The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023



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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.

Our Communion Practice

If you are a visitor with us today, we are glad that you're here! We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship today. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, we ask that you speak with Pastor Shrimpton or one of the ushers before doing so.

God requires that we only commune with those with whom we share complete agreement in God's Word (**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**) and makes us responsible for ensuring that those whom commune know exactly what God teaches lest people commune to their spiritual harm (**1 Corinthians 11:27-30**). Because of this, we ask that any visitors who are not a member of one of our sister congregations give us the opportunity to compare what we teach with your faith to ensure that we are in complete agreement before you commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Shrimpton after worship for more information.

The Theme of Today's Worship

God calls on all of us his people to be his witnesses in the world. As we grow and mature in our faith, we will be strengthened and empowered for this task. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we support one another in our life-long task of learning and sharing God's love.

Serving Today

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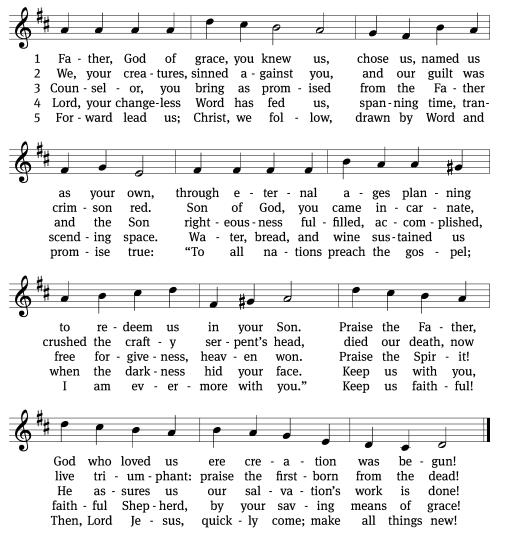
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The Service

Opening Hymn

566 Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us



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Please stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

^{*} We are born into this world with a deep need for confession. We come as sinners before the holy God who demands perfection from us. We come asking for his forgiveness, trusting in his promises to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' life and death in our place.

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning^{*} sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.[†]

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

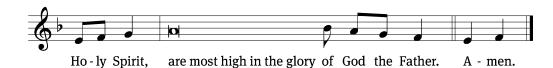
^{*} To "atone" is to put to separated parties back "at one" with each other. By his death, Jesus covered over our sin and put sinful mankind back at one with our Creator. See **1 John 2:2**.

[†] [Jesus said,] "Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.... Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (John 20:23, Matthew 18:18).

Glory Be to God



^{*} This song borrows the words of the angels as they proclaimed the birth of the Savior to the shepherds **(Luke 2:14)**. This song's traditional name, *Gloria in Excelsis*, is a Latin phrase meaning glory in the highest.



The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you promised that you will confess before your Father in heaven those who confess you before others on earth. Grant those who confess their faith before your altar the grace and strength to avoid all things contrary to what they confess, that in humble faith they seek and do all things pleasing to you; you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

First Reading

Joshua 1:6–9

"Be strong and courageous, because you will divide this land among these people, this land which I swore to their fathers that I would give to this people. ⁷Just be strong and very courageous. Be careful to act according to the entire Law which my servant Moses commanded for you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may succeed wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law must never depart from your mouth, and you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you will act faithfully according to everything written in it, because then you will prosper in everything you do, and you will succeed. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified and do not be overwhelmed, because the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Refrain Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Tone

Oh, how I / love your law!
I meditate on it / all day long.
Your commands are always / with me and make me wiser than my / enemies.
I have more insight than all my / teachers, for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path so that I might o- / bey your word. How sweet are your words / to my taste, sweeter than honey / to my mouth! I gain understanding from your / precepts; therefore I hate every / wrong path.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,

Psalm 119G

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17

We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴For this reason he also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. ¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

Luke 14:25-35

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. ³³So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. ³⁴Salt is good, but if

^{*} We stand out of respect for the words and account of the life of our Savior and King, Jesus.

the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? ³⁵It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

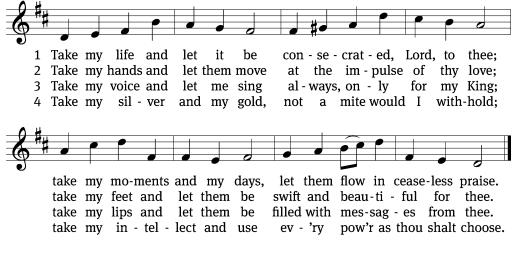
Be seated

Children's Message

The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.

