



**The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession**

*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*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.

## 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

On June 25, 1530, a group of reformers presented a confession of their faith and teaching that summarized what the Reformation was all about. It was presented to Emperor Charles V at a diet in the city of Augsburg in the hope of explaining their teaching from God's Word, and where they viewed the church to have gone astray of God's truth.

While this confession did not bring a cleansing and unification of all Christendom, the Augsburg Confession has become a cornerstone of the Lutheran confession from that day on.

This morning, we celebrate God's preservation of his truth throughout all generations with special thanksgiving for the work he did through the Lutheran Reformation.

## Serving Today

<b>Preacher</b> .....	Pastor Em. Gerald Geiger
<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
<b>Accompanist</b> .....	Anne Marquardt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Steve Powers and Tim Mann
<b>Altar Preparation</b> .....	Karen Shrimpton
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b> .....	Donna DaSanBiagio

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# The Service

## Setting One

### Opening Hymn

900 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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*

## **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<sup>†</sup> sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. There-

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\* 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.

† 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**.

fore, 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.**

## Glory Be to God

*Gloria in Excelsis*<sup>†</sup>



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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\* [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).

† 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*.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



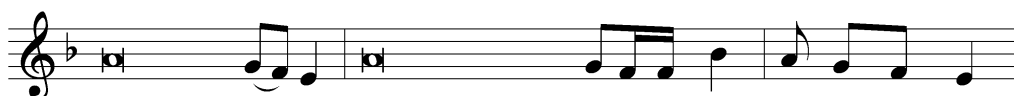
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



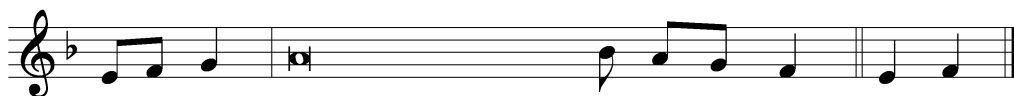
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of your church, that being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, we may always make a pure confession of your saving truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–11*

Seek the LORD while he may be found!  
Call on him while he is near!  
<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked man abandon his way.  
Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.  
Let him turn to the LORD,  
and he will show him mercy.  
Let him turn to our God,  
because he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>Certainly my plans are not your plans,  
and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so my ways are higher than your ways,  
and my plans are higher than your plans.



<sup>10</sup>Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky  
 and do not return there  
 unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,  
 so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth  
 will not return to me empty.  
 Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,  
 and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 46D*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
they our life, goods, fame, child and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
he holds the field for - ev - er.  
one lit - tle word can fell him.  
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Second Reading

*Romans 10:5-17*

Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. <sup>9</sup>Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup>For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup>So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!”

<sup>16</sup>But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who believed our message?” <sup>17</sup>So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand\**

## Gospel Acclamation

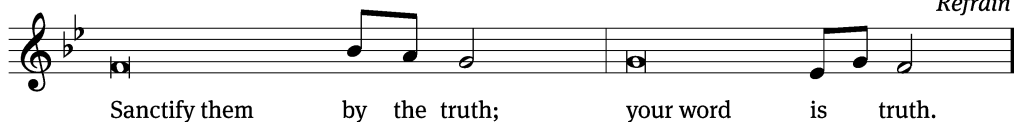
*John 17:17*



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## Gospel

*John 15:1-11*

[Jesus said,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

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

<sup>3</sup>“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.”

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

714 Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me



1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no  
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell but your pure  
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue and daunt - less - ly to  
4 In suf - f'ring be your love my peace, in weak - ness be your



tongue de - clare; dwell in my heart e - ter - nal - ly,  
love a - lone; oh, may your love pos - sess me whole,  
you a - spire; oh, may your love my hope re - new,  
love my pow'r; and when the storms of life shall cease,



and reign with - out a ri - val there. O Je - sus, noth - ing  
my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night be  
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, be then my rod and



may I do, but seek my joy in serv - ing you.  
heart re - move; my ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
all my care to guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
staff and guide and draw me safe - ly to your side.

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*Questions by which to follow the sermon*

*(As questions are read, please respond by reading the answer together.)*

1. A review of history . . .
2. Describe the gardener.  
**He loved the world and gave his Son so sinners would be connected to Jesus and go to heaven.**
3. How are you connected to all the advantages Jesus' love shares?  
**I am connected to Jesus by faith worked through Baptism or the Word.**
4. Why do we need pruning?  
**We produce all kinds of sins which endanger our connection with the vine.**
5. What is the gardener's pruning plan?  
**He customizes a pruning plan so we stay connected to Jesus forever.**
6. What does the gardener do when the branches do not produce fruit?  
**He cuts them off and throws them into the fire – into hell.**
7. What is the gardener's goal as he prunes and nourishes you?  
**To produce good fruit so more people get connected to the vine.**
8. What is the goal of Kingdom Workers' Foster Family support program?  
**Express Jesus' love so more people get connected to Jesus.**
9. Why is the connection with Jesus the most important connection?  
**It is the only way to the eternal celebration in heaven.**

*Please stand*

## **Nicene Creed\***

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

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\* The Nicene Creed was originally adopted by the Council of Nicea in 325 AD and has been a widely used confession of faith throughout Christendom since that time. Its chief purpose was to confess the Christian faith while defending the truth of Jesus' divinity against the teachings of Arianism which claim that Jesus is not true God.

