

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* (ELW 763)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Okay we will. Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Denise Arnold
Music: Linda Monahan
Coffee Hour: Randie Olsen
Flowers: Mary Roundy
Communion Asst. : Carol Rife
Reader: Sabine Cruz
Greeter: Terri Reichert
Sunday School: No Sunday School
Lawncare: Allan Erickson

Next week

Rev. Dr. Denise Arnold
Jan Thompson
Pat & Keith Larson
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Jackie Erickson
Allan Erickson
Teri Reichert
No Sunday School

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Mary Roundy.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 31st- Sep 2nd – FISH

Sep 9th – Wisdom Keepers @ 12:00. Bring a sack lunch.

Sep 12th – PEO Rummage Sale – in the fellowship hall.

Sep 13th – Council Meeting – after service.

Sep 17th – CCC (Come help organize the Church) @ 9am.

Sep 19th – Men’s Breakfast – 8:30 fellowship hall.

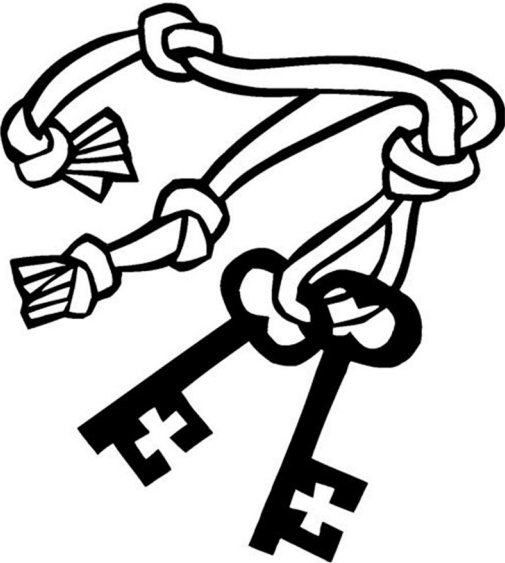
Sep 20th – Rally Day Picnic

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost

WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life

Sunday, August 23, 2026



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

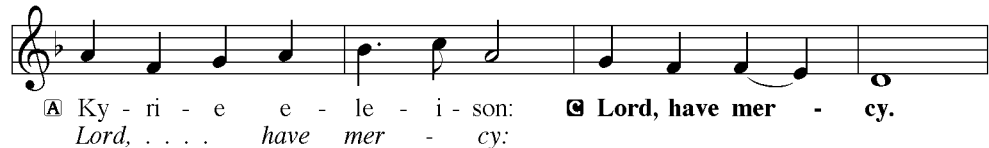
Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)

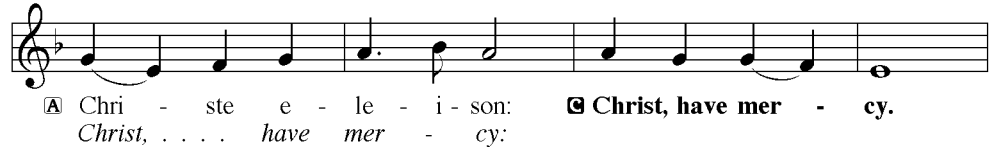
GREETING

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.**

KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓢ Lord, have mer - cy.
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LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen

COMMUNION HYMN



Ⓢ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

DIALOGUE

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

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's 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, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's 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 us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's 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, A - men.

Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Let the vine- yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were

sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,

Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

THE PRAYERS

With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all
her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me,
my nation, for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has
gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138

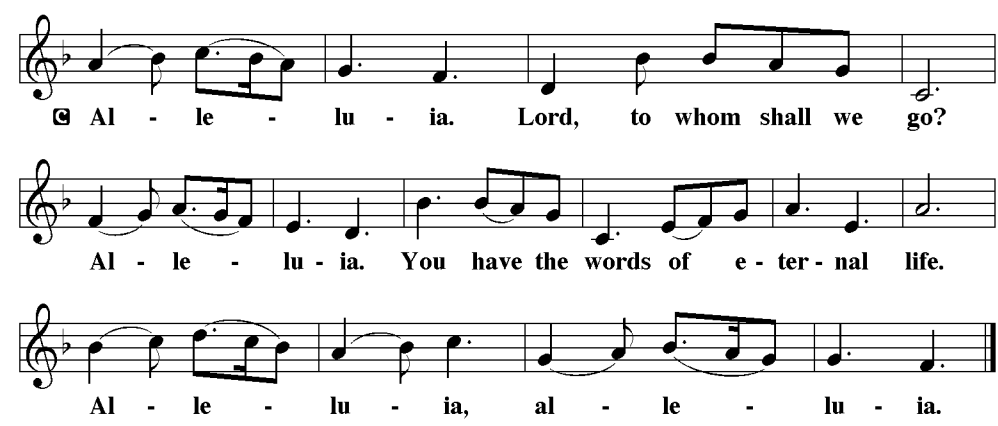
¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and I praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**
³ for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
⁴ **When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**
⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁶ **They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.**
⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.
⁸ **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.**
⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable
act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of
the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable
and perfect.
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to
the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members
and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in
Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in
ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in
sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the
Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to
them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of
Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I
tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades
will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that
he was the Messiah.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Rock of Ages* (ELW 634)