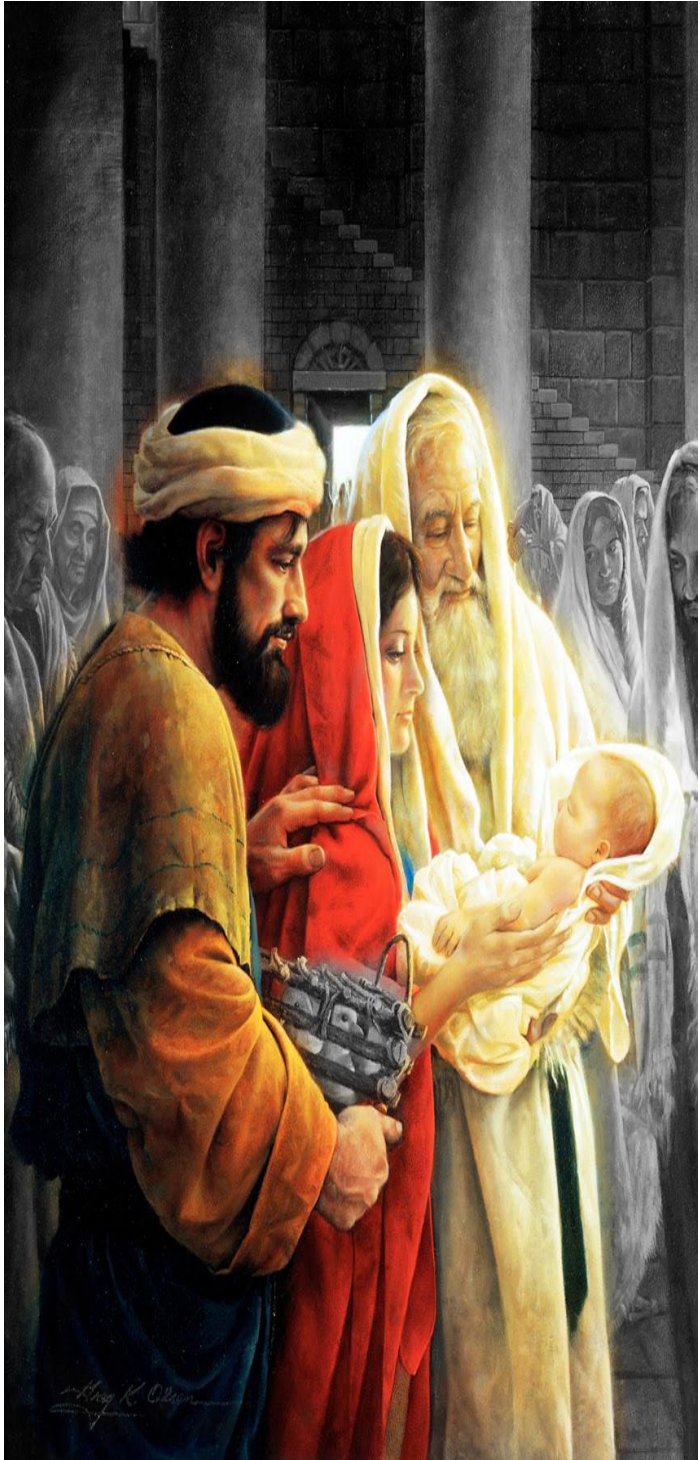


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

December 29th, 2024



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9 A.M.

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10:15 A.M.

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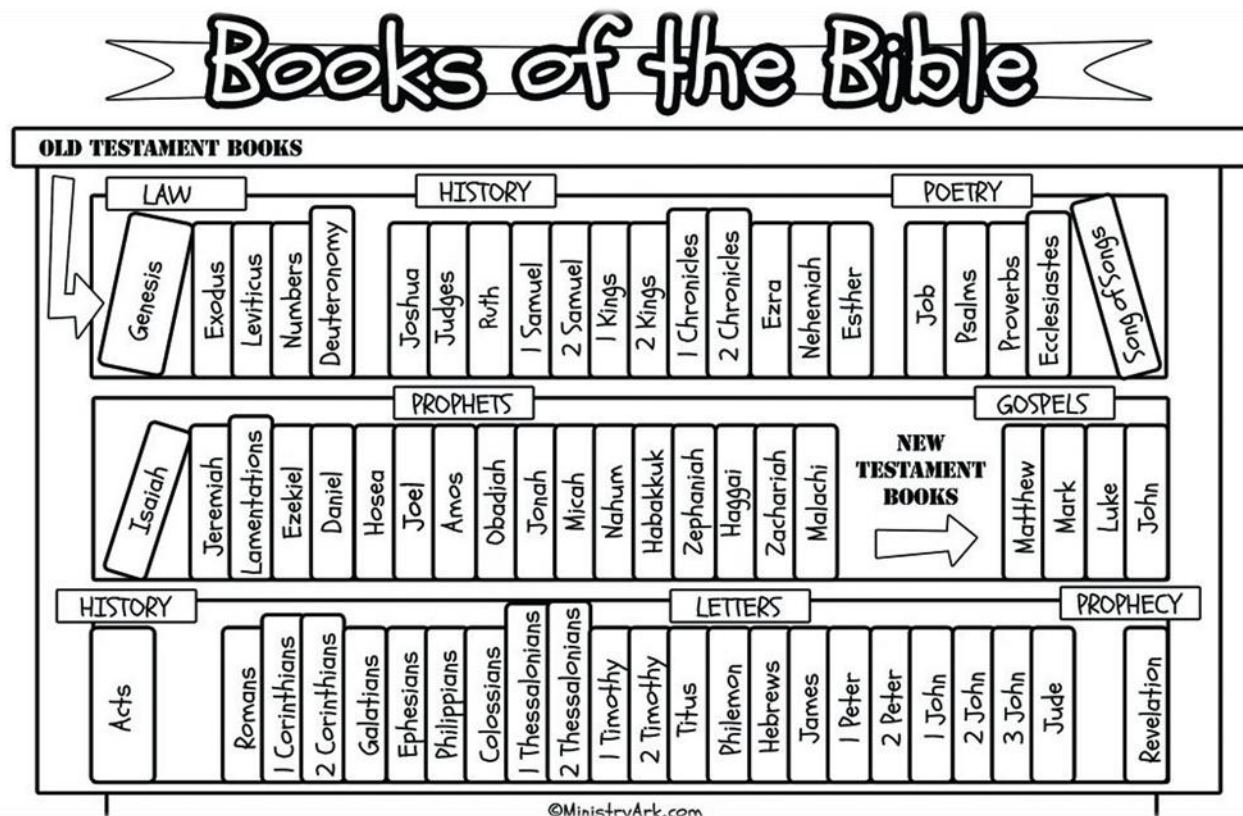
WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

