

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 13, 2025

9:30 AM



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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.

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the “gospel that has come to you”—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Participating in Today’s Service:

Pastor: Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara

Communion:

Music Director: Len Cremisio

Assistant Ministers

Reader: Linda Hide

Crucifer: Leone Goding

Assisting Minister: Patricia Bressler

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

Prelude:

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 526 "God Is Here"

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: ELW pg. 203 "Have mercy on us, Lord"

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW pg. 204 “Glory be to God in Heaven”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God’s commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people’s hearts..

⁹The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 Spoken responsively

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to**

shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the
sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and
faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and
your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in
Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ
Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because
of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this
hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come
to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the
day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of
God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow
servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and
he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW pg. 205 "Alleluia! Lord and Savior"

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with

compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 MONTH: ACS 1043 "Spirit Open My Heart"

(Insert)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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.**

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 680 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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 pg. 207 "Holy, holy, holy"

THANSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:

Holy God, Our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, ...

... both now and forever.

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 and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW pg. 208 “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 800 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

ELW 708 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please remain seated:

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

✝ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 547 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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

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Post Worship Sec.: 9:30 a.m
Counters: Linda Steege & Janet Braun

Greeters: 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship:

Communion Wine: For July is given to the Glory of God
Altar Flowers: Richard & Debbie Cassem given to the
Glory of God.

This Weeks Announcements!

Upcoming

Sun.	7/13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
Mon.	7/14	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	7/15	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

Attendance for Sunday, July 6, 2025: 69

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Christine Carlson	July 15 th
Rose Gulbrandsen	July 16 th
Dianne Marcotte	July 18 th

BIBLE STUDIES

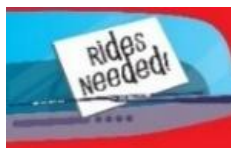
Developing Disciples Bible Study will not be meeting until further notice.

Join us for our **weekly Zoom Bible Study** on **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm** We are studying the Gospel of Luke. If you would like to participate, please email Pastor Lynn at pastorgdlclesburg@gmail.com or Evelyn Rollins at gloradeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com , and one of us will send you the link. **We look forward to studying with you!**

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



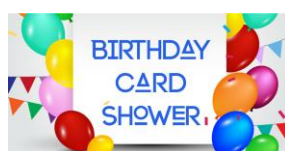
There are Gloria Dei members of our congregation that would come to church if they had a way to get there. **We need volunteers for our "Rides to Church" program.** If you would like to get involved, **please call the church office at 352-787-3223.**

A BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR HELP IN MAKING THE JULY 6 BBQ SUCH A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

We had 20 to 25 new faces including some from the community. The food was delicious; the fellowship was wonderful. The music provided by Len, Bob, Susan, Irv, his brother and all who joined in was enjoyed by all. This was a wonderful celebration! We would appreciate your feedback on the event so the next one can be even better. Send your comments to Loraine.vanhaecke@gmail.com. Special Thanks to all the Volunteers!!!



Prayer List Update. Please take a moment to review the Prayer List located on the podium in the Gathering Hall. If you would like to add or remove a name from the list, please reach out to Christine or call the Church Office. **Your help in keeping our Prayer List current is greatly appreciated.**



You're Invited to a Very Special Birthday Card Shower! Please join us in celebrating two of our dearest congregation members, **Northilt Handwerck and Alberta Siepiela**, as they each turn **103 years young!** We'll be honoring them with a **birthday card shower** on **Sunday, July 27th at 11:00 AM**, immediately following the worship service. Let's come together to express our love, gratitude, and warmest wishes to Northi and Alberta, two incredible women who continue to bless our church family with their wisdom and grace. **Bring a card**—and help make this milestone birthday truly unforgettable!



Exterior Renovation Update

We are grateful for all the contributions that have come in so far. **We are just \$5,300 away from our goal.** Let's not stop here. **We can do this!**

LEESBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS-

During month of July, Ruth Circle members will be collecting the following snacks to give children at Leesburg Elementary School much needed healthy snacks when school reopens in early August. **Please donate what you can. Collection bins will be in Narthex.**

Juice boxes, Granola bars, Peanut butter and Crackers, Gluten Free Crackers and Dried Fruit.

[Colossians 3:17:](#)

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

