

## **BLESSING**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding  
of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

## **DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Okay we will. Thanks be to God.**

## **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

16th Sunday after Pentecost  
WOV Holy Communion Setting Five: Bread of Life  
Sunday, September 13, 2026



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,  
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

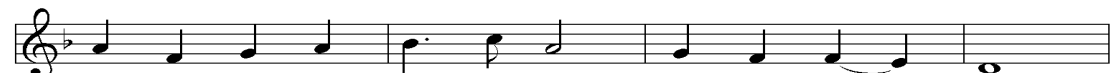
Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN - GOD OF WONDERS - INSERT

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.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

LORD’S PRAYER

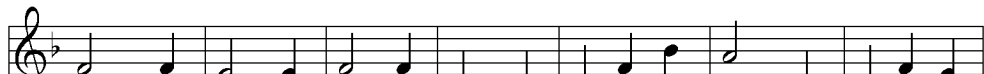
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.

**Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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 PART 2

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**

Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For what else do the people of God pray?

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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**FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13**

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

<sup>9</sup> **He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

<sup>11</sup> **For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

<sup>13</sup> **As a father cares for his children,  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be

upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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 18:21-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be

compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S/COMMUNITY TIME**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – *WHERE CHARITY & LOVE PREVAIL* ELW 359**

**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.*