Hymn of the Day

695 Take My Life and Let It Be



5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870 Text and tune: Public domain 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon

May Our Lord Jesus Christ Establish You

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Sermon Listening Guide

- How is God's law clear in this part of Scripture? How does he address my sin?
- How does God show his solution for my sin in this section of Scripture?
- How does God direct me to use my life to thank him in this section of Scripture?
- What is something new I learned or a different way to think about what I already knew in this section of Scripture?

Confirmation Essay

The confirmand reads a prepared essay, summarizing his growth and understanding of the Scriptures.

Rite of Confirmation

My son, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your heart and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your mind and preserved you as a child of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, "I believed; therefore I have spoken." You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God's law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior's gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior's body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior's throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask you: Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today? **I am.**

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? **I do reject him.**

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God? **I do.**

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

I do.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go? **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

The pastor speaks to the congregation:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the heart of this young man and gave him a new birth as a member of your family. Help him remember his baptism every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave him or forsake him. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give him strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within him so that each day his faith may triumph in his living and loving and in his words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead him to see and believe that in the word of the gospel he finds forgiveness for his sins and relief for his guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive him to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide him as he lives for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect him from Satan when he tempts him to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans only for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower him by the gospel of your Son to live in his world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see his good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish him in wisdom and love even after he has left our home and made a new home for himself. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our praver.**

The pastor speaks to the confirmand:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

Alex's Confirmation Verse: Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine (Isaiah 43:1).

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **Amen.**

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.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

The Sacrament

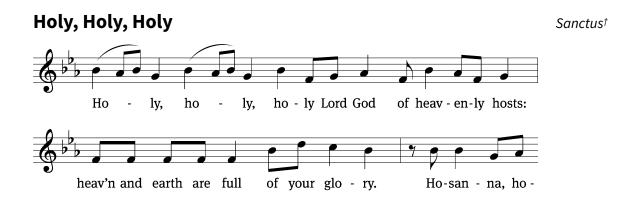
Preface*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

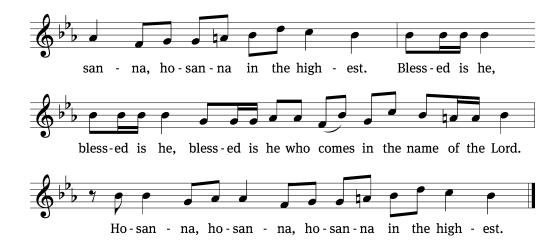
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



^{*} The words of the Preface are the least changed liturgical text of the Christian church, dating back to at least 200 AD. They are spoken as joyous words that anticipate the forthcoming reception of the Lord's Supper.

[†] We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means, "Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, *Sanctus*, is the Latin word for *Holy*.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

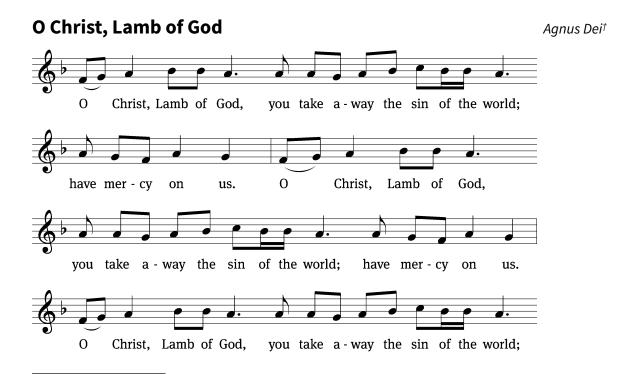
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours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

Words of Institution*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



^{*} This is no symbolic meal nor were Jesus' directions a parable. As his last will and testament, Jesus' direction on the Lord's Supper is clear: in a miraculous way, his true body and true blood are present with the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins won for us by his death on the cross. † John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**, the long-promised, perfect sacrifice for sin. The traditional name of this song, *Agnus Dei*, is the Latin phrase *Lamb of God*.