**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.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty and eternal God, when the set time had come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and endure the just punishment for our sins. You raised him from death in glorious splendor and for his sake, you richly and daily forgive sins.

**Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

When the set time had come, you poured out your Spirit on your people and called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation to all the world.

**The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

When the set time had come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of the Scriptures. You granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

When the set time had come, you made our fathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. Guided by your Spirit, they joined hands and hearts under a shared confession and with a determined resolve to work together in the ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

Let this be the time when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service.



Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

**May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.**

Let this be a time to imitate the kind-hearted souls in our church who served the sick, helped the disabled, cared for the abandoned, and comforted the dying. Provide occasions to serve them and times to pray for them. [We pray especially today for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Keep all your children in your powerful and gracious care.

**As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

Let this be a time when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith to take up again the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Let this time and all our times be used to give thanks for your grace in Christ and to praise you for calling us into your mission to save.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love and establish the work of our hands. 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](http://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 in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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\* 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.

# Holy, Holy, Holy

*Sanctus\**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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

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\* 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*.

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.

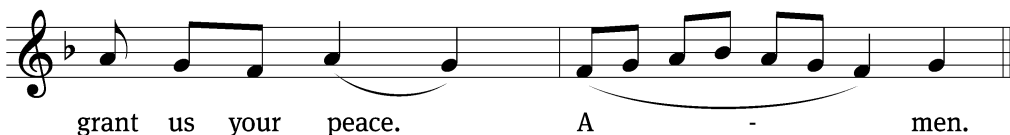
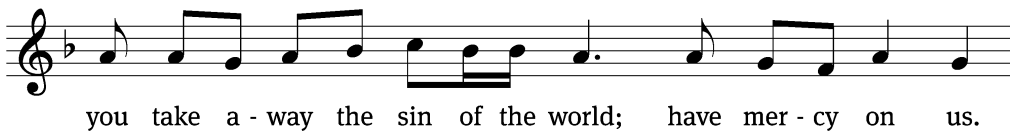
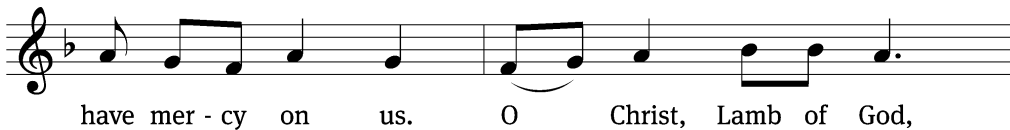
**Amen.**

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\* 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.

# O Christ, Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei\**



*Be seated*

## 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.

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\* 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*.

Please stand

## Post-Communion Hymn

558 Salvation unto Us Has Come, s. 1, 3-6, 9



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -  
5 Yet as the law must be ful - filled or we must die de -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and  
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their  
ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was  
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, our hu - man



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who  
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to  
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart or  
na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the law o - beyed and



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.  
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.  
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.  
thus the Fa - ther's ven - ge - ance stayed which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
and brought to us salvation,  
each Christian therefore may be glad  
and build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
your death is now my life indeed,  
for you have paid my ransom.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
and rests in him unceasing;  
and by its fruits true faith is known,  
with love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
works serve our neighbor and supply  
the proof that faith is living.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Paul Speratus, 1484-1551, abr., alt. | Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524 | Text and tune: Public domain

# 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.**

## 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.**

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

† **1 Corinthians 11:26**

‡ 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**.

# Closing Hymn

640 *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*



God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -



ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our



chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it



is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its



teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: tr. Ole G. Belsheim, alt.; Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872 | Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924 | Text and tune: Public domain





# Calendar & Announcements

## Sunday

Adult Bible Class [Genesis 1-11] .....	9:00 am
Worship [Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530] .....	10:30 am
Coffee Hour .....	11:30 am
Choir Practice.....	12:00 pm
Worship [Gloria Dei's 60th Anniversary] .....	5:00 pm
Anniversary Dinner .....	6:00 pm

## Tuesday

Bible Information Class .....	4:30 pm
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## Thursday

Senior Care Center Devotional Service [The Abigail, Redwood City] .....	10:00 am
Evangelism Committee Meeting .....	7:00 pm

## Next Sunday

Adult Bible Class [Genesis 1-11] .....	9:00 am
Worship .....	10:30 am
Coffee Hour .....	11:30 am

## 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.

## Modesto Ordination and Installation

*July 16, 5pm*

Candidate Justus McKenzie will be ordained and installed as the next pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Modesto, CA after his assignment from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. All

are invited to this special event with a dinner to follow. If you would be interested in carpooling / caravanning, please speak with Pastor Shrimpton.

## **Text Messages Reminders from Gloria Dei**

We have added the ability to send out brief text message reminders ahead of worship services, classes, or meetings as a light reminder. Those that are already signed up have said they really appreciate it as a way to stay connected to the events of the congregation, and through that, our Savior's Word. To register you can go to this address (<http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/texting>) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.



## **Bible Information Classes Available**

If you are new to the Christian faith, new to Gloria Dei, or just want to review what the Bible teaches, Pastor Shrimpton offers Bible Information Classes as requested to review the teachings of the Bible. If you would like more information on these classes, please speak with Pastor after worship or email him at [pastor@gdluth.org](mailto:pastor@gdluth.org).

# 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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