

Welcome to Worship at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

*A congregation of the Alaska Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*



***The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022***

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Welcome to Worship Gloria Dei Lutheran Church,
and a special welcome to our guests and those returning after a time away.
We're gathered as a Christian community to worship the Lord!
Please know that you are always welcome here.

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Jesus doesn't call us to think about God, but to actively serve both God and our neighbor. Jesus' parable-stories push us to turn mere words into a living and active faith, one reflected in all we do.

GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

Prelude

Holly Karjala

Welcome & Baptismal Sign of the Cross

Confession of Sin

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Forgiveness in Christ

Gathering Hymn – God Is Here! (ELW 526)

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,**

here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

Kyrie: (p. 138) Kyle Monkeliën will be singing the verses and we will join on the refrain.

Refrain: Lord, have mercy.

Canticle of Praise (p. 139)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only
Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Greeting *(from 2 Corinthians 13:13)*

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: We join in our prayer of the day. O Lord God,

**C: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

*WORD – God’s Word speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, & song.
Janie Henderson will be reading this morning.*

First Reading (Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth
perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer
concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does
not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by
their faith.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading (Psalm 37:1-9)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire. R**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in
evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. **R**

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:1-14)

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise
of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and
peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my
ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am
reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois
and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I
remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on
of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit
of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his
prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of
God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our
works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us
in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through
the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life
and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed
a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But

I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

You're invited to stand if you're able for the gospel acclamation and reading

Gospel Acclamation (p. 205)

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel Reading (Luke 17:5-10)

P: A reading from the 17th chapter of the Gospel According to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Young People's Message

The Message

Rev. Karen Sonray

Hymn of the Day – Take My Life and Let It Be (ELW 685)

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.**

RESPONSE – Having heard the Word, we respond in faith to that gift.

Affirmation of Faith

P: Gathered together as the Body of Christ, we join in professing our faith
in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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 again 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.**

Prayers of the Church

(P: Lord in your mercy...C: Hear our prayer)

Sharing Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Gathering of Tithes, Gifts, & Offerings

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Offering Prayer

P: We join together in our offering prayer.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEAL – God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

We Come to Christ's Table

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer for the Season of Pentecost & Blessing of the Gifts

P: ...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please help any children around you learn this important prayer.)*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray together as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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 and ever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Lamb of God" (p. 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Communion Song – Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (ELW 777)

**"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."**

Refrain

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**"Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain***

**"Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." Refrain**

**"Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." Refrain**

**"Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." Refrain**

**"Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain**

Communion Song – Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW 733)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

Blessing & Prayer of Thanks after Communion

Announcements– *the Lord blesses us and sends us into the world.*

Benediction

Sending Song – The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (ELW 538)

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live. *Repeat***

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *Repeat***

Ringing of the Bell

Dismissal

P: The Holy Spirit calls us to journey together in faith.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

As of August 31, 2022, our total assets in the bank totaled \$193,920.31. Of that amount, \$100,361.51 is restricted for specific purposes. Therefore, we have \$93,558.80 available for general operating funds.

August general giving totaled \$17,392.40. To meet with our budgeted expenses during 2022, average monthly giving must total \$15,701.11. We appreciate your prayerful continued giving. Your continued giving to the general fund allows us to meet with our obligations such as staff salaries and utilities. The continued giving allows us to be a position where we are able to comfortably call a new pastor as we move forward into a new phase of our life as a church family.

New ideas for growth, engagement and stewardship are greatly appreciated by council. It takes all of us to make this place sing to its finest

potential. Please contact Stacey with any ideas you have. We appreciate your continued prayers as our church family continues to navigate our way through our current adventure. Thank you for your continued sharing of time, talent and treasure with our church family and each other.

HOME COMMUNION:

On September 8, 2022, nine of our congregation members received Home Communion training by Bishop Shelley Wickstrom. We each received a booklet titled *Holy Communion Led by Lay People*. If you know of a Gloria Dei member who is unable to come to our church service and would like Communion brought to them, please call Sherrie in the front office at 907-243-2301.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS:

Interested in becoming a member of Gloria Dei? Please contact the office at 907-243-2301 or office@gdlcanc.org. We will schedule a new member class for those interested.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

We would like to include Gloria Dei family and friends Prayer Concerns in the Sunday bulletin and weekly What's Happening emails. Please call Sherrie at 907-243-2301 or email her at office@gdlcanc.org to give her any names to be included. Please be sure to ask the person if they are okay to be included in our prayers.

Listed below are people to include in your prayers this week:

Jane and Harold Vergason

Sadie Anderson

Lanette Vandergaw

Gerri Bergstrom

Al Schuerger

Kathy Janssen