

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Imagine, late one night, you notice the house across the street is on fire. You see no activity inside. You say to yourself, "Pounding on the door in the middle of the night might scare the family. I'm sure they'll realize what's going on eventually." Ridiculous! You would never do that! To let a family sleep while flames surround them would be cruel. Your inaction would make you a killer. The truth is you would pound on their door at 3:00 AM, screaming. You would throw a brick through their front window if that was what it took to warn them. You would not care if it startled the family. This is a matter of life and death! Love compels you to do whatever it takes.

God wants the people of his church to be willing to say hard things to people when that is what is necessary to save them from an even worse type of fire. Warning against sin is not easy. It upsets people, even offends them. But saying hard things is the loving thing to do when it is a matter of eternal life and death.

## Serving Today

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b> .....	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
<b>Organ Assistant</b> .....	Alex Shrimpton
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tim Mann and Mark Baushke
<b>Communion Assistant</b> .....	Jasen Higgins
<b>Altar Preparation</b> .....	Janet Powers
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b> .....	Jasen Higgins
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b> .....	Jasen Higgins

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# The Service

## Setting Four

### Opening Hymn

743 I Hear the Savior Calling



- 1 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to me;
- 2 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He leads a soul to me,
- 3 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He gives this charge to me:
- 4 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for me;
- 5 I hear the Sav-ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen - cy;



my eyes, once closed in blind - ness, are o - pened now to see  
a soul in bit - ter an - guish, one need - ing to be free.  
to serve the best I'm a - ble, what - e'er the call may be.  
from door to door I wit - ness to share my Sav-ior's plea.  
each mo - ment souls are dy - ing, soon comes e - ter - ni - ty.



that I my - self was help - less to live e - ter - nal - ly,  
The gift I have to of - fer is Christ, my Lord's de - cree  
Thus hand in hand with oth - ers who share the gos - pel key  
Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, no word on bend - ed knee,  
And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, this is my hum - ble plea:



but, dy - ing, Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!  
that all have been for - giv - en; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
we spread the gos - pel ti - dings; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
be - yond the sim - ple gos - pel; my Sav - ior calls for me!  
pre - pare me for my mis - sion, for you are call - ing me!

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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.**

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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.

† **1 John 1:8-9**

**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\* 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.**

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\* 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**.

# Glory to God in the Highest

*Gloria in Excelsis\**



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly




Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

\* 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*.



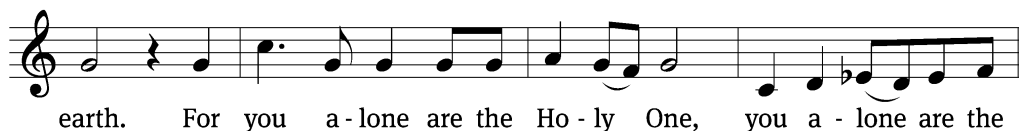
us; you are seated at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: receive our prayer, receive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on




earth. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the



Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God.

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# The Word

## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” <sup>11</sup>Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked,

but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

The Word of the Lord.

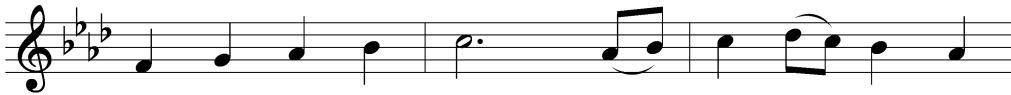
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 32B*



1 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how  
2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but  
3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my  
4 Let all the faith - ful pray to you while  
5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in



glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their  
then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like  
griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my  
you may still be found; you place them safe a -  
all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with



guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.  
sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.  
wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.  
bove the flood, se - cure on high - er ground.  
faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

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## Second Reading

*Galatians 2:11–16*

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. <sup>12</sup>For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from

the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?”

<sup>15</sup>“We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. <sup>16</sup>We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand\**

## Gospel Acclamation



*Refrain*



*Tone*



*Refrain*

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## Gospel

*Matthew 18:15–20*

[Jesus said,] “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the

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

testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. <sup>20</sup>In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them."

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

654 *Jesus Sinners Does Receive*



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble  
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that  
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 were as scarlet my transgression,  
 it shall be as white as snow  
 by your blood and bitter passion,  
 for these words I do believe:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace,  
 from the law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ has purchased my release  
 and my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
 even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

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**Sermon**

**Love Confronts Sin**  
*Galatians 2:11–16*

*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 God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**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) or scan the code to the right.*



*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.**

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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.



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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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\**

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.' The third staff continues with 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -'. The fourth staff continues with 'na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff continues with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -'. The sixth staff concludes with 'na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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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*.

## 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.  
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."

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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.

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

## O Christ, Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei\**

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and fourth staves begin with the lyrics 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The third and fifth staves continue with 'sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.'. The sixth and seventh staves conclude with 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.'. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

\* 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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*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*

## Hymn of Thanksgiving

670 | Come, O Savior, to Your Table, s. 1-4, 7



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and  
2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and  
3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in  
4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and  
7 With - in me, Lord, your vi - sion trac - es a heart of



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -  
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your  
sin’s ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don  
poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful  
deep hu - mil - i - ty that mourns its sin and



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.  
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.  
my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.  
sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!  
yet em - brac - es the mer - it you have earned for me.



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

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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.**

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

† **1 Corinthians 11:26**

## Blessing\*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

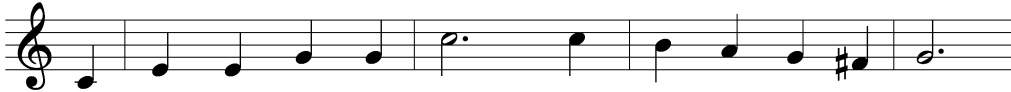
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ*



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;  
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin-ful soul;  
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread-ful load  
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran-som due;  
5 Your right-eous-ness, O Christ, a-lone can cov-er me;



they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de-part.  
your wounds, not mine, con-tain the balm that makes me whole.  
of sins that none could bear but the in-sar-nate God.  
ten thou-sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.  
no oth-er right-eous-ness can set a sin-ner free.

### *Refrain*



To whom but you, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Tune: The Parish Choir, London, 1850

Text and tune: Public domain

\* 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**.

# Calendar & Announcements

## Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Genesis] .....	9:00 am
Worship .....	10:30 am
Coffee Hour .....	11:30 am
Catechism Class.....	12:00pm

## Tuesday

In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke] .....	10:30 am
Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke] .....	7:30 pm

## Wednesday

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

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

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## Reading and Congregational Brainstorming

*October 1, 2:00pm*

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. All the members of Gloria Dei are invited to share in this reading exercise and join in the brainstorming session on October 1. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor.

## 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.



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