



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 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. Contact Laura or Allen Mortimer for more information.
- ◆ **Lutheran Pioneers** (K-8th grade) Meets twice monthly September thru May.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR...

Historians have said that the characters that Jesus uses in this parable are actually the same characters that appeared in jokes in those days, kind of like the “priest, rabbi, and Baptist preacher” characters that appear in many jokes today. And in many respects, the story that Jesus tells us is a bit humorous.

Imagine it in your mind's eye. Here you have this judge, who has surrounded himself with his riches (probably received because of corruption) and surrounded himself with his toadies who tell him what he likes to hear. He's sitting on his marble throne looking down his nose at this old, gray-haired, bent-over lady who had to use a cane to hobble into his chambers seeking justice for a wrong. Right away, the judge says, “There's no way I'm going to waste my time listening to her.”

But the scene keeps on repeating itself. Day after day the old lady comes before him with the same request. She's like the persistent Wendy's “Where's the beef” lady of those commercials so long ago. Finally, the judge gets tired of it. The judge readily admits who he is. He doesn't care about anyone or anything else. But even his self-centeredness had limits. He was getting tired of this woman coming to him day by day with her request. It was irritating him, like the woman was slugging him in the eye. So he finally gave in.

In this parable you have an unjust judge who doesn't care about God or man finally giving in to the requests of an old lady. We know our Lord and he's not like that unjust judge at all. He is just. He does care about others. So how do we approach our Lord? Do we think of the Lord as one who does care about us, or do we forget what he's all about? Sadly, we often forget. Instead of going to our Lord in prayer we attempt to navigate the potholes of our lives on our own. “I'm smart. I can see what's happening. I don't need any help. I'll pray when I really need the Lord.”

How many of us know what's going to

happen tomorrow? How many of us are such huge wizards of smart that we know we'll always be able to make the right choices in our lives? When we think of prayer in those sinful ways we're revealing what we really think about ourselves and the Lord. When we are inconsistent in our prayer – when we only pray when times are really difficult – we're saying that we don't need God for a large portion of our lives. When we refuse to pray, we're saying that the Lord doesn't care about our needs.

Our Lord, in his justice, would be well within his rights to say, “They have no right to speak to me. I don't want to listen to them.” Yet Jesus, who knows all things, who knows that there is no one in this world who has a perfect prayer life, who prays and never gives up, doesn't say, “Since you've sinned in such a way, there's no use in your praying anymore.” No, he gives us a reason to pray.

To the unjust judge, this woman was insignificant – nothing. The only reason he gave her justice, well, was because he was a good politician. Our relationship to God is different. We are not meaningless or nothing. He doesn't act like a politician in how he deals with us. No, we are chosen. Think about that. The Lord, who has no beginning and no ending, who holds the entire universe in the palm of his hand, who has all power and needs nothing from anyone else to survive has chosen you to be his own. You are important to him. You are special to him.

He chose us through the work of his Son, Jesus. Now you want to talk about someone who had a perfect prayer life. Just look at how he prayed even at the worst times of his life. He knew that his enemies were coming out to arrest him, so what did he do? He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Father, your will be done.” His enemies mocked him, and what did he do?

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Serving in November

November 2

Ushers: Jim Sharich, Jim Luisier, Joe King

Communion Set Up: Richmond

Communion Assistants: Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Moore

November 9

Ushers: Kent Kerwin, Mark Moore, Harold Fox

Power Point Assistant: Kaylee Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Bessolo

November 16

Ushers: Tom Furnner, Eric Bessolo, Rocky Bessolo

Communion Set Up: Richmond

Communion Assistants: Rod Davies

Power Point Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

Cleaners: Mortimer

November 23

Ushers: Mitchell Bessolo, Marshall Bessolo, Scott Mortimer

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Reinke

November 30

Ushers: Eric Metz, Paul Allar, Jim Sharich

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

Cleaners: Gresock



Birthdays in November

11/07	Cass Moore
11/08	Christina Kanignunta
11/10	Christina Bessolo
11/11	Marshall Bessolo
11/13	Don Rowe
11/14	Graph Kanignunta
11/16	Michelle Craft
11/20	Karen Palmer
11/23	Sarah Tiede
11/23	Molly Peterson
11/27	Gary Nielsen



Anniversaries in November

11/03	Gary & Linda Nielsen
11/13	Jim & Penny Sharich

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join us for a special service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 26. This service will begin at 7:00pm at Grace Lutheran. Please invite your friends and family and join us for this special service.



FROM YOUR PASTOR...

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He prayed from the cross, “Father, forgive them.”

