

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

December 1st, 2024



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

To help you prepare for worship.

1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.

- 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Acts 17:1-15
- 1 John 4:19

2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.

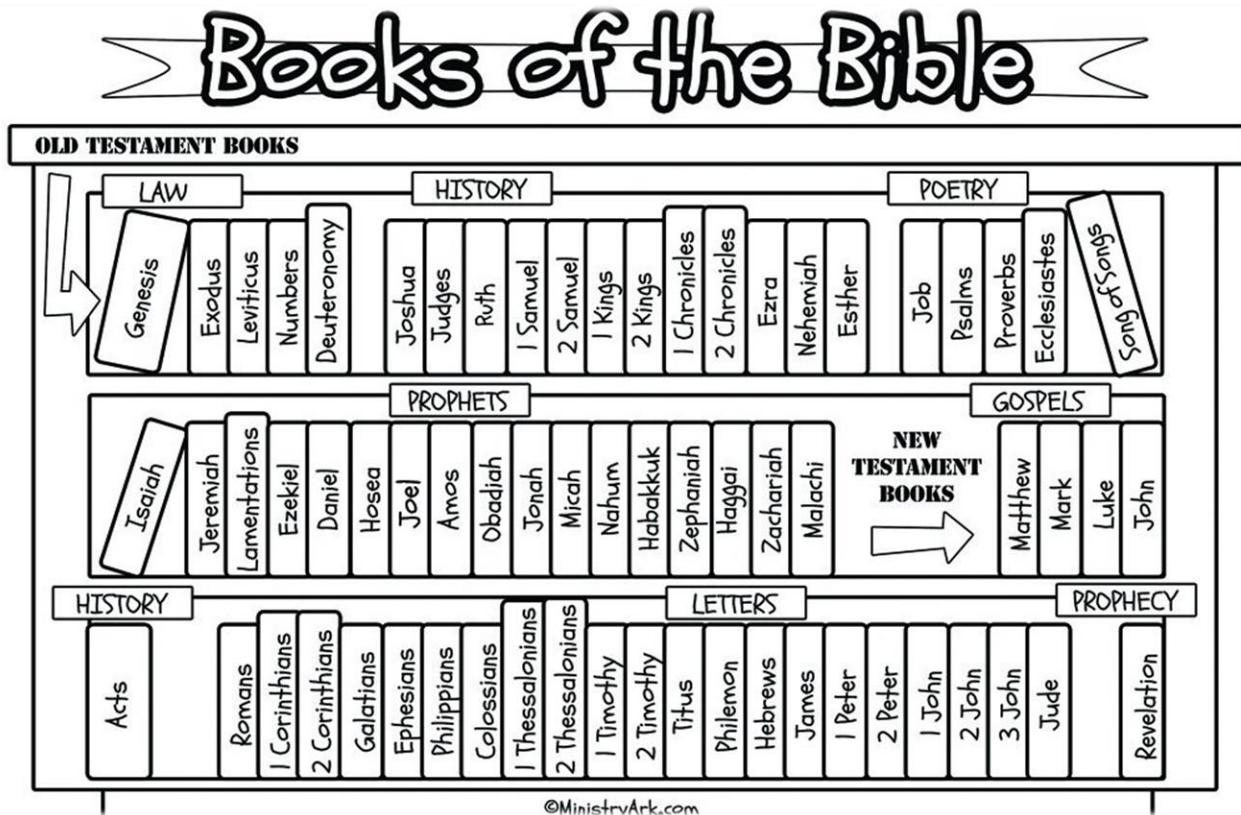
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Pray the following prayer before worship:

Gracious Father, thank you for this day. Your mercy is new every morning. Great is Your Faithfulness. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my savior. Amen.

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #331

The Advent of Our King

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Trusting in Jesus Christ, who came to share our humanity and make us right before the Father, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

(Silence for reflection)

P Let us confess our sins to God.

C God, we confess before you and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as you have commanded. Because of us, your whole creation suffers. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in your promise. Amen.

P God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin and place their trust in Christ, light of the World. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God nothing is impossible.

C Amen.

HYMN #341:1-2; 5

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Lord, What A Morning

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Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; My Lord, what a
 morn-ing; Oh, my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the
 stars be-gin to fall, When the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound, To wake the
 2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry, To wake the
 3 You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, To wake the

na - tions un - der - ground, Look-ing to my God's right
 na - tions un - der - ground, Look-ing to my God's right
 na - tions un - der - ground, Look-ing to my God's right

Refrain

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.
 hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.
 hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

SERMON

OFFERING HYMN #785

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
"Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:
"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with You.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.

Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place, please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #357:1; 5-7

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain

Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 1, 2024

**Prayer Requests: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? *Psalm 27:1***

- Caleb, Jeanine Hulke's great-grandson, receiving treatment for a recurrence of neuroblastoma.
- Lee Stoltz, son in law of Joyce Jewell, continuing cancer treatments
- Melanie Brauer is having heart issues.

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – December 1 – First Sunday in Advent

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook/YouTube Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 9

10:15 am Education – Bible Study & Sunday School

TUESDAY – December 3

9:00 am to Noon - Quilters & Crafts Group

WEDNESDAY – December 4

10:00 am Bible Study – The Book of Esther in Conference Room

5:30 pm Supper

6:30 pm Advent Midweek Service

THURSDAY – December 5

11:30 am Christmas Luncheon

FRIDAY – December 6

11:00 am Chat N Chow – Lutheran Church of the Cross Serves

SUNDAY – December 8 – Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook /YouTube Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 10

10:15 am Education – Sunday School & Bible Study

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Brian Krueger

Altar Guild: Lani Fagerstrom **Accompanist:** Nadine Meyer

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow **Usher:** Bob Schepers

Counters: Larry & Laurie Raisbeck

Coffee & Refreshments: Team 9 – Rudlang, Ruud, Ruud, Gallaway

Attendance Last Sunday: 118; **Chat N Chow:** N/A Thanksgiving break

Online Viewership: Facebook 324 plays; YouTube 52 views.

Contribution information is available upon request in the office.

COMMUNION WINE: If you would like a non-alcohol version of communion, the purple cups in the center of each tray are alcohol free.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Sunday in the offering plate, by text 844-431-7278
or by scanning the QR code. Offerings can also be

mailed to: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Thank you!



LWML CHISTMAS LUNCHEON will be held on Thursday, December 5th beginning at 11:30 with lunch served at Noon. There will be door prizes and we will be giving away another quilt this year. Please sign up by December 1st on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. ALL ladies are invited!!

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to have your picture taken for the church directory being organized by the LWML Guild. Miriam Hanson will be taking the photos on Sundays and Wednesdays during Advent following services. We would like to have as many individuals and families as possible. Thank you!

NEW ADDRESS: Dick Becker's new address is 8170 Ravenrock Road, Rockford, MN 55373

ADVENT MEALS: Meals will be served at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays prior to worship which is at 6:30 pm during Advent. Please sign up to arrive early, help serve and clean up. The food will be catered or ordered in. There are also opportunities for signing up to bring desserts for each meal. Plan for 50 people. The dates are December 4, 11 and 18. Thank you!

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS SERVER SCHEDULE 2025: The schedule will be published mid-December, please let the office know if you **do not** wish to be on the Coffee Serving Schedule. The proposed 2025 schedule will include new members to the congregation as well as current coffee teams unless otherwise indicated. Refreshments will continue to be provided by members serving each week supplemented with cookies provided by Gloria Dei should you wish to utilize that option.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY: There is a need here at Gloria Dei for transportation to worship on Sundays and rides for members to appointments. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You can designate the area(s) in which you are willing to serve.

J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) will meet monthly beginning on Monday, January 27, 2025, 11 am to 12:30 pm Join in on the education and fun of this group. Itinerary will vary each month and will consist of games, speakers, recognition of celebrations, seasonal activities, prayer, devotion and lunch. More details and sign-up will be coming soon.

LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF: is located at 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes, MN. For more information about the food shelf, please contact George & Colette Miller at 218-820-2928. **Donations for Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna and Peanut Butter will be collected through December 15th at Gloria Dei.**

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome. Meetings consist of social time, devotion and business discussion. We hope to see you there.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Wednesdays and Fridays 9 am to 2 pm. *These hours are subject to change. Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office. Thank you.*

LIFE QUOTE: “Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

NOISY OFFERING: Through December 8 our Sunday School kids will be passing around tin cans collecting change to purchase gifts for a single mom with four children and a single woman. Mom is wishing for simple household items. Male age 3 loves Hot Wheels, the color blue and learning toys. Male age 7 enjoys Legos and science. Female age 8 is wishing for dolls, flannel sheets and pajamas. Her favorite color is pink. Female age 10 loves purple and enjoys visiting the zoo and crafts. Single Adult Female enjoys painting and is wishing for car emergency kit, vacuum cleaner and gas cards. The funds collected through the Noisy Offering will be used to purchase some of these items and others from the lists shared with us by the Relationship Safety Alliance. The shopping will be done and items delivered by the Gloria Dei Family Ministry and Education Board. Thank you for your participation!

Midweek Advent Services

Theme - "The Jesse Tree"

December 4, 11 & 18

Worship - 6:30 pm

Dinner - 5:30 pm