To help you prepare for worship.

1. **Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.**
Coloddisnd 3:13-17
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, You sent Your Son to be born of a virgin in order that my sin might be dealt with once and for all. Thank you! Bless my morning of worship. Keep my eyes fixed on Your promises. In Jesus name I pray, 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 #367

Angels From the Realms of Glory
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- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *Refrain*
- ref Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.
- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*
- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*
- △ 5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the_ eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

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.

TIME FOR 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 #386:1 & 3-4

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

The Lord said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. . . .

"When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.”

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY #370

What Child Is This? *Text and tune: Public domain*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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!

THE OFFERING HYMN #806

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

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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. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__



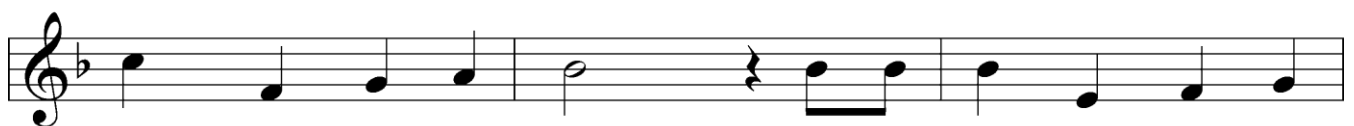
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am



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, _____ give thanks. _____

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!*

INSTRUMENTAL DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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 #358:8, 13-15

Welcome to Earth, O Noble Guest

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8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the
13 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, Pre - pare a
14 My heart for ver - y joy must leap; My lips no
15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to



sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my
bed, soft, un - de - filed, A qui - et cham - ber
more can si - lence keep. I, too, must sing with
us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with



mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.
set a - part For You to dwell with - in my heart.
joy - ful tongue That sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:
pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR December 29, 2024

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

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – December 29– First Sunday after Christmas

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 2

NO Education – Bible Study & Sunday School

FRIDAY – January 3

11:00 am Chat N Chow – Gloria Dei Serves

SUNDAY – January 5, 2025 – Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 3

10:15 am Education - Sunday School & Bible Study

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Ken Ling

Altar Guild: Lani Fagerstrom

Accompanist: Jacki Lemieux

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow **Usher:** Glen Fuller

Counters: Larry & Laurie Raisbeck

Coffee & Refreshments: Team 2 – Cronquist, Dunlap, Eisner-Anderson

Attendance Last Sunday: 151; ; **Christmas Eve** 200; **Christmas Day** 21

Online Viewership: Sunday - Facebook N/A; YouTube 63. Midweek – Facebook N/A; YouTube 18. Christmas Eve – Facebook 342; YouTube 42. Christmas Day – Facebook 156; YouTube 19.

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 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 January 12 and January 26 following services. We would like to have as many individuals and families as possible. Thank you!

THANK YOU: Nadine and I would like to thank the leadership at Gloria Dei, as well as all those who reached out with words of encouragement, cards and gifts during the Advent & Christmas season. We are truly blessed.
Thank you. *Pastor Meyer*

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS SERVER SCHEDULE 2025: The schedule is now available and has been distributed to members mailboxes. 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.

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. The agenda 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.

F3: FAITH, FAMILY, FORMATION will meet on January 15, 2025, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. A meal will be served followed by a look at the Fourth and Fifth Commandments. Children will have a class and a project of their own while adults discuss how we honor family and life.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING JANUARY 2025: We are wrapping up our Sunday morning Bible study on the book of Jonah this morning. We finished our Wednesday morning study of Esther a couple weeks ago. We will take a 2-week Christmas Pause - and come back in January with two new studies.

1) Sunday Morning - Paul's letter to the Romans. In this Bible class, we get to dig deep into God's Word with plenty of time for discussion and life-application.

2) Wednesday 10 am Bible Class - Paul's letter to the Ephesians - In this class, you get a little homework each week, with some sections in Ephesians with a few questions to answer. Get together - dig deep and apply God's Word to our lives. It's a great hour to meet, right in the conference room. Sign up for this class (so we know how much material to get) is on the bulletin board.

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. **During the month of January Gloria Dei will be collecting personal care items such as soap, shampoo, bodywash, toothpaste and laundry soap.**

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. (January 2025 will be an exception and the meeting will be on the second Thursday, January 9). 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: "We long to hear those words from the master, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come! Share your master's happiness!' Someday you will hear them as He welcomes you into eternal dwellings. But for now, there is much to do for Jesus. So, as you go to live for Him, let those words echo in your mind and spur you on to be faithful and fruitful servants in His kingdom." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*