Sunday* 9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:30 am - Adult, Teen, & Children's Bible Class <i>Pentecost 18</i>	2 Cleaners for October 8: Allar 6:30pm —Confirmation Class 7:00pm —Choir Practice	3	4 6:30pm —Board of Elders Meeting	5 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 6:30pm —Call Meeting 7:00pm —Church Council Meeting	6	7 6:00pm —Youth Group
8 9:00 am - Worship 10:30 am - Adult, Teen, & Children's Bible Class <i>Pentecost 19</i>	9 Cleaners for October 15: Moore 6:30pm —Confirmation Class 7:00pm —Choir Practice	10	11	12 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 7:00pm —Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm —Board of Education Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:30 am - Children's Bible Class 10:30 am - Voter's Meeting 10:30 am - Ladies Guild Meeting <i>Pentecost 20</i>	16 Cleaners for October 22: Bessolo 6:30pm —Confirmation Class 7:00pm —Choir Practice	17	18	19 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 7:00pm —Board of Evangelism Meeting	20	21 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
22 9:00 am - Worship 10:30 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School <i>Pentecost 21</i>	23 Cleaners for October 29: Mortimer 6:30pm —Confirmation Class 7:00pm —Choir Practice	24	25	26 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 7:00pm —Board of Stewardship Meeting	27	28
29 9:00 am - Worship 10:30 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School 6:00 pm - Trunk or Treat  <i>Reformation</i>	30 Cleaners for November 5: Davies 6:30pm —Confirmation Class 7:00pm —Choir Practice	31 	1 6:30pm —Board of Elders Meeting	2 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 7:00pm —Church Council Meeting	3	4 6:00pm —Youth Group