



**Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary
of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

June 25, 2023

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

The Theme of Today's Worship

This afternoon we gather to give thanks to God for the sixty years of grace he has shown our congregation and to ask for his continued blessing on the ministry of reconciliation that he has entrusted to us. Built on the Rock of our Savior, the church stands!

Serving in Worship

PreacherPastor Em. Gary Wong
Presiding MinisterPastor Timothy Shrimpton
OrganistKathy Lee
UshersRick Huntington and Mark Baushke

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Anniversary Worship

Opening Hymn

521 *Christ the Eternal Lord*



- 1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,
- 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
- 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,
- 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,
- 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;
our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,
trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,
in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,
that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,
when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav - en's throne



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.
with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.
that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.

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Please stand

Dialogue of Praise

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!

O Father Most Holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels
adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,

that all we do might be done at your bidding,
filled with your grace,
directed by your wisdom,
informed by your truth,
accomplished to your glory.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!

O Father Most Gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be
a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones, that
in him we might offer to you the spiritual service

of praise and thanksgiving,
of lives lived in your love,
of proclaiming your words and work,
of sharing your gifts to us.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!

O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all
might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us
your blessing and peace,

that we may be witnesses of your truth,
the reflection of your glory,
the ambassadors of your kingdom.

**The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his
praise!**

To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

Alleluia! Amen!

Song of Praise

939 O Lord, Our Lord



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your



on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in
 your own blood. You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
Refrain
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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Holy Spirit, the Christian church is your creation. We give thanks to you that you have established and now preserved this congregation for sixty years. We pray that you will fill us with zeal for your Word and work. Bless our efforts to nourish believers through the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins Christ has won for all. Equip us with the eagerness to never stop inviting guests to the banquet of salvation. Cause our congregation to thrive that your glory may continued to be proclaimed from this place for years to come, dear Lord, for the praise of your name and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Joshua 4:1–7

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ²“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

⁴So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the

middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” [NIV84]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100B



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the LORD is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The LORD our God is good; his mer - cy



LORD with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with fear; his praise
 aid he did us make. We are his folk; he doth
 joy his courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless his name
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times firm -



forth - tell; come ye be - fore him and re - jice!
 us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 ly stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

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Second Reading

Revelation 3:7–13

To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write:

The Holy One, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one can open, says this:

⁸I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Look, I will make those who are from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but are lying—look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them realize that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is about to come over the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown.

¹²The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never leave it again. I will also write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God—the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God—and my new name.

¹³Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel

John 17:1, 13–26

After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you.

¹³“But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷“Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

²⁰“I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. ²¹May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²²I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: ²³I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world’s foundation. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them and that I may be in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

914 *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, on him a - lone we
2 Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we im -
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise these hal - lowed courts shall



build; with his true saints a - lone the courts of
plore, and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us
ring; our voic - es we will raise the Three in



heav'n are filled. On his great love our hopes we
 ev - er - more un - til that day when all the
 One to sing and thus pro - claim in joy - ful



place of pres - ent grace and joys a - bove.
 blest to end - less rest are called a - way.
 song, both loud and long, that glo - rious name.

Text: tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.; Latin, c. 8th cent., abr.

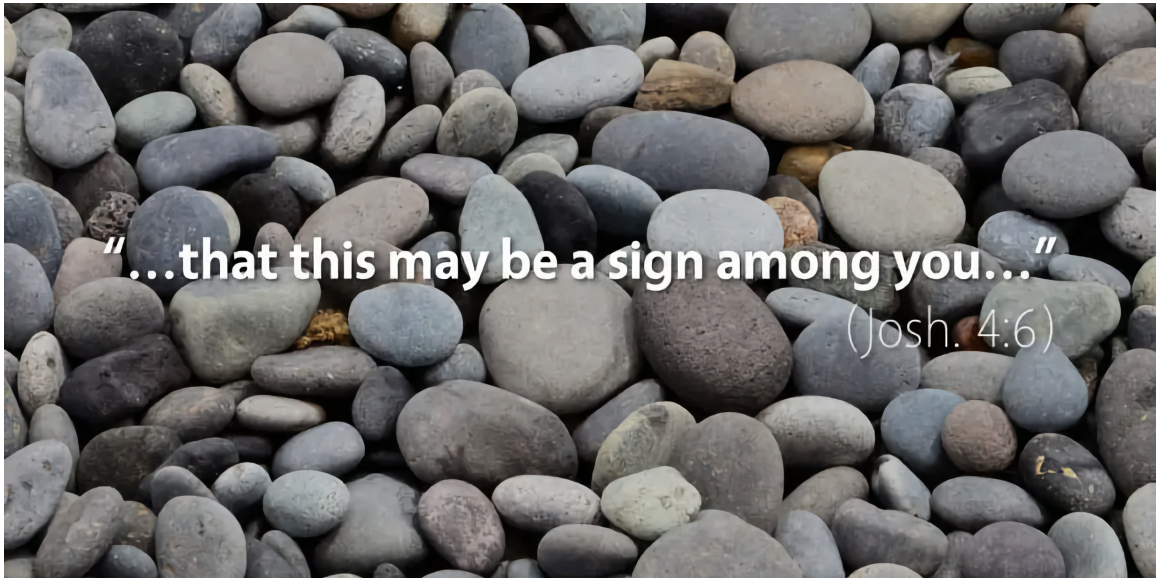
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Sermon

