

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

25th Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life
Sunday, November 19, 2023



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 778 WOV *On Christ the Same*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

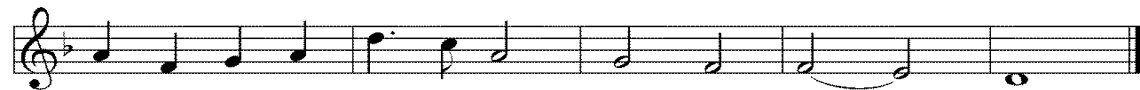
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Dec. 20 – 12:00 pm. Wisdom Circle Caroling at Monticello Park, Canterbury, Beacon Hill, and Somerset

Dec. 20 - 5:30pm. Advent Card making with Dana & baby shower for Jesus/diaper drive. More details to come. Dinner provided.

Dec. 21 - CCC 9am

Dec. 21 – 11:00 am Worship & Music Planning

Dec. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 pm ONLY SERVICE THIS DAY

Dec. 31- New Year's Eve Sunday- PJ's & slippers

Jan. 6- Lasagna & Legos 5:30. Calling all Lego Masters!! Everyone is welcome even if you are not a Lego Master come join the fun. This will be a team building of fun. You don't even need to step on a Lego to win. OUCH!!!

Jan. 7- Begin bringing canned foods for our Soup'er Bowl Sunday canned food drive competition with Bethany, Trinity, St. Paul & Stella. Count ends on Feb. 9th

Jan. 7- Council meeting

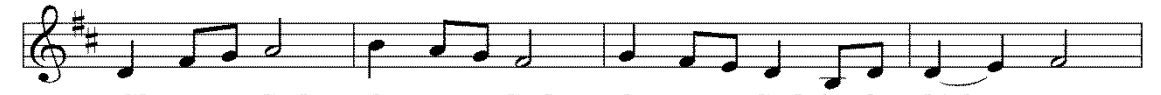
Jan. 21- Annual meeting

Feb. 10 - Chili cook off at St. Paul's 12-2pm

Feb. 14- Ash Wednesday

Feb. 21- Lenten Soup supper Gloria Dei provides soup.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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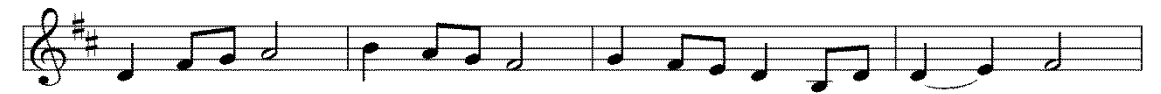
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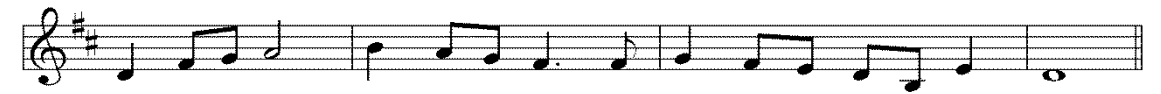
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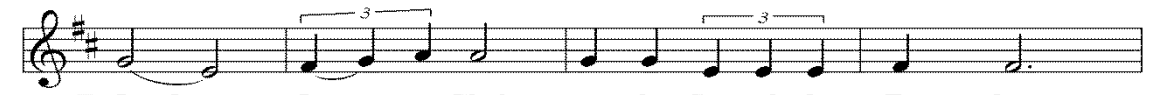
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

☐ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A-men.

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Announcements

THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor: George Bixby
 Music: Jan Thompson
 Coffee hour: Mary Roundy
 Flowers: Burns
 Communion Asst.: Boyd Burns
 Reader: Candace Kolberg
 Greeter: Boyd Burns

Next week

Denise Arnold
 Linda Monahan
 Paula Zerby
 Halverson
 Candace Kolberg
 Roger Amundson

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Boyd and Deborah Burns.

Christmas Bazaar is December 3rd. Donations collection begins this week. . Donations can be Christmas items and other “re-giftable” items.

Nov. 19- Newsletter deadline

Nov. 19- Bowling for Bucks - 11:30 After church all are welcome to come bowl and enjoy pizza.

Nov. 28- CE meeting

Nov. 29- 5:30 pm Potluck and White Elephant gift exchange (*\$10 limit for new gifts or find a repurposed gift of any value.*) Church providing chicken

Nov. 30 – Deadline for November event photos. Email to pegwinston@q.com.

Dec. 2-Ginger Bread house making contest. Stop & go between 10-1. Judging on Sunday 3rd.

Dec 3- Christmas Bazaar following the Sunday morning service.