But those weren’t the only prayers from the cross. There were two more. One was a prayer of desperation – “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” That prayer was prayed as Jesus suffered the complete, divine punishment that we deserve because our prayer lives at times really stink. And then the last words, “Into your hands I commit my spirit.” Those dying words of Jesus placed his future into his Father’s hands. And we know what happened. Jesus received his life back, rising from the dead – the beginning of a pattern that will extend to us. We will rise from the dead to eternal life.

If you’ve ever bought something that had a mail-in rebate, you know how long it takes to process that rebate. There have been times where I’ve sent in a mail-in rebate and forgotten about it. Six months later I get something that doesn’t look like regular mail but doesn’t look like junk mail, open it up and, “Oh, I completely forgot about that.” Sometimes it seems like it takes forever for those rebates to arrive.

When it comes to our prayers to the Lord, it’s not like waiting for a rebate. In fact, Jesus says that as soon as our prayer reaches his ears, our Lord answers it. And in answering our prayers, he gives us exactly what we need. Sometimes that’s not all that easy for us to understand or believe. Sometimes it seems like we pray and the Lord is silent or the Lord answers “No.”

Remember, God only promises to answer our prayers. He doesn’t promise that he’s going to answer them in the way we want all the time. Sometimes he does. And you know what, when he doesn’t answer in the way we want, he actually has something better in store for us. Yes, something better. He hears our prayers, he hears what we’re asking for and he says, “I can do even better for my chosen child.”

That’s the reality of prayer to the Lord. It is powerful. It’s a direct phone line to the one who answers all for our good. Why on earth would we play games with the Lord in our prayers? Why on earth would we ever hesitate to pray to him? Why on earth would we ever fail to be confident that our Lord is listening? There is no reason at all.

Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: ²“There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. ³There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, ‘Give me justice from my adversary!’ ⁴For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God or care about people, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.’ ”

⁶The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? ⁸I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. (Luke 18:1-8)

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Serving in December



December 7

Ushers: Jim Luisier, Joe King, Kent Kerwin

Communion Set Up: Mortimer

Communion Assistants: Wayne Pennell

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Mortimer & Major

Cleaners: Moore

December 10

Ushers: Mark Moore, Harold Fox

Power Point Assistant: Kaylee Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

December 14

Ushers: Tom Furnner, Eric Bessolo, Mitchell Bessolo

Power Point Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners: Bessolo

December 21

Ushers: Marshall Bessolo, Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer

Communion Set Up: Mortimer

Communion Assistants: Jim Luisier

Power Point Assistant: Calvin Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Mortimer & Metz

Cleaners: Mortimer

December 24

Ushers: Justin Lawrence, Eric Metz, Paul Allar

Power Point Assistant: Marshall Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Luke Mortimer

Counters: Neuwirth & Moore

December 25

Ushers: Jim Sharich, Jim Luisier

Power Point Assistant: Owen Straub

Livestream Assistant: Allen Mortimer

Counters: Mortimer & Major

December 28

Ushers: Joe King, Kent Kerwin, Mark Moore

Power Point Assistant: Mitchell Bessolo

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Callahan & Furnner

December 31

Ushers: Harold Fox, Tom Furnner

Power Point Assistant: Noah Straub

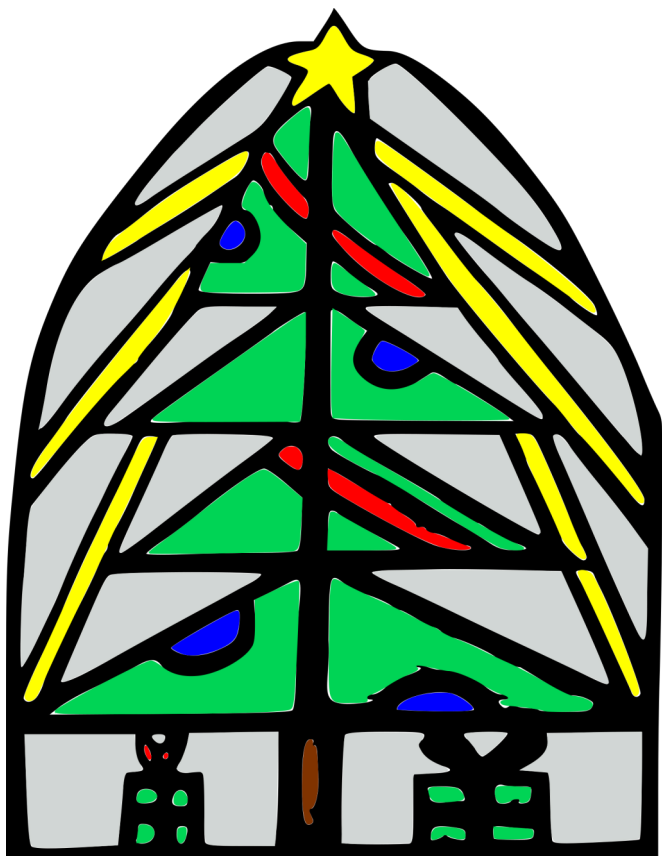
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Counters: Straub & Luisier