The Story of the Stones

Joshua 4:1-7



Please stand

Confession of Faith*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated

Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit www.gdluth.org/giving.

If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

The offering given at this anniversary service will be equally divided among WELS Home Missions and Gloria Dei's debt retirement.



* Our confession uses the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's explanation to that article in his Small Catechism.

Hymn

855 *The Church's One Foundation*



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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Anniversary Litany

For those whose faith, courage, and Christian conviction and whose diligent effort and financial sacrifice resulted in the formation of this congregation:

We thank you, Lord.

For those who labored with mind and hand to design and construct this sanctuary that the people of God might worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:

We thank you, Lord.

For all those ministers of the gospel who have led your people in worship here throughout the past sixty years, who have preached your word from the pulpit, and who have administered the sacraments to waiting and believing hearts:

We thank you, Lord.

For those who founded our school ministry and shepherded it through its fifty years of service, for teachers who instructed young souls in the wonders of God's creation and the message of salvation, and for the students who grew in the grace and knowledge of their Savior:

We thank you, Lord.

For those who have brought their children here for baptism, for those who have pledged their love to one another at this altar, and for those who in Christian faith and trust have here parted with loved ones and committed them to your grace:

We thank you, Lord.

For all those who have here confessed their faith in Jesus Christ, and have shared in the life and witness of the Church:

We thank you, Lord.

For sins that have been confessed and forgiven here, for burdens that have been made easier to carry, for distressed and troubled hearts that have known the peace that passes all understanding, and for lives that have been inspired to new heights of love and service:

We thank you, Lord.

For our fellowship in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, for our joint efforts in missions and ministerial education, and for the opportunity to support the Christian education of teenagers at California Lutheran High School:

We thank you, Lord.

For all who have come to this place seeking your mercy and finding peace in Christ Jesus:

We thank you, Lord.

Lord God, you have graciously blessed this congregation of believers for the past sixty years. Be with us in the future as you have been in the past that with faithful hearts we may receive your grace, rejoice in your salvation, serve you with cheerful hearts, confess your name in this community, and finally praise you together with your whole Church when your Son returns and bestows on us the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Choir Anthem

By Faith

*By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.*

Refrain: *We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave!*

*By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth. **Refrain***

*By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. **Refrain***

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Prayer

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Now Thank We All Our God'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line (treble clef), a piano accompaniment line (treble clef), and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first line of lyrics is '3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,'. The second line of lyrics is '1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es, 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us, 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,'. The musical notation includes notes, rests, and bar lines.

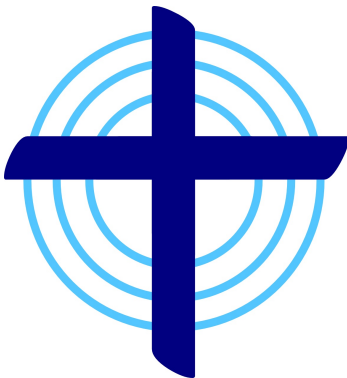
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,
 Who won - drous things has done, In whom his world re - joic - es,
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,

The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore!
 Who from our moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way
 And keep us in his grace And guide us when per - plexed
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore!

For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.
 With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Service and Sermon Notes



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As a family of believers, Gloria Dei proclaims God's glory, the good news of sins forgiven in Jesus. We teach the entirety of God's truth as revealed in the Bible to strengthen the faith of our members, to train those who wish to know more about their Savior, and to proclaim Christ-crucified to all the world.

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