Dec. 6 - 5:30 pm Second Wed in Advent Pot Luck and Project- Ornaments (Church will provide pizza)

Dec. 8- Movie Night 6:30. Popcorn & PJ's

Dec. 10-Council after service

Dec. 10-16 Family Promise

Dec. 12&13- FISH

Dec 13- Advent evening activity Grotto Festival of Lights (3:45pm carpool) sign up on clipboard

Dec. 17 Christmas dinner & Caroling 4pm

Dec. 17- Newsletter deadline

☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 715 Christ Be out Light

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Ok we will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Let us pray.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 A reading from Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.” Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation ¹ to another.
²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
³You turn us back to the ¹ dust and say, “Go back, O ¹ child of earth.”
⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.**
⁵You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
⁶**In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful ¹ indignation.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

¹²So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.

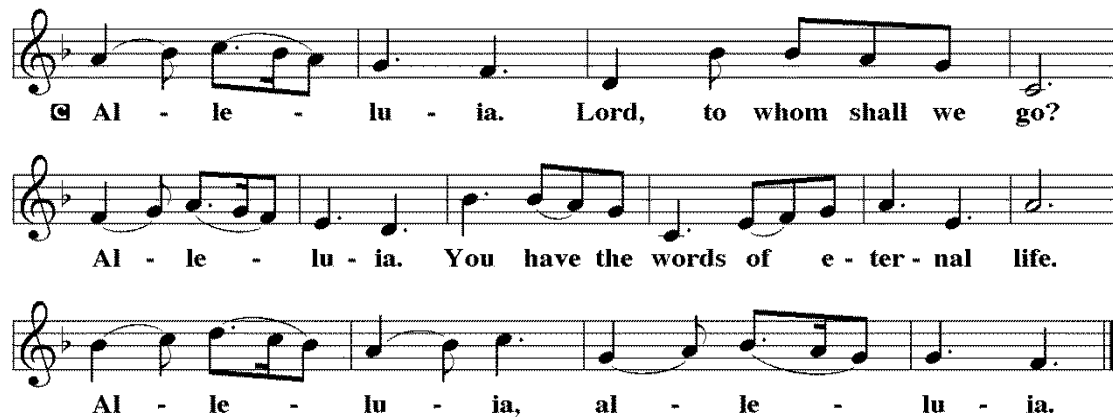
SECOND READING: : 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

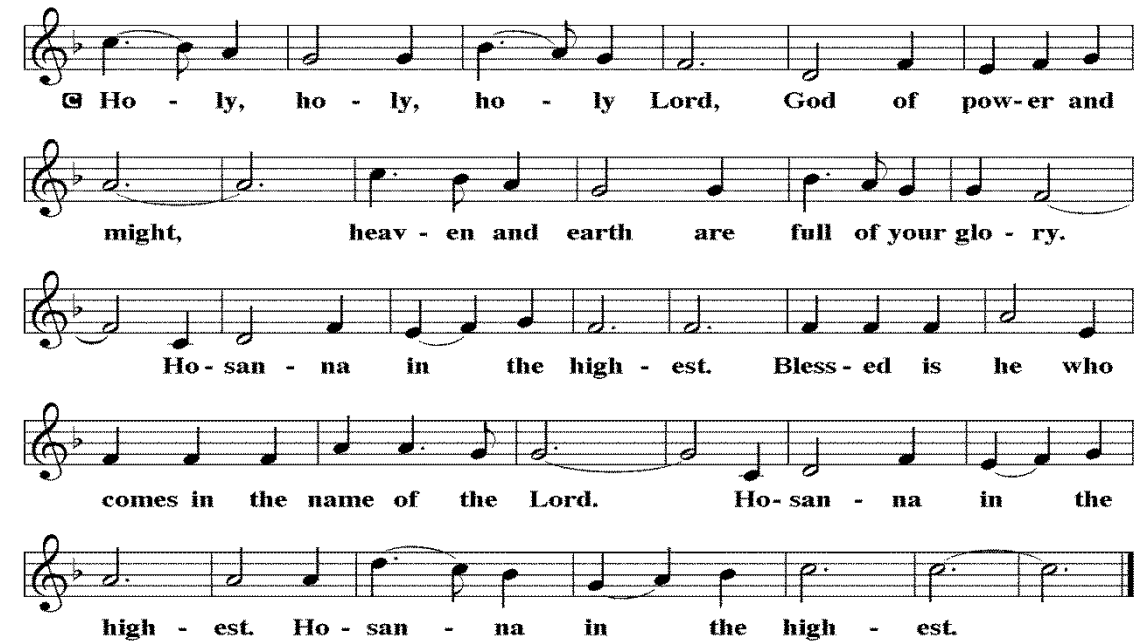


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PREFACE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

COMMUNION HYMN

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24 chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

COMMUNITY TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)

MAASI CREED (Church in East Africa)

We believe in the one High God of love who created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in darkness, and we now know God in the light. God promised in his book, the Bible, that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good on his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari, doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live by the rules of love and share the bread together, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders (*leaders may be named*). Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*) we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For what else do the people of God Pray?

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**