

Participants in Sunday leadership for November, 2024

Date	Reader	Liturgist (Prayers)	Usher	Coffee Host
Nov 3	Karen	Helen	Merv	Carol
Nov 10	Pam	Lexy	Larry	Holly & Audrey
Nov 17	Cathy D.	Jennifer	Jerry	Kim
Nov 24	Katharine	Susan	Merv	Doreen

Readings and prayers are available on the "Sunday Service" page of our website.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on Treaty One territory, the homeland of the Red River Metis, and the ancestral lands of the Anishinabeg, Ininiwak, Dakota Oyate, Anisininew, and Dene peoples.

We strive to be an open and affirming congregation to all, welcoming persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness, we all grow in our faith following Christ's model of love, respect, kindness, and generosity.



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"...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:23-24

There is a resource that many Lutheran pastors use in ministry, entitled *Sundays and Seasons*. It offers a wealth of information and texts to use in worship. It's where we get weekly prayers of the people, hymn suggestions, ideas for Children's Time, and much more. And there are ideas for preparing for each season. I looked over the suggestions entitled *Preparing for November* and there were some lovely ideas. Then it came to me, as Lutherans, one of the best ways to prepare for November, and for the rest of the church year too, is to remember a celebration we just had in October: Reformation Sunday.

Martin Luther, the name most associated with the Reformation, grew up in an incredibly judgmental environment. As a result, he spent hours in the confessional, naming his sins before God and his confessor. When finally he got up off his knees to go back to his studies, he would remember one more sin and have to head back to the confessional! Reading his bible, studying the scriptures, Martin Luther came to Romans chapter 3. He struggled with the tension between his interpretation of this text and the practices of the church. On one hand, the Apostle Paul preached salvation by grace, salvation apart from works, apart from anything we do, salvation is a gift of God to be undeserving women and men. Additionally, the church of his day preached salvation tied to indulgences—money given to the church to pay for one's sins, salvation based on faithful living, repentance and good works. Deciding to cling to scripture as his guide, Martin Luther found freedom.

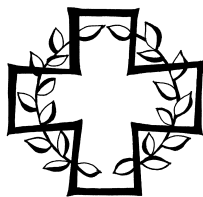
With St. Paul we could say, “*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. They are now justified by God’s grace as a gift.*”

In the church where I grew up, there was a woman who taught Sunday School every week, brought heaps of baking for the church, and was the first to respond to any crisis that erupted. And yet on Sunday, just as communion was about to begin, she would quietly slip out the door. Why? Because she didn’t think she was worthy. In her mind, he hadn’t done enough, hadn’t reached the level of service she thought was necessary. And maybe you know someone like that. Or someone who no longer attends church. It might be because of something they have done, for which they believe they cannot be forgiven. It may be that the people in the church remind them of their past. It is not that people say anything to them, or that they are even judging them. Instead, being there reminds them of a time of life they don’t want to remember. Not because they aren’t forgiven by God; rather because they have not accepted God’s forgiveness. So it is easier not to come.

Maybe you have heard this invitation to the Lord’s Supper:
“Come not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come not because of any merit on your part gives you the right to be here, but because you are invited.”

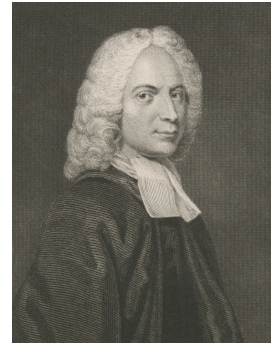
We make that invitation and respond to it because like Luther, we believe that Romans chapter 3, the epistle chosen for Reformation Sunday, reflects the heart of the Gospel. It is the truth that leads to freedom. It gets us ready to live.

- Rev. Carol Janke



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Isaac Watts: Hymn Writer



Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was a popular hymn writer in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Watts is credited to composing about 750 hymns in his lifetime, with many of them being staples in many Christian congregations. The notion that his compositions are so popular and have been translated into many languages is why he is recognized as the “father of Christian hymnody.”

Alongside being a hymn writer, Watts was an English Congregational Minister, a theologian, and a logician. He was well educated; in fact, his theological background is what inspired him to begin hymn writing. Many of his hymns were written to be sung after his sermons, as they reflected the theme. (If you take a peek in our red hymn book, you’ll notice many of his songs appear in the trust/guidance and hope/assurance sections.)

Did you know that our hymnal has ten Isaac Watt’s hymns? Here are some that we sing regularly:

- #267 – *Joy to the World*
- #337 – *Alas! And did My Saviour Bleed*
- #434 – *Jesus Shall Reign*
- #632 – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
- #803 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
- #847 – *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

Mitten Tree

Have you seen the mitten tree in the foyer? We’re collecting desirable winter clothing items (i.e., hats, scarfs, mitts) to donate to The Urban this winter. Please consider making a donation of new or lightly used items. Your kindness goes a long way!



Birthdays Coming up in November

Jerry Buffie
Brian Ormond
Melayna Drozd
Shannon Todoruk
Kim Dorn
Rocky Richardson
Christine Nicole Zimmerman
Glen Krentz
Gabriella Ring



On November 11, we recognize the sacrifice many took to ensure the safety of our country. We remember that to be free means to be thankful.

Make a donation and collect a poppy at your local legion (or from the Cadets at the grocery store!) to pay tribute to those who gave their lives for us.

Prayer of Approach

(inspired by John 6)

Most gracious and loving God,
we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us,
but now with this new day we turn to you again
for the bread of life that you have prepared for us
and for the wine of the Spirit that you pour out for your people.

Help us Lord, to empty ourselves
of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love
and fill us with those things that tend to make us all that you want us to
be.

We need your presence, Lord.

We need your anointing.

Touch us, we pray, and make us whole.

We ask it through Christ Jesus your Son.

Amen.

~ posted on Rev. Richard J. Fairchild's Kir-shalom website: <http://www.rockies.net>

November at Gloria Dei

Our continued thanks to Jennifer and Karen F. for their hard work in finding supply pastors to assist us in ministry. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Below is a look at who will be leading us in worship this month.

November 1 – Jett Islielson & Rev. Katharine Bergbusch

November 10, 17, 24 – Rev. Mark Koenker

All Saints Sunday



We celebrate All Saints Day in worship on the first Sunday of November. During our time together, we lift up those who have begun their eternal life with God in prayer, and by lighting candles in their honour.

Christ the King Sunday

Christ the King Sunday signals the end of the church year and points toward the coming of the Messiah. But fear not the end, for the ending flows into a beginning, a reminder not only of the passage of time but of the ongoing cycles of time that we experience living in the in-between times.



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Revelation 22:13

November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Wednesday/Friday 9am-2pm *the church office will be closed on Friday, November 22					1 All Saints Day Weekly e-news	2
3 10:30 – Worship (All Saints Sunday)	4	5 1:00 – GD Quilting	6 9:30 – Casual Art Group 12:00 – Urban Meals	7 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	8 Weekly e-news	9
10 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 25)	11 Remembrance Day	12 1:00 – GD Quilting Worship Committee Meeting	13 9:30 – Casual Art Group	14 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	15 Weekly e-news	16
17 10:30 – Worship (Pentecost 26)	18	19 1:00 – GD Quilting Church Council Meeting	20 9:30 – Casual Art Group	21 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	22 Weekly e-news Church office closed	23
24 10:30 – Worship (Christ the King)	25	26 1:00 – GD Quilting	27 9:30 – Casual Art Group	28 8:00 – Men’s Breakfast 4:30 – Community Taiji w/ Katharine B	29	30

