

**When you Pray,
God Listens
When you Listen,
God Talks
When You Believe,
God Works**

Pastoral Call Vigil April 2026

This month we will concentrate on praising and glorifying God. We will declare the Goodness and Glory of God in the calling of a new pastor. We will be using the Psalms through most of this month! God wants a vibrant church for a new pastor (and perhaps his/her family) to come into and be able to minister effectively immediately, with joy and rejoicing for their new congregation and ministry home. Can we do that? YES LORD! YES!

Glory is defined as: high renown or honor won by notable achievements. (How about creation!), magnificence or great beauty - (how about His sunsets! Pretty great, huh!) Biblical glory is called Shekinah. It is the glory that is manifest when the Holy Spirit is in evident in a worship service, or in a person. Think John 1:1-3

Biblical Goodness is defined as: moral excellence, righteousness, benevolence, rooted in the character of God and demonstrated through kindness, generosity, and purity of heart. (Sounds like taking on the image of Jesus unto good works!) It's going to be EXCITING!!!!

Then, daily bible reading, studying scripture, and REJOICING that we can live in obedience and service, proclaiming that our entire life belongs to God. (Sing out loud, shout your praise to Him, clap your hands as you sing praise songs. Let God know that you are working hard to praise him the best way you know how. Try something new that feels scary (clapping your hands?) It is always about dethroning self-interest and pride and enthroning Jesus as Lord. Set yourself apart in joy, for His holy use. God is interested in our praise of Him for His greatness, thanking Him for His love and protection, AND His justice and mercy toward us. There will be prayers for loving Him and helping us move in unity and love for one another this month. Make yourself a joyful “living sacrifice.”

Wednesday, April 1, 2026 (The glory of seeking God with all our heart.)

Keep us faithful to pray and seek You with all of our hearts.

“Blessed are all who keep His testimonies and seek Him with all their hearts.”

Psalm 1:2-3

Thursday, April 2, 2026 (Maundy Thursday) We love and trust You Lord.

Jesus said, “I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you may be there also.” Do you know what that preparation cost Christ? He gave everything (even His own life) to be able to bring you home to the Father...

“Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; he will answer Him out of His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.

Psalm 20:6

Friday, April 3, 2026 (Good Friday. I will glory in the Cross of Christ. It is finished!)

Lord, I pray that I “glory in the cross.” Because if I don’t, his suffering for me is in vain. Jesus make me know the high price you paid for my salvation!! Lord I turn away from my own selfishness and purpose to become “to the praise of the glory of Your grace.” Help me Lord!

“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord’s, and He rules over the nations.”

Psalm 22:27

Saturday, April 4, 2026 - (My heart shall rejoice in His victory and goodness)

Christ has the keys to hell and death. He crushed the head of the serpent. He

took them back from the enemy and He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men. What a Savior!! Eph. 4:8-13 Allow yourself to rejoice in the undeniable victory of Christ Jesus!!

A picture of spiritual warfare: "Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praise of God be in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgement--This honor have all His saints!!" Psalm 149:5-9

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - (It is finished!! The Ancient of Days has crowned him King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Hallelujah!!

Pray that the Glory of the Resurrection is alive in your heart today! Death has been defeated! Jesus reigns as Lord and Conqueror of all! He is victorious!! HE IS THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS AND HE IS COMING SOON!!!

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He (Jesus) came to the Ancient of Days (God the Father) and they brought Him (Jesus) near before Him (God the Father.) Then to Him (Jesus) was given dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him (Jesus). His (Jesus) dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His (Jesus) kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed." Daniel 7:13-14

Monday, April 6, 2026 - Goodness of God's heart.

The Lord knows our hearts better than we do. Each time you feel that nudge to witness to someone, or to help someone in Jesus name, make sure you pray this following prayer:

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - The King of Glory!

We are the only ones who can open our gates. We are the only ones who can open the everlasting doors of our heart. Jesus is the Lord of Glory! He is the Lord of Hosts! Make sure that your heart is open to receive Him and His glory in salvation!!

"Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King? The Lord strong and mighty,

the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! And lift them up you everlasting doors! And the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory! THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY!--SELAH Psalm 24:7-10

Wednesday, April 8 - His Goodness and Righteousness is everlasting.

God is so faithful to us. He makes sure that all of our needs are met within His Word. His Salvation is an eternal gift. His mercy is everlasting. His love endures to all generations. "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever."

"How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and you give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart. Psalm 36:7-10

Thursday, April 9, 2026 - Goodness and Patience.

Lord give each one of those on the Call Committee and in the congregation the ability to wait on you. You will show us your candidate in due season. We pray that it will not be long, but we trust you, that if it is a long time, You will make sure that the right candidate will come to us in Your perfect timing.

"Commit your way to the Lord, and wait patiently for Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;" Psalm 37:5-7a

Friday, April 10, 2026 God is our refuge and strength

Lord when we get tired of praying, be our strength. When we want to go our own way, be Our Guard. When we want to go outside of your Word, lead us back into Your Pathway. When we run into trouble, be Our Refuge. Allow us to learn that you are with us always. There is never a place that we are, that You are not. Teach us to hear Your Voice clearly.

"God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we shall not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Psalm 46:1-4

Saturday, April 11, 2026 The glory of the church on the sides of the North.

God has placed Christ Lutheran Church on the hills of Dana Village. It is beautiful in elevation. The church sits on the sides of the North area of Blair, and it is the "city of the great King," because Jesus resides here through us. Let us never forget this is God's holy hill and his tabernacle. We get to worship here a few times a week and we get to take care of it. But it is here for the lost sheep of Blair. We need to pray for a shepherd that will take this city for God and His people in revival!!! Yes, Lord!

"Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of Our God, in His Holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. Psalm 48:1-2

Sunday, April 12, 2026 The glory of forgiveness

There is no sin too great that Jesus will not forgive. If you come with a sincere heart seeking His forgiveness, He will forgive. He loves you. But don't take this forgiveness for granted. It cost Him his own life. He did this as a ransom for your eternal life. Have mercy on me, O Jesus. Have mercy on me... Pray for a pastor that walks in forgiveness of others...

"Have mercy on me O God, according to your lovingkindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Psalm 51:1-2

Monday, April 13, 2026 Let His Glory be over all the earth!

Joy! Happiness! Faithfulness, Steadfastness, Ever-present, always with us. How thankful I am for all of His attributes...His above attributes and His encouragement are gifts beyond compare! No wonder David writes of the glory of God in his life. Pray for a pastor who has these attributes. It can be in our lives also. Do you see these manifest in your life? Ask God for the above gifts and He will surely give those to those that love Him.

"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise. I will praise You, O Lord, among the people; I will sing to You among the nations. For your mercy reaches unto the heavens, and Your truth to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your Glory be over all the earth! Psalm 57:7,9-11

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 Praise the Lord for His goodness

He always hears our prayers. No matter where we are in our emotional state, he hears our prayers. We are never alone. It is seeking with a heart of thankfulness to always acknowledge His presence with us, no matter what our circumstances are. He is always faithful.

“Hear my cry O Lord; attend unto my prayer. From the ends of the earth will I cry out to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.-- SELAH Psalm 61:1-4

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 Our expectation of His glory is not in vain

He alone is our only source of joy, peace, comfort. There is NONE other! He is only waiting for us to seek Him with all of our hearts. As we pray for a new pastor, SEEK HIM.

“My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.” -- SELAH. Psalm 62:5-8

Thursday, April 16, 2026 Pray for our Call Committee and that the voice of God will be heard clearly.

As we pray over those who are now the “call committee” Let us be mindful that you care for their hearts and their personal well-being. Let us be aware of Your heart in this matter. Let us love and encourage them and pray for them that they may clearly hear and follow the voice of God.

“Blessed is the man that You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple. By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation.” Psalm 65:4

Friday, April 17, 2026 Longing for the glory of God

Lord, we pray that the new pastor longs to be in Your presence more than life itself. We pray that he/she brings that love and longing into our presence so that we may learn to “Long for Your Presence.”

