GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Called and Sent to Share Christ's Love*

# *ALL SAINTS SUNDAY*

**November 1, 2026**

**Prelude** ***Amazing Grace***

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

**Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**ALL: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

**All: Amen.**

**Opening Song** ***How Great Thou Art***

**Apostolic Greeting**

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

**Opening Prayer**

**P:** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading:** **Revelation 7:9-17**

***The Explanation****: The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in
a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to
the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These
are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne
of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is 2seated on
the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun
will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God
will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *Here ends the reading.*

**Second Reading:** **1 John 3:1-3**

**The Explanation:** *A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and
that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What
we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
*Here ends the reading.*

**Gospel:** *Please stand if you are able* **Matthew 5:1-12**

*The Explanation: In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks Be to God!**

**The Message** **Pastor Suzanne Guinn**

**Song of the Day** ***All the Saints***

**The Apostle’s Creed**

**L:** *Please stand if you are able*. Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** **Here**

[Pastor Suzanne to say prayer appropriate for the commemoration. ]

Congregation members can come forward to light a candle on behalf of their loved ones during the song.

**Prayers of the Church**

**L:** United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways near our homes and in State and National Parks. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom, discernment, and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day, including those who mourn for beloved pets who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness and pain especially Joyce, John, Kristen, Tony, Arne, and Michael. We continue to pray for our friends Iryna, Lera, Milena, and their families in Ukraine. Keep safe our military members serving in areas of conflict and support their families at home. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy**, hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you all **All: And also, with you.**

**L**: Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

**The Offering**

**L:** We'd like to thank you all for supporting the mission of Gloria Dei with your donations of both time and treasure. You may make financial donations at the plate in the back or using the QR code on the wall or in the bulletin, or by going to our website or Facebook page. Again, thank you for your support.

**Offering Song** ***Give Me Jesus***

**Offering Prayer** *Please stand if you are able*

**P:** Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:** The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

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

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

**The Communion**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**The Lord's Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray the prayer our Father taught us:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**P:** All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward and kneel, if able, at the rail. You will receive a portion of unleavened bread from me, or there is a gluten-free option if you ask, and then choose a cup of wine from the tray (white grape juice is in the center of the tray). Leave the cup on the rail when you return to your seat.

**[Communion Assistant comes to altar and communes with pastor]**

**[When ready for people to come to rail, say this:]**

**Invitation to Communion**

**P**: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

**Communion Song** ***All My Tears***

**Post Communion Prayer** *Please stand if able*

**P:** Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Blessing** *Please stand if able*

**P:** The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. Amen.

**Closing Song** **Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

**The Dismissal**

**All: We are called and sent to share Christ's love.**

**L:** Go in peace. Encourage one another.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Thank you for worshipping with us today***

**We want you to know you are welcome.** If this is your first time here, we want to help you get familiar with Gloria Dei. Please let us know if you have any questions. Join our email list on our website or in the book in the entryway.

**Gloria Dei is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (elca.org).** We believe that God's grace is given to all, regardless of color, age, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, mental or physical health status, culture, or faith tradition. We strive to live up to the example of unconditional love and acceptance that Jesus has taught, and welcome all to join us.

**Music for Today—** With exception of the Sermon song, all music selections were pulled from music used at Memorial / Funeral services of our members who have passed. We hope that it brings meaning to you as you hear the song selections.

**Sneaking Peeks at Scripture** – A weekly Bible study **every Wednesday,12:00 noon** at Gloria Dei or on Zoom. We will be studying the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. For more information you may email or call Spencer Dawkins at spencerdoinggood@gmail.com, 214-755-3870.

**Praying in Color—An Educational Opportunity Monthly on First Sundays—After worship on November 1,** Pastor Suzanne will discuss the book *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God* by Sybil MacBeth. Praying in Color® present a focus on prayer in life situations with creativity and praying with more than words. Supplies provided or bring your own sketchbook.

**Temples In Training –** Or you can **j**oin some of us 1st Sundays of the month after worship, **next is November 1**, for a light physical workout to refresh the body after refreshing the spirit. Feel free to wear your comfortable workout clothes to worship.

**Crafting Group –** Join us the first Thursday of every month from **6:00-8:00 PM**, in the conference room! Our next gathering is **November 5**. Bring any kind of craft you enjoy and join us for snacks, chatting, and laughter! Or just join us for the fellowship! No crafting required.

**Learning Opportunity—*The Good and Beautiful God***
Nona is leading a discussion of the book *The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith which provides a structured path for Christian discipleship, helping readers grow in faith, community, and spiritual maturity. You do not have to read the chapter to get something from this study (there is always lively discussion).

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| **November 8** | **Chapter 6** | **God Is Holy** |
| November 22 | Chapter 7 | God is Self-Sacrificing |

**Pint with Parishioners –** Join us the 3rd Thursday of each month for a fun-filled evening of conversation! Next meeting is **November 19, 6:00 pm**, at Oak Highlands Brewery, 500 Lockwood Dr, Richardson. They serve ales, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks.

## Prayers and Praise

**Please keep these people in prayer:**

- Stacy, Marcus, and the rest of us who mourn Zophie's crossing the Rainbow Bridge
- Teresa Fellman, who had surgery October 20
- Joyce Decker, who broke her arm and has limited mobility
- Karen's long-time friend John, who was diagnosed with bone cancer and kidney failure
- Kristen and Ryan Reininger after the return of Kristen's brain cancer
- Linda's brother Tony, who is in cancer treatment
- Linda's dad Arne, who has ongoing health issues
- Michael McClung, still coping with multiple health issues
- Spencer's friends in the Ukraine: Iryna, Valeriia (Lera), Milena, and their families
- Laura Grau's niece Sydney, a USAF nurse care-flighting injured soldiers to safety in the Middle East, and her young daughter missing her while she is deployed

**QR Code for automated giving –** You can also give by going to our website www.gloriadeigarland.org or by pressing the Shop Now button on our Facebook page. Of course, you can also send us a check at the address in the header on page one. There is also a plate in the back of the sanctuary.

**QR Code for submitting a prayer request –** It does not matter whether you are a member of Gloria Dei, or a visitor. You can submit a prayer request by clicking on the QR Code here or by going to gloriadeigarland.org/request-prayer.