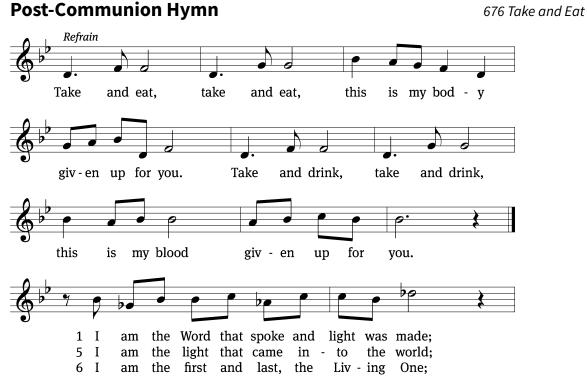
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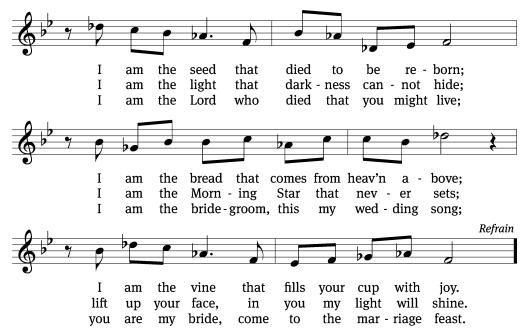
Distribution

To our guests: please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

Those communing with us today should follow the ushers' direction to come forward via the center aisle and return to their seats by the side aisles.

Please stand





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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**[†]

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

^{*} These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see **Psalm 118:1**.

^{† 1} Corinthians 11:26

Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

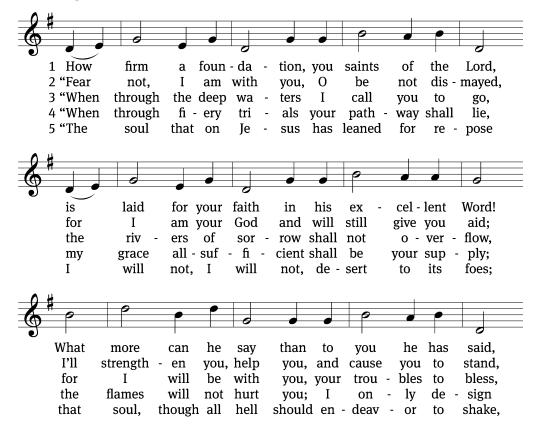
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

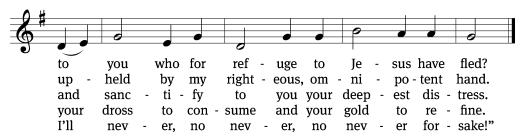
Amen.

Closing Hymn

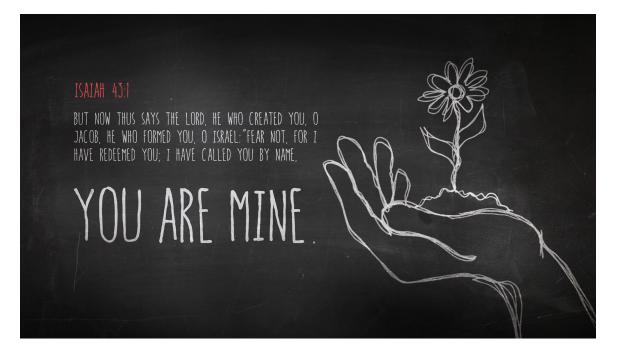
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^{*} The closing blessing of the service follows the pattern of the blessing that God gave to his Old Testament people in **Numbers 6:22-27**.



