# Reformation Day October 29, 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 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

Jesus told his followers, "You will be hated by everyone because of me" (Matthew 10:22). Satan and the world hate Christ and anyone who confesses faith in Christ. So, the time in between Christ's first and second coming is going to be perilous for believers. A good example—Martin Luther. All that priest wanted was to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do that, both political and religious leaders attempted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes the true Church's unfailing reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of harsh persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith and give us the peace of knowing that our lives are safe in his hands.

# **Serving Today**

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Organ Assistant	Alex Shrimpton
Ushers	Steve Powers and Jasen Higgins
Communion Assistant	Mark Baushke
Altar Preparation	Mirna Hansen
Sunday School Teacher	Janet Powers
Coffee Hour Host	

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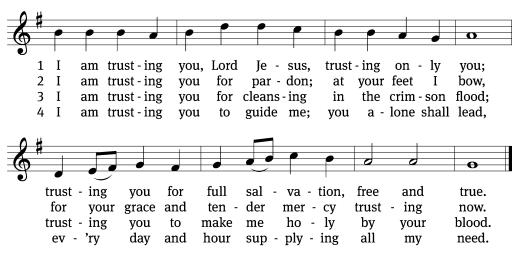
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# **Reformation Worship**

# **Opening Hymn**

816 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus



I am trusting you for power; you can never fail.Words which you yourself shall give me must prevail.

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- 6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
  - I am trusting you forever and for all.

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

# **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.

<sup>\*</sup> Psalm 32:1-2

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.** 

# The Word

# **Salutation**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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 Daniel 6:10–12, 16–23

OW, WHEN DANIEL LEARNED THAT THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. <sup>11</sup>Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

<sup>12</sup>They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?"

The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked."

<sup>16</sup>Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." <sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation. <sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

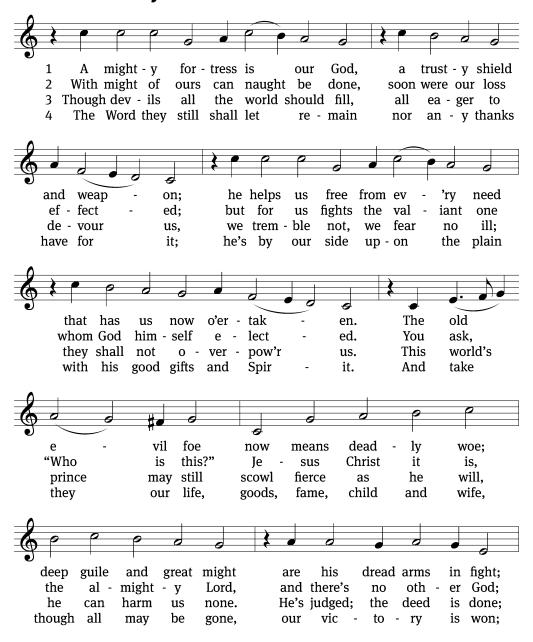
<sup>19</sup>At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup>As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?"

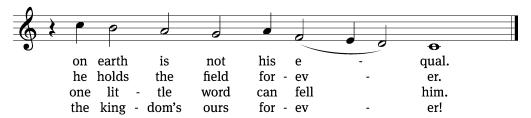
<sup>21</sup>Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."

<sup>23</sup>Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





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# **Second Reading**

Romans 3:19-28

OW WE KNOW THAT WHATEVER THE LAW SAYS is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. <sup>20</sup>For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, <sup>23</sup>because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. <sup>26</sup>He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel

Matthew 10:16-23

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OOK, I AM SENDING YOU OUT AS SHEEP AMONG WOLVES. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. <sup>18</sup>You will be

brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup>In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>"Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

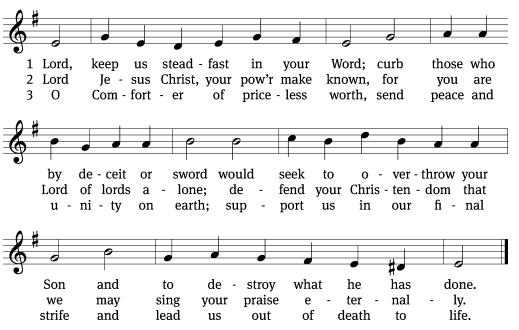
Be seated

# 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**

862 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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# Sermon

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

# **Confession of Faith**

940 We All Believe in One True God



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Tune: adapt. Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775; Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd. ed., Meiningen, 1693
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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 <a href="www.gdluth.org/giving">www.gdluth.org/giving</a> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> 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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



<sup>\*</sup> Martin Luther's hymn focuses our attention on Isaiah's vision of the heaven at his call to be God's prophet (Isaiah 6). Though the site of perfection may terrify us as sinners, God assures us that we have been forgiven and are able to stand in his presence for Jesus' sake. "Your guilt is taken away and your sin is forgiven" (Isaiah 6:7).



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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.

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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.



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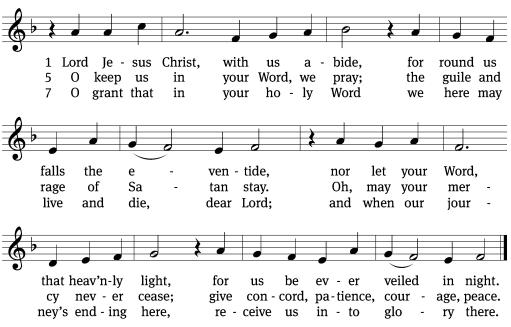
**To our guests:** please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

Double-sided cups will be distributed to communicants in the pews and the entire congregation will commune at the same time.

<sup>\*</sup> 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*.



641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide, s. 1, 5, 7



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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 anoth-

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

<sup>† 1</sup> 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.



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# **Calendar & Announcements**

# Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Congregational Voters' Meeting	12:00 pm
Area Reformation Service [Good Shepherd, Vallejo]	4:30 pm
No Catechism Class	
Tuesday	
In-Person Midweek Bible Class [Luke]	10:30 am
Bible Information Class	4:30 pm

# **Thursday**

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

Online Midweek Bible Class [Luke] .......7:30 pm

# **Next Sunday**

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
Catechism Class	12:00 pm

# **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.

# **Area Reformation Service**

October 29, 2023, 4:30pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vallejo (1030 Redwood Street, Vallejo, CA 94590) will be hosting our area joint Reformation service on Sunday, October 29. The service will begin at

4:30pm, with Pastor Eric Zabell from St. Peter, Clovis preaching. A dinner will follow. If you are interested in going and would like to talk about carpooling, 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 (<a href="http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/tex-ting">http://gdluth.360members.com/opt-in/tex-ting</a>) or scan the code to the right. Let Pastor Shrimpton know if you have any questions.



# **Service and Sermon Notes**



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