

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 AM



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**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

**Participating in Today’s Service:**

**Pastor:** Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara

**Music Director:** Len Cremisio

**After Worship Secretary:** Judy Eads *(In order to assist the Pastor, if you need the Pastor to contact someone or address something)*

**Assistant Ministers**

**Reader:** Dianne Marcotte

**Crucifer:**

**Assisting Minister:** Vaike O’Grady

**Ushers:** Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick, John Kelly, Craig Carlson

## Prelude:

### WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP: ACS 1037 "Christ, Our Peace" (2 times)

#### Christ, Our Peace



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign tht is marked at baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 859 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW 167 “Now the Feast and Celebration”**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God’s face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15**

*Read responsively, the congregation speaks the bold lines.*

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness  
against you;  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,**

**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

<sup>3</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174 "Celtic Alleluia"**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 817 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR HEALING**

*The congregation is seated*

### **Introduction:**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing

### **Prayer:**

Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair. In your great mercy, hear us, O God. **Amen**

### **Laying on of Hands:**

**P:** Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*You are invited to come forward if you wish to do so.*

**P:** In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

## **C AMEN.**

*When all have returned to their seats, the Assisting Minister continues*

## **A: Let us Pray.**

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **C: AMEN.**

## **Blessing:**

**P:** Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in Heaven and on Earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

## **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

## **OFFERTORY: ELW 682 "To God Our Thanks We Give"**

To God Our Thanks We Give

*Reamo leboga*



Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,  
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,



re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.  
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS: ELW 525 "You Are Holy"**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The Presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,...  
in your church, without end.  
**Amen**

## **\*THE LORDS PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

## **LAMB OF GOD: ELW Page 182-183 Setting 7 O Lamb of God**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host.*

*The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non-alcoholic juice (small chalice).*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*The appropriate response is: Amen.*

*During the distribution, please pray silently or join in singing.*

**HYMN: ELW 471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**  
**ELW 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please remain seated:*

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Farewell to Interim Pastor Lynn Fonfara**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 835 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!" Verses 1-4**

### **DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: Voluntary**

***The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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Craig Carlson

**After Worship Sec.: 9:30 a.m.** Judy Eads *(In order to assist the Pastor, if you need the Pastor to contact someone or address something)*

**Counters:** Jeanne Talts

**Greeters:** 9:30 a.m.

**Fellowship:** Dianne Marcotte

**Communion Wine:** For June is given by Ken & Marti Yance, in honor of June Rieb's birthday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Altar Flowers:** From Helen Ames, In loving memory of her husband's birthday Don Ames June 8<sup>th</sup>.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun. 6/7	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Brief Order For Healing
Mon. 6/8	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues. 6/9	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Fri. 6/12	8:30 a.m.	Joining Hands In Food Ministry

## NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun. 6/14	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Mon. 6/15	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues. 6/16	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Attendance for Sunday, May 31, 2026: 68

## BIRTHDAYS

Barb Lias	June 8 <sup>th</sup>
Julian Menchaca	June 8 <sup>th</sup>
Marva Tetting	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Caudia Fetter	June 13 <sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Brian and Karen Mundy June 7<sup>th</sup> 46yrs**

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Zoom Bible Study

For the Monday Zoom Bible Study we are studying a variety of topics. We meet **Every Monday at 7pm.** Contact the church office for the Zoom meeting link.

**Interested in Leading a Bible Study?** We are looking for individuals who feel called to lead a Bible Study group. If you have a passion for scripture and a desire to help others grow in their faith, we encourage you to consider this opportunity. If you're interested or would like more information, please speak with Christine Carlson.

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.....



We need **volunteers for Assisting Ministers, Crucifers and Readers!!!** If you would like to try it but need a little more information, please contact the church office. Thank you.



### **Help Host Our After-Worship Gatherings!**

We're looking for volunteers to provide light refreshments—such as snacks, coffee, and juice—after worship on Sundays. It's a great way to extend our fellowship and hospitality. **If you'd like to help, please enter your name on the kitchen counter sign-up sheet or contact the church office.**

Thank you!



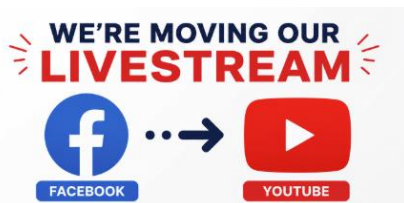
### **Missed the Gloria Dei Video Presentation? Watch It Online!**

Last Sunday everyone got to see the new Gloria Dei Video/slide presentation. In case you missed it or would like to see it again or invite someone else to view it, there is a link to the video posted on the homepage of our website for your use.



### **HELP WANTED: MEDIA PRODUCTION SPECIALIST**

Gloria Dei is looking for 1-2 part-time people with tech skills to manage our church's media production. Responsibilities include camera operation and livestreaming to Facebook/YouTube, audio mixing and media booth management, Sunday service presentation production, and volunteer training and occasional tech support. 3-5 hours per week, including Sunday morning services. Contact Vaike O'Grady at 512-827-6344 or [ogradyvaike@gmail.com](mailto:ogradyvaike@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would be perfect for this PAID position.



Starting Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Gloria Dei is switching our livestream from Facebook to YouTube. You do not need an account to watch the videos. Please go to this URL on your computer or smart device... <https://www.youtube.com/@gloriadeilutheranchurchlee2268>

You should see the live video playing at that website, but you may have to click on the Live tab to find it. All church videos from now on will be on YouTube.

While watching your first video, please consider subscribing to the channel.



*Notes From the Office*

**Articles for the July/August Glorion are due by Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Getting everything in on time helps us stay on track to review and publish the newsletter by **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks so much for your cooperation and timely submissions!

