

# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023



Gloria Dei  
Lutheran Church  
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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 to worship today who are not members of one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) refrain from taking the Lord's Supper today.

## The Theme of Today’s Worship

“All are welcome!” Is that true at our church? Historically, it rarely is true. In the gospels, the average Jewish person would have thought it odd, even offensive, if someone who wasn’t an Israelite walked into their place of worship. Taking it a step further, some of the Jewish religious leaders would imply that church was meant for those who zealously followed religious customs and traditions. Those were “good church folk.” So church was meant for people of the right heritage and who behaved the right way. What about us? Is it conceivable that a stranger could walk into our church and for some reason you would ask yourself, “What is someone like that doing here?” Or, just perhaps, you are asking that question about yourself? “There are some seemingly godly people here. I’m not like them. Do I really belong?”

Today, Jesus shows us that God wants church to be for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Therefore, anyone who comes to Christ’s Church and cries out, “Lord, have mercy!” is more than welcome.

## Serving in Worship

**Presiding Minister & Preacher**.....Pastor Timothy Shrimpton  
**Accompanist**.....Joel Samelson  
**Ushers** .....Rick Huntington and Tim Mann  
**Communion Assistant** .....Jasen Higgins  
**Altar Preparation** .....Leslie Donovan  
**Coffee Hour Host** .....The Donovan Family

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# The Service

*German Hymn Tunes*

## Opening Hymn

*901 O Christians, Haste*



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing  
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,  
bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
or of the life he died for them to win.  
and died on earth that they might live a - bove.  
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,  
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion and re - lease.

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.\***

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

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\* Psalm 32:1-2

## Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

*Kyrie*

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 to God in the Highest

*Gloria in Excelsis\**

*Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

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\* 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*.



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; 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 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says.

Protect justice, and carry out righteousness,  
because my salvation is coming very soon.

My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD  
and to become his servants,

every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
those who take hold of my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>I will bring them to my holy mountain,  
and I will make them glad in my house of prayer.

Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be  
acceptable on my altar.

For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world.

<sup>8</sup>This is the declaration of God the LORD,  
who gathers Israel's dispersed people:

“I will gather still more people to my house besides  
the ones already gathered.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67B



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness  
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that  
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, then en - joy your



of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;  
live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing  
rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,





fill your Church with light di - vine, and your sav - ing  
 glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, at your feet their  
 we to God de - vot - ed live, all be - low and



health ex - tend to the earth's re - mot - est end.  
 trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.  
 all a - bove one in joy and light and love.

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:13–22*

But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them <sup>15</sup>when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. <sup>16</sup>And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. <sup>17</sup>He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

## Gospel Acclamation

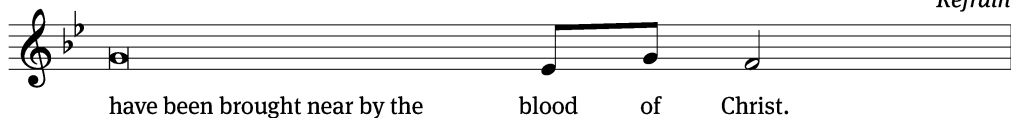
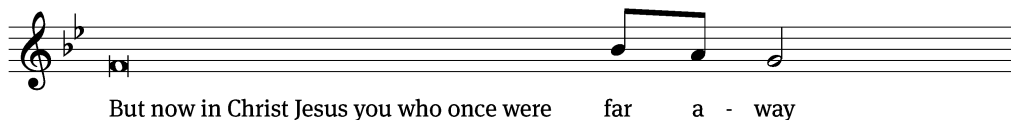
*Ephesians 2:13*



*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*

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## Gospel

*Matthew 15:21–28*

Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!”

<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.”

<sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

<sup>26</sup>He answered her, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to their little dogs.”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

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

*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 presses, with every grace endowed.  
against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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## Sermon

## God's Promises Are for All

*Matthew 15:21–28*

*Please stand*

## Apostles' Creed\*

**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,**

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\* The Apostles' Creed is an ancient confession of faith in the Christian church and is one of three nearly-ubiquitous confessions throughout Christendom. While not written by the apostles, it serves as a summary of their teaching.

