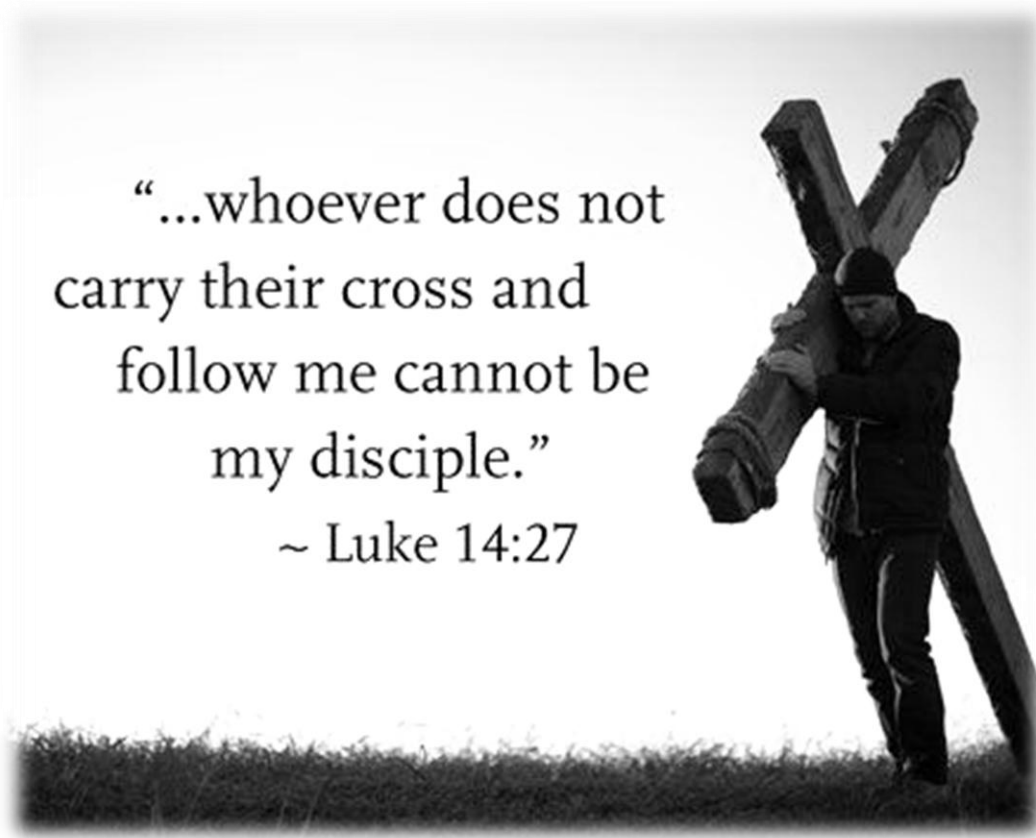


**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

30701 Patriot Avenue, P.O. Box 126  
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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 this Sunday**