“How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for joy for the living God.”
Psalm 84:1-2

Saturday, April 18, 2026 I will glorify You, O Lord

Oh Lord, teach me to love you with all my heart! Let my mouth be filled with Your praises. Let me walk in the path that only you have set for me and for this church. Give me the eyes to see what the gift is that you are giving to us in a new pastor. Give us grace to love him and serve him as we serve you for Christ’s sake.

“Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk In Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me.”
Psalm 86:11-13a

Sunday, April 19, 2026 His secret place is glorious...

Lord cause our new pastor to reside in Your Secret Place. Let his faith rise and be strengthened as he waits upon You for insight, vision and all needs for our congregation.

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord; He is my refuge and my fortress; my God in Him will I trust.”
Psalm 91:1-2

Monday, April 20, 2026 Recognizing the goodness of God toward those who love Him.

Lord, deliver our new pastor as he works to get to know us and the way the church works now. Help us to not take offense when he/she proposes some future changes in those things that have been much loved worship or ministry. Change our hearts to be “offense proof.”

“Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My Name. He shall call upon Me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My Salvation.”

Psalm 91:14-16

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 The great King above all gods.

Lord, as we pray and worship through these items, please help us to look to give our new pastor the very best help that we are able to give. Let us not hold back from helping in whatever way we can. By serving with joy we are worshipping our Lord Jesus to the best of our ability.

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and the great King above all gods. Psalm 95:1-3

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 Declare His Glory among the nations!

Lord, as Pastor Mark and Linda leave us, they are venturing into new ministry and new opportunities to bring others into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! We can send them out as missionaries! We can send them out with joy, as a ministry from our church to the people of Arizona! And although we will greatly miss them, we rejoice in Your goodness toward them and this next stage of ministry. Let it flourish Lord! Let many come to You as a result of this move!

“Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His Name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among the peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.” Psalm 96:1-4a

Thursday, April 23, 2026 Bless the Lord!

Lord Jesus, we pray that our new pastor walks in Psalm 103:1-5. We bless and pray for a bold faith that allows the Spirit of God to move and reign in our midst at every service held here. Lord, let there be salvation, healing, forgiveness, lovingkindness and tender mercies. Thank you Jesus!

“Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Psalm 103:1-5

Friday, April 24, 2026. Enter His gates with Thanksgiving!

Lord give our church a new freedom in You. Let our new pastor Praise and Worship you until the roof shakes with his/her love for You! Give us freedom to believe for the impossible. Give us freedom to allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in new directions for ministry. Give us a heart for Evangelism and outreach! Make a way Lord!

“Make a shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.” Psalm 100:1-5

Saturday, April 25, 2026 The blessing and goodness of the Lord is forever

Lord you have said, “In everything give thanks for this is the will of Christ Jesus concerning you.” As we find the man/woman that will be our new pastor please let us remember that sometimes we initially stand back from your choices only to learn that if we “lean in to Jesus” just a bit, we learn that there is blessing there and a friendship that God has appointed and wants to happen. Don’t shrink back from new acquaintances. Instead, serve them. This is the will of Christ Jesus concerning you...

“Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord’s name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:2-3

Sunday, April 26, 2026 The Glory of Praise to the Lord

Pray that through this process God will grant us peace and patience if the search carries. God is faithful and He will give us His choice in due season.

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night” Psalm 92:1-2

Monday, April 27, 2026 May God’s Will be declared for His Glory

Pray for the new pastor that each time he/she speaks, God’s will is declared in truth and power. *“And all the assembly fell silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring the signs and wonders that God had done...” Acts 15:12*

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 The goodness of God’s protection

Pray that God's choice of pastor for us will be protected and delivered from evil, and all manner of threat to his loved ones.

The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your life. Psalm 121:7

Sunday, March 29, 2026 The glory of walking in humility

Pray that the new pastor is a humble person who reverences God and trembles at His Word.

But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. Isaiah 66:2

Monday, March 30, 2026 The glory of giftings

Pray that the new pastor is a person who is able to rightly deliver the Word of God with conviction.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the truth. 2 Timothy 2:15