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them

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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.

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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*Sanctus\**

Tune: *MUNICH*



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

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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*.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **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\**

*Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND*



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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*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.

*Please stand*

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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*.

## Post-Communion Hymn

570 God Loved the World So That He Gave, s 1-4



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

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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.

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

† **1 Corinthians 11:26**

er. 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.**

## Closing Hymn

860 *In Christ There Is No East or West*



1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name  
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,  
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



in him no south or north, but one great fel - low -  
in him we all are one. He loves us as his  
who died to set us free from sin, di - vi - sion,  
what - e'er your race may be; who serves my Fa - ther  
in him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
chil - dren through our faith in his dear Son.  
hate, and blame, from spite and en - mi - ty!  
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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# Calendar & Announcements

## Sunday

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

## Monday

Golden Gate Circuit Pastors' Meeting [Good Shepherd, Livermore] .....10:00 am

## Wednesday

Bible Information Class .....2:30 pm

## Thursday

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

## Next Sunday

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Worship .....10:30 am  
Coffee Hour .....11:30 am

## Bible History Catechism Class Begins August 27

Beginning on Sunday, August 27, we will start a new year of Catechism. While our classes are aimed at our students in 5th-8th grade with the goal of getting them ready for confirmation, all are invited to attend. This year's class will have a special focus on Bible History, reviewing the historical accounts in God's Word tracing God's faithfulness to his promises, especially the promise to send Jesus as our Savior. If you would like to attend this class to review and perhaps learn some new things along with our middle school students, all are welcome! Classes will be held in Pastor's Office from 12-1:30pm most Sundays. Talk with Pastor if you have any questions!

## Midweek Bible Class Resumes in September

Our midweek Bible Class studying the Gospel of Luke will resume after our summer break the week after Labor Day. Watch your email for a survey on what timing would work best for that class. As a reminder, last year we held an in-person session at church on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and held an online session of the class on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm via Zoom.

## **Church Picnic at Twin Pines Park**

*October 15, 2023, 10:30am*

Our annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, October 15. We will once again hold our service and potluck picnic meal in the Redwood Picnic Area of Twin Pines Park (1 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA 94002). Church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs; everyone is encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts to share. If you cannot bring anything to share, please come anyway. There's always plenty of food! We look forward to a day of outdoor worship and picnic fellowship to follow! If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.

## **Congregational Voters' Meeting**

*October 29, 2023, 12pm*

Our next congregational voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, October 29, following worship in the sanctuary. If you can, please plan to attend for important updates on our work as a congregation and to discuss and decisions that need to be made at that time. If you have any items you'd like to make sure are discussed at the meeting, please speak with Steve Hansen or 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.



## **Reading and Congregational Brainstorming**

Pastor Shrimpton has asked the members of the Church Council, the Evangelism Committee and the Member Care Committee to read through the book *The Gospel-Driven Church* by Jared Wilson this summer. While not a book that we would necessarily agree with every last point made, it emphasizes a Christian congregation's need to keep the gospel—the message of sins forgiven in Jesus—center to everything they do. The hope and prayer is that reading through this book will give our leadership opportunities to reflect on where we are doing work that God has entrusted to us well and perhaps to think through places where our work might be better focused on the message of Jesus rather than simply doing things just to do them. We will hold a brainstorming meeting late this summer or early this fall to discuss these matters, once people have had a chance to work through the book. The date of that meeting will be determined in the next couple of weeks.

All the members of Gloria Dei are invited to share in this reading exercise and join in the brainstorming session that will follow. If you are not a member of any of the leadership groups men-

tioned above, but know that you would like to be a part of these discussions, please let Pastor know. Once the date of the discussion has been determined, it will be shared with the congregation at large.

If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.

# Service and Sermon Notes



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