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Calendar & Announcements

Sunday

Adult Bible Class [Genesis 1-11]	9:00 am
Confirmation Worship	10:30 am
Confirmation Celebration Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Choir	12:00 pm

Tuesday

(Midweek Bible Class will resume on September 12.)

Thursday

Senior Care Center Devotional Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]10:00 am

Next Sunday

Adult Bible Class [Genesis 1-11]	9:00 am
Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Congregational Voters' Meeting	12:00 pm

Congregational Voters' Meeting

Our next congregational voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, June 18 starting at noon after worship. Please add this important meeting to you calendar and join us for it. We will be hold-ing elections for our church council positions and approving the budget for our next fiscal year.

60th Anniversary Celebration

As we look forward to our 60th Anniversary for Gloria Dei, we are planning our celebration. That celebration be on Sunday, June 25 with a special worship service at 5pm followed bt a catered meal. The RSVP for the service and meal are live on our website. We would ask that even our local, current members please RSVP so that we can have as accurate a headcount for planning as possible. In the coming weeks, if you are in contact with any former Gloria Dei



June 25, 2023, 5:00pm

June 18, 12pm

members and called workers, please let them know about these plans so that they can make travel arrangements if possible. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Shrimpton, Donna DaSanBiagio, or Janet Powers.

Tree of Life Bible Camp

July 9-15, 2023

Tree of Life Bible Camp, our church body's weeklong summer camp for kids in 4th grade through seniors in high school, will be held this July from the 9th through the 15th. The camp features a ton of fun outdoor activities and plenty of time in God's Word for our young men and women to grow in their faith.

If you have children in your family in that age group and/or are interested in volunteering for the week to help make the camp work, please visit https://treeoflifebiblecamp.org or speak with Tim Mann or Pastor Shrimpton. For some more information, see the notes on the next page.

Tree of Life Lutheran Bible Camp 09 - 15 July 2023



This Year's Theme: Crosstraining!

Christ Centered Experiences

Christian Fellowship Fun Bible Studies Nightly Sing-a-longs Games Nature Hikes BBQ Night Gold Rush! Laura Ball! Prices

1st Camper in Family \$550

Additional Camper in Family \$350

Senior Group (grades 10-12) Add \$20 for Activities

This ministry is for your children! Parent volunteers desperately needed!

<u>REGRISTRATION NOW OPEN!</u> <u>SCHOLARSHIPS / FEE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE</u>! treeoflifebiblecamp.org

THIS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

TREE OF LIFE LUTERAN BIBLE CAMP DESPERATELY NEEDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PLEASE HELP A CHILD ATTEND THIS YEAR'S SUMMER CAMP!

FOR SOME KIDS THIS IS THE ONLY TIME OF THE YEAR THEY WILL BE SURROUNDED BY STRONG CHRISTIANS AND IMMERSED IN THE GOSPEL, REASSURED OF CHRIST'S GRACE AND LOVE FOR THEM.

PLEASE DONATE TO HELP SEND A CHILD TO TREE OF LIFE BIBLE CAMP! AN ONLINE DONATION LINK HAS BEEN SET UP THROUGH THRIVENT FINANCIAL.



TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP DESPERATELY NEEDS ADULT / PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

THIS MINISTRY IS FOR YOUR CHILDREN! FORM LIFELONG MEMORIES WHILE STRENGTHENING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST JESUS!

TREE OF LIFE ESPECIALLY NEEDS FATHERS! FATHERS, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BOND WITH YOUR CHILDREN, AND BE THE EXAMPLE OF HOW CHRIST EXPECTS MEN TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES.

THE EXPERIENCE IS UNFORGETTABLE. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE CHRIST AND YOUR CHILDREN BY TAKING ON A STAFF POSITION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT jasoncovey@hotmail.com

Service and Sermon Notes



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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