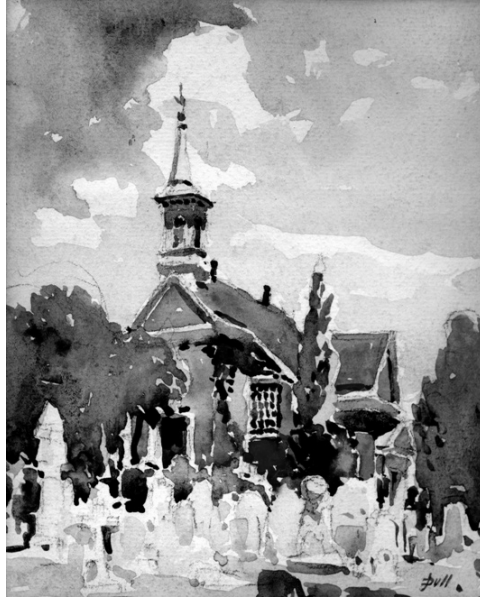


Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church



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The Rev. Dr. Koshy Mathews

We, the congregation of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes), existing by and for the glory of God, knowing that God, through this congregation, helps us find our way and to use our gifts, gather together, to honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness, to be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining and loving community, to respond to the needs of others, to preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition and heritage of this sacred place.

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*The flowers on the altar today are given by Frank Collins and family,
To the greater glory of God, and in memory of Dolly Collins.*

Ministry Assistants Today:

Altar Guild: *Cathy Ufheil*

Lector: *Susan Steele*

Intercessor: *Eric Michael Sanchez*

Usher: *Nils vanAmmers*

(The CDC has updated its guidelines to recommend that people should wear masks indoors, and continue with social distancing regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not, as vaccination breakthroughs are happening. The state, city, and Diocese are asking us to follow the CDC guidelines.

Let us not do it grudgingly but do it with love, as following these guidelines may show our love for each other and our neighbor.

*We continue to share peace with each other by waving at each other,
or by showing peace signs or Namaste. Singing is allowed.)*

We Gather In God's Presence

[Silence for prayer and preparation]

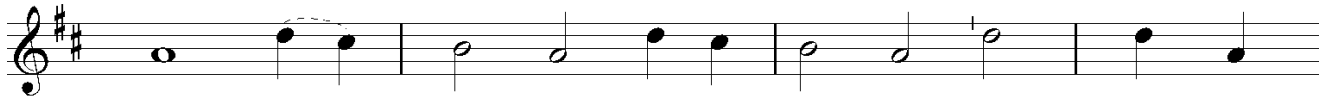
(+As you are able standing; ++ sitting; +++ As you are able sitting or kneeling)

Prelude





1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

+Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Gloria

People Glorious God, who made us part of a wonderfully varied creation: We join creation in praising you! Generous God, who made humanity in amazing diversity so that we might, together, comprehend your boundless marvels: We join creation in praising you! Gracious God, who entrusts the care of all creation. To us and gives us the gift of creativity: We join creation in praising you! Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

People Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

++First Reading

Susan Steele

The Prophecy of the Fourth Crow As Told by Robert Red Hawk Ruth and Translated by Shelley DePaul

Long ago it was said that a fox will be loosened on the earth.

Also it was said four crows will come.

The first crow flew the way of harmony with Creator.

The second crow tried to clean the world, but he became sick and he died.

The third crow saw his dead brother and he hid.

The fourth crow flew the way of harmony again with Creator.

Caretakers they will live together on the earth.

The original people of the Delaware Valley called themselves Lenni Lenape. The older members of the Lenape tribe passed this allegorical story of survival and stewardship to the younger generation. Chief Red Hawk interprets the poem:

"We now know that the First Crow was the Lenape before the coming of the Europeans. The Second Crow symbolized the death and destruction of our culture. The Third Crow was our people going underground and hiding. The Fourth Crow was the Lenape becoming caretakers again and working with everybody to restore this land."

Reader Here ends the first reading

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:7-14

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading

Rainbow Based on Genesis 9:8-17 by Ruth Burgess, *Spill the Beans*.

And God said, 'Noah, I'm not going to destroy my creation again.'

And Noah said, well, we don't know what Noah said, but I imagine he might have said 'Phew!'

'It's a promise,' said God. 'A promise that I'll keep; and to remind us both of my promise I've created rainbows. They're beautiful, Noah. Look, see.'

And Noah looked. He saw colors in the sky. They were beautiful.

'Good, eh?' said God. 'Scientists will love them, they'll be able to work out that everyone will see a different rainbow, and that you can only see them when your back is to the sun.'

While Noah and God were talking the rest of God's creation were listening. The owls sat on a branch, the lions stretched and yawned, the dogs rested their heads on their paws, the bees were gently buzzing.