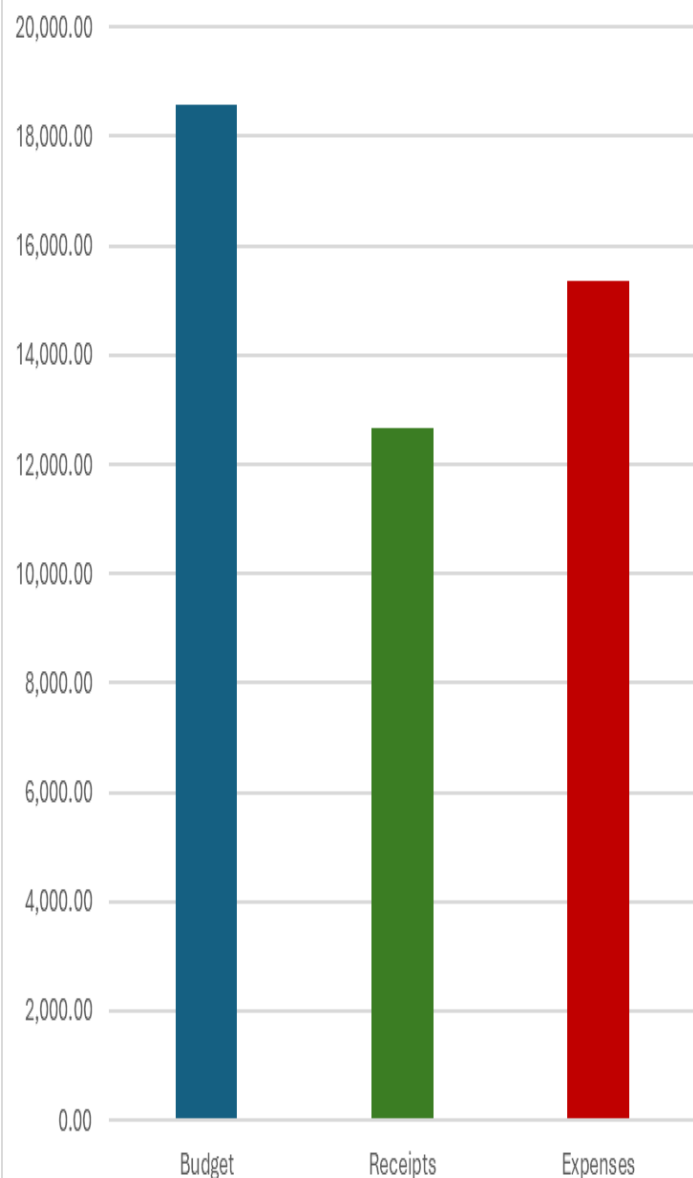


2026 Holiday Schedule

THANKSGIVING EVE	11/26	7:00PM	Grace Lutheran
LADIES ADVENT	12/04	6:00PM	GLORIA DEI
ADVENT	12/10	7:00PM	GLORIA DEI
CHRISTMAS EVE	12/24	5:00PM	GLORIA DEI
CHRISTMAS EVE	12/24	7:00PM	Grace Lutheran
CHRISTMAS DAY	12/25	10:30am	GLORIA DEI
NEW YEARS EVE	12/31	7:00PM	GLORIA DEI



Totals thru September 2025



General Fund is 37,181.53

Budget	Receipts	Expenses
18,575.21	16,711.25	21,933.72

Christmas Decorating

On November 30, come and enjoy a delicious Chili Luncheon with Fall desserts and then help to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. The children love to be a part of transforming our church, so make this a new family tradition. See you there!