**1. Here are the Bible references for today's message.**

- The Book of Philemon
- Romans 12:18
- Hebrews 12:14-15

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

**3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.**

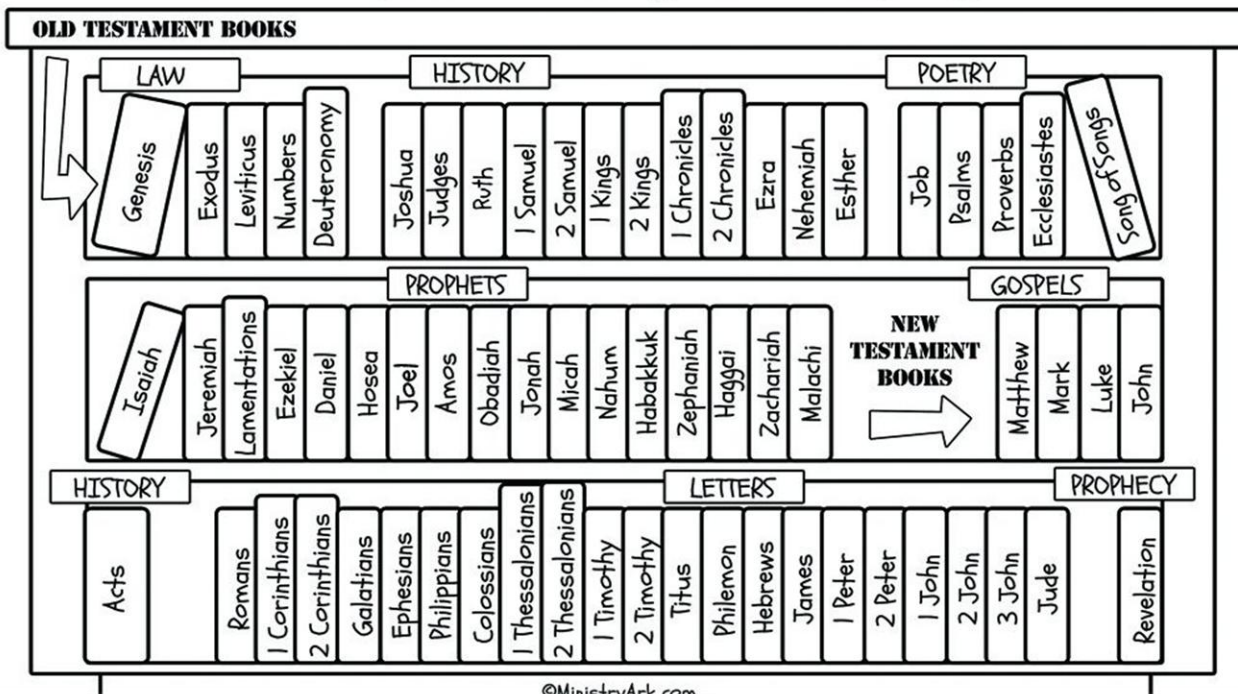
**4. Here is a prayer before worship:**

*Lord Jesus, You have forgiven us through Your cross.  
Help us forgive those who hurt us and bring healing  
where there is brokenness. Teach us to live in Your mercy  
and share Your love. Amen.*

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

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

## Books of the Bible



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN #783

Take My Life and Let It Be

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- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our relationship with God is built on the forgiveness of sins found in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Let us take a moment to silently examine our lives,  
confess our sins to God, and seek His forgiveness and strength.

## SILENT CONFESSION TO GOD

- P** We confess,  
**C** **God, forgive my sin and create a new heart  
that lives in the power and freedom of your forgiveness.**
- P** Know this, You have been set free from sin  
by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Your sins are forgiven completely, in the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## HYMN #738

Lord of all Hopefulness

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- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.  
If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command  
you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by  
keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you  
shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land  
that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns  
away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods  
and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish.

You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE READING**

*Philemon 1-21*

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister  
and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 14:25-35*

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## HYMN OF THE DAY #685

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

## SERMON

### THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text "Give" to 844-431-7278
- Scan the QR code.
- By mail: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Thank you!



## A TIME FOR PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## **+ + + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + + +**

### **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!*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN #625**

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

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- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.



- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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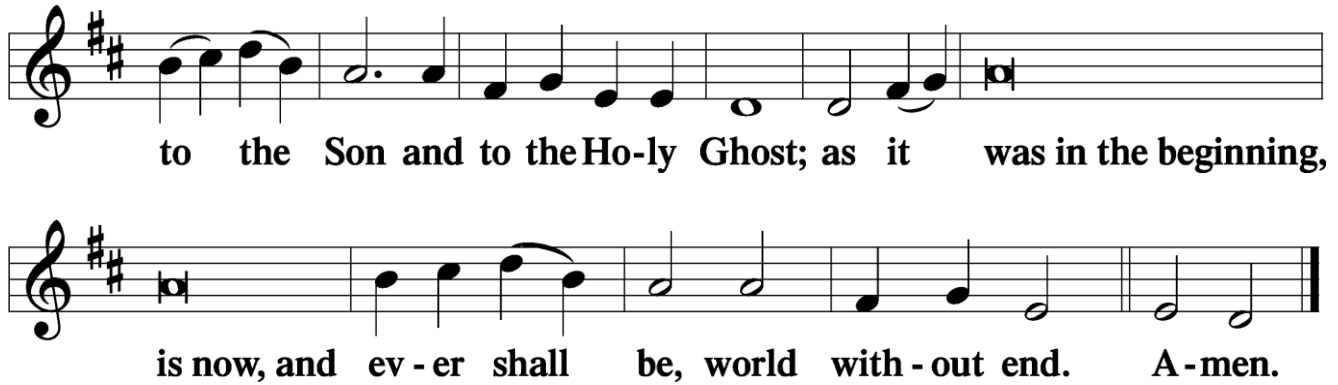
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

