

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 22, 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.**

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

### **Participating in Today's Service:**

**Pastor:** Rick Mainster

**Communion:** Pastor Nancy Vogel

**Music Director:** Len Cremisio

#### **Assistant Ministers**

**Reader:** Patricia Bressler

**Crucifer:** Leone Goding

**Assisting Minister:** Patricia Bressler

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

**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 532 "Gather Us In"**

**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, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God’s impatience. The people’s self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel’s exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine’s flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, “Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28** *(Spoken) Alternating verses, Lectern side starts*

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line,  
give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in  
their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from  
them;**

**but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear  
the LORD.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your  
hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
who rules over the nations.**



## **SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged

him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*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 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

*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 681 "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 496 “One Bread, One Body”**

**ELW 479 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”**

## **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 445 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

### **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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<b>Post Worship Sec.:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	Arlene Kelly
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Vaike O’Grady

**Communion Wine:** For June is given to the Glory of God  
**Altar Flowers:** Given to the Glory of God.

# This Weeks Announcements!

## Upcoming

Sun.	6/22	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
		11:00 a.m.	Council Meeting
Mon.	6/23	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tues.	6/24	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wed.	6/25	10:00 a.m.	Call Committee

Attendance for Sunday, June 15, 2025: 59

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Nancy Vogel	June 25 <sup>th</sup>
Leone Goding	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
Martha Holleran	June 28 <sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY

Michael & C.J. Clarke      June 28<sup>th</sup>

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Developing Disciple 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 [pastorgdiclesburg@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgdiclesburg@gmail.com) or Evelyn Rollins at [gloradeilutheranleesburg@gmail.com](mailto: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.

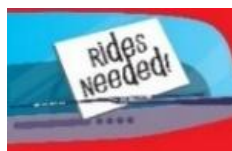
## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.....

**We are planning a very fun community event for July 6--and we could use your help!** If you have a family-friendly lawn game that we can use in our front "yard," please let us know if you can loan it for the benefit of our congregation, friends and neighbors. **Contact Vaike at 512-827-6344.**

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.



If you would like to **join Gloria Dei Church**, please call the church office 352-787-3223.



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.**



**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!**

Our neighbors at **First Presbyterian Church** are hosting **their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual American Heritage Concert Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.** Mark your calendars.





**Don't Forget to RSVP Today!**

**Today, June 22nd, is the deadline to RSVP for our Pulled Pork / Chicken BBQ** happening Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm! Come enjoy delicious food, music, fun, and fellowship with the congregation. Bring your friends and neighbors — all are welcome! Let's make it a joyful summer gathering to remember!

**Call 352-787-3223 to RSVP or sign the sheet in the fellowship hall.**



**Repairs are complete** with the exception of the removal of the old stoop on the parking lot side of the building. We are hoping **the painting project will begin in September** or sooner.

A side note, **First Impressions will not be meeting in the month of June.**