Daily Bible Readings for November

Date	Old Testament	Psalms	Proverbs	New Testament
1-Nov	Job 24-27	105: 1-15	1	Acts 19
2-Nov	Job 28-30	105: 16-45	2	Acts 20
3-Nov	Job 31,32	106: 1-16	3	Ephesians 1,2
4-Nov	Job 33,34	106: 17-33	4	Ephesians 3,4
5-Nov	Job 35-37	106: 34-48	5	Ephesians 5,6
6-Nov	Job 38,39	107: 1-22	6	Romans 1
7-Nov	Job 40-42	107: 23-43	7	Romans 2,3
8-Nov	Ezekiel 1,2	108	8	Romans 4,5
9-Nov	Ezekiel 3-5	109: 1-13	9	Romans 6,7
10-Nov	Ezekiel 6,7	109: 14-31	10	Romans 8
11-Nov	Ezekiel 8-10	110	11	Romans 9,10
12-Nov	Ezekiel 11,12	111	12	Romans 11,12
13-Nov	Ezekiel 13-15	112	13	Romans 13,14
14-Nov	Ezekiel 16	113	14	Romans 15
15-Nov	Ezekiel 17	114	15	Romans 16
16-Nov	Ezekiel 18,19	115	16	Acts 21
17-Nov	Ezekiel 20	116	17	Acts 22
18-Nov	Ezekiel 21	117	18	Acts 23
19-Nov	Ezekiel 22	118: 1-14	19	Acts 24
20-Nov	Ezekiel 23	118: 15-29	20	Acts 25
21-Nov	Ezekiel 24,25	119: 1-16	21	Acts 26
22-Nov	Ezekiel 26	119: 17-32	22	Acts 27
23-Nov	Ezekiel 27	119: 33-48	23	Acts 28
24-Nov	Ezekiel 28	119: 49-64	24	Colossians 1,2
25-Nov	Ezekiel 29,30	119: 65-80	25	Colossians 3,4
26-Nov	Ezekiel 31,32	119: 81-96	26	Hebrews 1,2
27-Nov	Ezekiel 33	119: 97-112	27	Hebrews 3-5
28-Nov	Ezekiel 34,35	119: 113-128	28	Hebrews 6,7
29-Nov	Ezekiel 36	119: 129-144	29	Hebrews 8,9
30-Nov	Ezekiel 37	119: 145-160	30,31	Hebrews 10





Advent by Candlelight



For Christians, Advent is a time for remembering how the world waited in anticipation for God's promised Messiah to come.

But as women, it often feels like every moment of Advent is filled with cleaning, decorating, baking, cooking, helping with children's programs, shopping, and wrapping gifts in preparation for celebrating Christmas. Like Martha in Luke 10:38-42, we are busy with many things. Our intentions are good. We are trying to make Christmas special for our families, friends, congregation, co-workers, and acquaintances; but we can become so busy preparing that we miss out on experiencing the beauty and meaning of Advent and Christmas ourselves.

An event like Advent-by-Candlelight is an opportunity for women to gather together and spend some time focused on Jesus and the real meaning of Christmas

Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship, beautiful music, a meal, and dessert as the women of Gloria Dei and their friends prepare their hearts for Advent. Mark your calendar now for Thursday December 4, at 6:00pm

Hostess Opportunities:

Want to ensure you have a seat at this year's Advent by Candlelight? Volunteer to be a table hostess and a chair will be reserved for you! Some of the previous years Hostesses have already committed to this year's program but there may be some openings so please ask Sue Ann Callahan about availability. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, candles and a dessert for a table of 8 ladies. Many partner with one or two others to host a table. It is lots of fun, and requires only a few hours of your time for planning, baking (or buying) and decorating. If you want to host a table this year (or need more information before committing), please contact Sue Ann.

There will be a sign-up sheet soon for those women who would like to attend

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Adult & Children's Sunday School <i>Pentecost 20</i>	27 Cleaners for November 2: Moore 6:30pm—Confirmation	28	29	30 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	31	1  6:00—Youth Group
2 <i>*Donation Sunday*</i> 9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:00 am - Sunday School Classes <i>Pentecost 21</i>	3 Cleaners for November 9: Bessolo 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	4	5	6 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	7	8
9 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School Classes 1:00 pm - Friendsgiving @ Good Shepherd <i>Pentecost 22</i>	10 Cleaners for November 16: Mortimer 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	11	12	13 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	14	15
16 9:00 am - Worship with Communion 10:00 am - Sunday School Classes <i>Pentecost 23</i>	17 Cleaners for November 23: Reinke 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	18	19	20 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class	21	22
23 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School Classes <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	24 Cleaners for November 30: Gresock	25	26 7:00pm—Thanksgiving Service at Grace	27 	28	29
30 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School Classes <i>Advent 1</i>	1 Cleaners for December 7: Moore 6:30pm—Confirmation Class 7:00pm—Choir Practice	2	3	4 9:00 am - Adult Bible Class 6:00pm—Ladies Advent by Candlelight	5	6 6:00—Youth Group