

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE RESURRECTION
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**
9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
May 11th, 2025



MY SHEEP HEAR MY
VOICE, AND I KNOW
THEM, AND THEY
FOLLOW ME.
I GIVE THEM ETERNAL
LIFE, AND THEY WILL
NEVER PERISH, AND
NO ONE WILL
SNATCH THEM OUT
OF MY HAND.

John 10:27

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

To help you prepare for worship.

1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.

John 10:22-30

2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.

3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Pray the following prayer before worship:

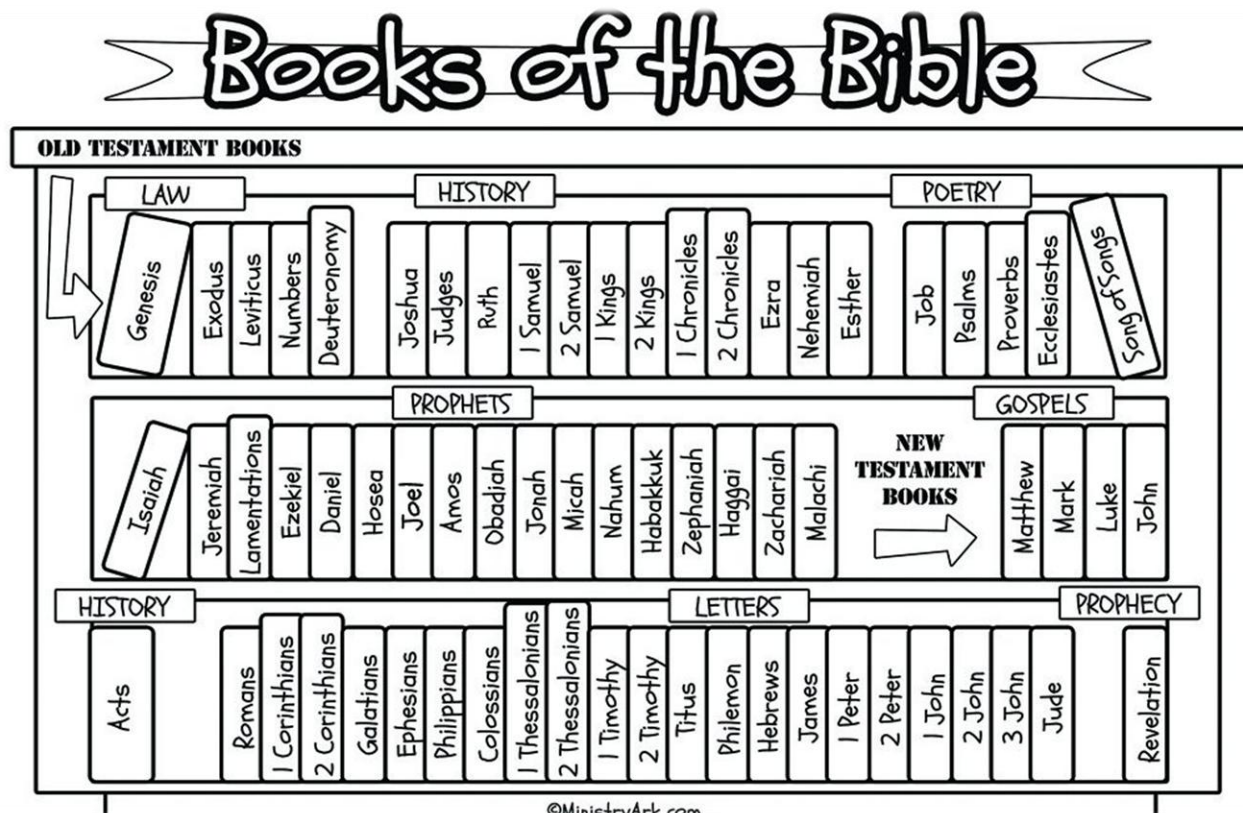
Gracious Lord, I have heard Your voice and I am following You.

Feed me with Your Word and Sacrament, that I might stay close to You.

Amen.

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Only By Grace

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Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand,
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb;
Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come;
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come.