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## 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 #895

Now Thank We All Our God  
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- 1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR September 7, 2025**

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

- Family of Caleb Prushek who are mourning his death.
- Bonnie Fyle- undergoing testing at Mayo Clinic
- Erica Hensch – broken leg
- Michelle Anderson – recovering from surgery

*This week at Gloria Dei:*

### **TODAY – September 7 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Upstairs only

10:15 am Church Picnic

### **TUESDAY – September 9**

9:00 am to Noon – Quilters Group

### **WEDNESDAY – September 10**

10:00 am – Bible Study – Book of Jonah – Conference Room

### **THURSDAY**

Thirsty Thursday – On Break until September 18

### **FRIDAY – September 12**

11:00 am Chat N Chow – Gloria Dei serves

### **SUNDAY – September 14 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 11 Beal, Sifferath,  
Spielman

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY:**

**Worship Assistant:** Adam Ruud **Usher:** Bob Schepers

**Altar Guild:** Joyce Jewell **Accompanist:** Karen Danielson

**Technical Director:** Brian Zitzow

**Counters:** John Jensen & Lani Fagerstrom

**Coffee & Refreshments** – Upstairs by various servers

**Picnic** – Discipleship Board and helpers

**Attendance Last Week:** Sunday: 122

**Online Viewership Sunday:** Facebook 202; YouTube 34; Twitch 5

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!



**CHURCH PICNIC:** TODAY please join us today after church for a meal and fellowship. Bounce house and games

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Sunday September 14!!! PreK, Elementary and Confirmation for youth led by our capable volunteer teachers and Adult Study led by Pastor Meyer. Please plan to join us.

**PEW PATROL:** We are in need of people who are willing to straighten and maintain supplies in our pews. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested. You will be contacted for orientation and training will be provided.

**ROOFING PROJECT BEGINS on Monday September 8.**

Crews will be working on the roof at least through Thursday and possibly Friday. Please be mindful of this when parking and entering the church for quilters group, Bible Study and Chat N Chow. The best place to park all week will be the upper-level parking lot, however, depending on where the crew is working, please enter accordingly.

**THE BOOK OF JONAH BIBLE STUDY** meets at 10 am on Wednesdays in the Conference Room. The Book of Jonah is new study beginning on Wednesday, September 3. Please join us!

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT BETTY EISNER-ANDERSON'S** will begin on September 17 at 1 pm. We will be studying the first half of the book of John. Please see Betty for more information.

**CHAT N CHOW** will begin for the school year on September 12. Gloria Dei will serve. This is a weekly (depending on school schedule) ministry shared by area churches serving lunch to Pequot Lakes High School juniors and seniors. Students will arrive at 11:00 am and return to school at 11:30 am. During lunch Pastor Meyer has an opportunity to share a brief message with students. Help is needed with preparing, serving and cleaning up. Gloria Dei serves on September 12, October 31, January 9, February 20 and April 17. Please talk to Sandie Zeidler, Liz Berg or Barb Fuller for more information and how you can help.

**GLORIA DEI LOGO SWEATSHIRTS: Fall is coming! Get yours before they are gone!** There is a limited supply of crewneck sweatshirts available. They are \$20 each. Please see a member of the Discipleship team to get yours before they are gone!

**BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND:** As you know the roof on our building needs to be re-shingled. Our insurance coverage will pay for some of the repair; however, the remainder will need to be paid for by Gloria Dei. A fund has been established for contributions to the roof project which will be matched up to \$25,000. In addition to raising money for the roof donations will be accepted on an on-going basis to prepare for future unexpected expenses. Please use the yellow envelopes which can be found on the Usher's Desk to make these contributions.

**THIRSTY THURSDAY** on break until September 18 (a thirst for the word and fellowship) Thursdays at 6 pm. This is a group watch of the series The Chosen and discussion surrounding the people that Jesus (chose) and their decision to follow him. Light snacks and beverages provided. Lower Level.

**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.

**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.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 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:** "Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior's presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*