'Sounds good,' said one of the tigers. 'Looks good,' said one of the eagles soaring in the sky.

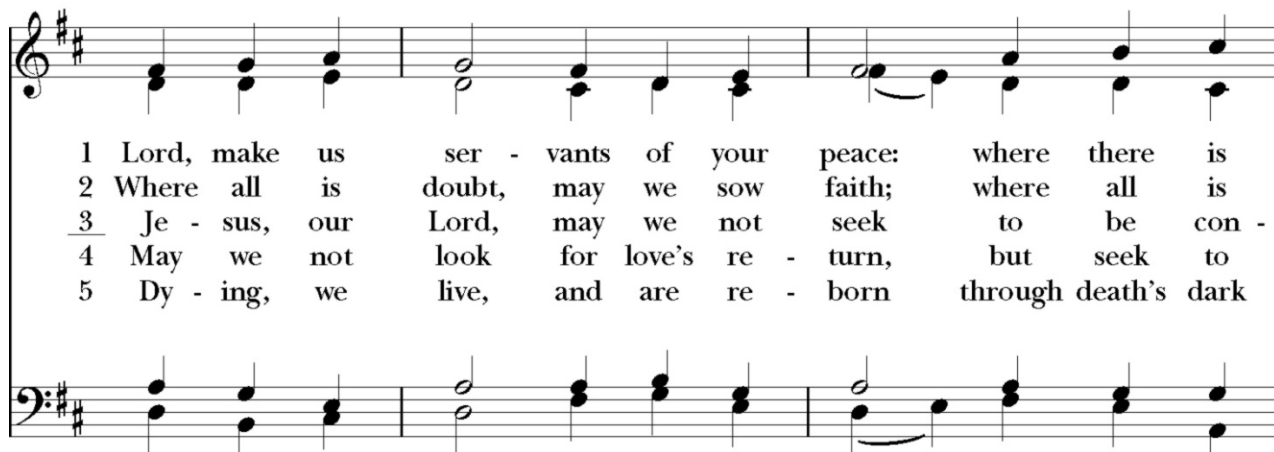
'Part of me is sad,' said one of the whales.

'I enjoyed exploring all those new areas of sea created by the flood waters,' and he splashed his tail on the surface of the sea creating rainbows of his own.

The cheetahs smiled at each other – they were glad to be back on dry land.

'Do you like my rainbows?' said God to Noah. Noah gave God a thumbs up.

And the rain fell and the sun shone
and a huge new rainbow spread across the sky.



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

+Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-7)
 People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

++Sermon *Stewardship of Creation and Reconciliation*

The Rev. Koshy Mathews

+An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he
is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers (*sitting or kneeling as able*)

+++Prayers of the People - Form III

Eric Michael Sanchez

Celebrant Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.
Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**
Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**
Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**
Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **God’s compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.**

Intercessor Let us pray for guidance and wisdom as we begin the work of seeking our next rector.
People Raise up for us a priest who will be faithful in the ministry of your word and sacraments and will serve our people with love and compassion.

Intercessor Let us pray for healing for: **Marylou, Anna Mae, Sandy, Lisa, Carol, Jill, Bette, Nelson, Ellen, Chris, Michael, Mia, Bonnie, Dolores, Jack, Jerry, Thomas and Barb**
Also, for our own needs, and those of others. *(Silence)*
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for **Frido Buschman and Emily**, and the souls of all who died in the Pandemic

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
(silence)

Celebrant Bountiful God, source of the greatest good for all of us: Guide us in the right direction towards a better future for your creation. Help us to overcome our own limitations during this pandemic, and grant us steadfast love to look after each other. Give us humbleness of heart to accept that without you we cannot be real stewards of your creation. Show us ways to spread the gospel that will touch hearts and change minds for a better tomorrow for all humanity, the preservation of every creature, and the planet. In the name of your beloved Son, we ask it. *Amen.*

People Amen.

+++The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
(Silence)

For all the times we are, in our impatience and greed, destructive rather than creative: Have mercy on us. For all the ways we look upon difference as something to destroy rather than as a miracle to appreciate and preserve: Have mercy on us. For all our choices that reflect fear of people who are unlike us, objectifying them as less than we are, missing their gifts: Have mercy on us.

You have created us, each unique, each varied, yet each in your image and likeness. Help us to see past our own limited viewpoints, to learn from our past shortcomings and to learn from and delight in our distinctions, that we might, in all our colors, genders and languages, be one in praising you.

Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

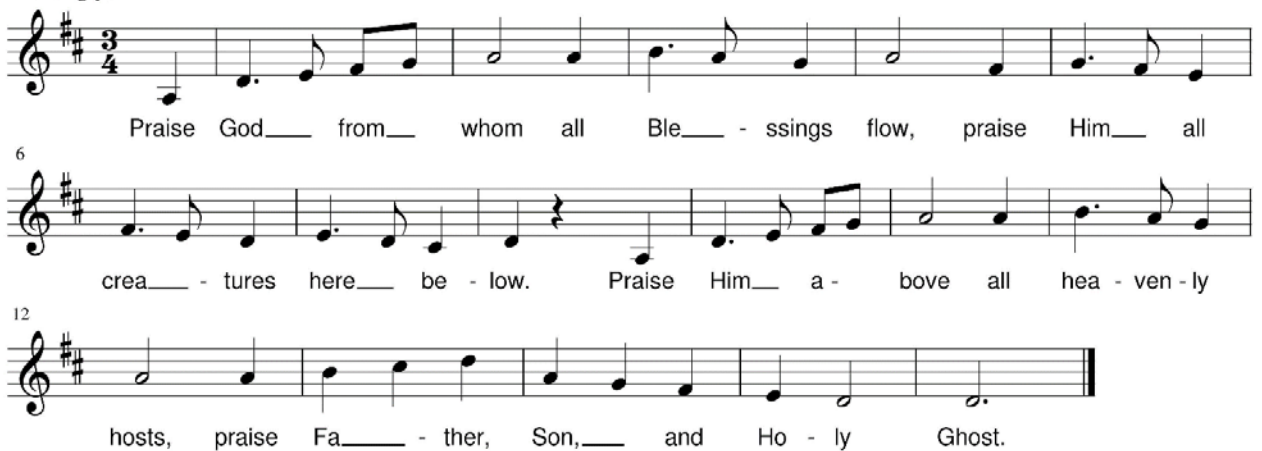
+The Peace *(Worshippers turn to each other and acknowledge their presence by a peace sign or Namaste)*

++Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Offertory

Doxology

Flowingly, in 1 Unknown



Praise God___ from___ whom all Ble___ - ssings flow, praise Him___ all

6
crea___ - tures here___ be - low. Praise Him___ a - bove all hea - ven - ly

12
hosts, praise Fa___ - ther, Son,___ and Ho - ly Ghost.

We Share Holy Communion

The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B

(Facing the congregation and standing behind the altar table)

+Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first of the week overcame death and the Grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

++Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our
trespasses,**

**As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All persons are invited to the Lord's supper one by one, keeping a distance of six feet from the person ahead of you and wearing a mask. Remove the mask only to ingest the bread.)

+The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Each Other

The Blessing

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
 4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

Refrain

Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine
 to the world so freely given,
 faith and hope and love divine,
 peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

+Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

(Worshippers exit the church one by one keeping the social distancing of six feet and wearing mask)

Postlude



Announcements

Evensong on Zoom

Every Tuesday at 6:30pm. To participate, you can email Jaime at jaimelkonowal@gmail.com for a Zoom link. Use Meeting ID: 834 5987 6076 and Passcode: 988017

Sign up on our website www.old-swedes.org, and a link will be automatically emailed to you every week.

Book Club on Zoom

Begins Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM for 7 weeks. Please join us to read and discuss *Love is the Way* by Bishop Curry. We look forward to some wonderful insights from our Bishop, and from each other. A weekly discussion guide will be available in the back of the church, and on www.old-swedes.org

Meeting ID: 829 0417 0207 Passcode: 994339

Flea Market

Saturday, October 16, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Rain or shine! Spaces are \$25 and paid for the day of. Volunteers needed! Please contact Jill Duink (jillddd@hotmail.com) if you can donate an hour or two of your time.

USS Poet Remembrance

Sunday, October 17, 10:00am. Join us and the family members of the crew of the USS Poet to honor the men lost at sea in October 1980.

A Conversation to Promote Healing

Sunday, October 24, after the 10am service, in Riverside Hall. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we hear his encouragement to the people to be reconciled to one another: "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." Before beginning our search for a new rector, we, the members of Gloria Dei, need to examine and heal past hurts inflicted by previous leadership and by each other. Please consider joining Megan Bartlett after worship on Sunday, 10/24 for a time of sharing of our recent (or old) hurts and prayers for healing. Rev. Bud Holland will facilitate our conversation. If you have questions or concerns or need a ride to or from church that day, please contact Megan Bartlett (267-581-9357 or megan77777@yahoo.com).

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 7. If you would like to submit the name of a loved one who has passed, please fill out the pink form in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket. You may also call the office and leave a message (215-389-1513) or email info@old-swedes.org.

Lucia Festival 2021

There will be no Lucia performance with an audience this year. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12th to watch an online special. Details to follow.

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