Ending: Now by your grace we come.
Now by your grace we come.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24

- P** All we like sheep have gone astray;
C **we have turned every one to his own way;**
P and the LORD has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross
C **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C Amen.

SONG

Ancient Words

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Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
Oh let the ancient words impart

Words of Life, words of Hope
give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Chorus: Ancient words ever true
changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Vs1 - CHORUS x2

Ending: We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
he sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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HYMN OF THE DAY #709

The King of Love My Sheperd Is

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- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

SERMON

THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text “Give” to 844-431-7278
- Scan the QR code.
- By mail: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472



Thank you!

OFFERING HYMN #711

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Sing as Offering is Brought Forward

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ + + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + + +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with You.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.
Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.
If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place,
please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Shout To The North

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Men of faith rise up and sing of our great and glorious king;
You are strong when you feel weak in your brokenness complete.

Chorus: Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is Savior to all Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth stand and sing to broken hearts;
Who can know the healing power of our awesome king of love.

Chorus:

Rise up church with broken wings fill this place with songs again;
Of our God who reigns on high by His grace again we'll fly. *Chorus:*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR May 11, 2025

**Prayer Requests: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? *Psalm 27:1***

- Caleb, Jeanine Hulke's great-grandson, receiving treatments for cancer.
- Lauren Miller is recovering from surgery.

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook/YouTube/Twitch Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 10

TUESDAY – May 13

9:00 am to Noon – Quilters Group

WEDNESDAY – May 14

1:00 pm – Bible Study at Betty's – Prophecies of the Old Testament

6:00 pm – Semi-Annual Voter's Meeting

THURSDAY – May 15

6:00 pm – Thirsty Thursday – The Chosen – Watch and Discuss

SUNDAY – May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook /YouTube/Twitch Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 11

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Brian Krueger

Altar Guild: Lynn Fairbanks **Accompanist:** Jacki Lemieux

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow **Usher:** Dallas Colvin

Counters:

Coffee & Refreshments – Schramm, Schramm, Voss Zeidler

Attendance Last Sunday: Attendance Last Sunday: 124

Online Viewership: Sunday: Facebook 260; YouTube 56.

Contribution information is available upon request in the office.

COMMUNION WINE: If you would like a non-alcohol version of communion, the purple cups in the center of each tray are alcohol free.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Sunday in the offering plate, by text 844-431-7278 or by scanning the QR code. Offerings can also be mailed to: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Thank you!



VOTER'S MEETING: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Voters Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 6 pm. Agenda and Reports are available on the table in the entryway.

COMMUNITY DAY OF CARING: Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the church grounds. It looks wonderful!

MIRACLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY begins on May 28 at 10 am in the Conference Room. Please sign up on the bulletin board for the number of materials.

JUNE SERMON SERIES: Tough Questions for Christians. Join us as we take a hard look at some of today's cultural and social tendencies.

LAKES AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN kicks off TODAY, Mother's Day and will conclude on Father's Day (June 15). Baby Bottles are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one home and fill it with loose change, cash or check. All proceeds go to support the work of the pregnancy support center.

THIRSTY THURSDAY (a thirst for the word and fellowship) Thursdays at 6 pm. This is a group watch of The Chosen and discussion surrounding the people that Jesus (chose) and their decision to follow him. Light snacks and beverages provided. Lower Level. Please see Matt Schramm or Adam Ruud if you have any questions.

WOW: Worship on Wednesdays at Gloria Dei begins May 28 at 6 pm. Service will be an abbreviated service with the same sermon from Sunday and Holy Communion. The weekly service will continue through August 27.

J.O.Y: The next gathering will be on June 2 at 11 am. We will share a potluck picnic on the lower-level picnic area. Sign up on the bulletin board for a side dish to share. Bringing food is not a requirement! Burgers, buns, beans and beverages will be provided.

LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF: is located at 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes, MN. For more information about the food shelf, please contact George & Colette Miller at 218-820-2928.

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome. Meetings consist of social time, devotion and business discussion. Upcoming meetings: June 5 – Human Trafficking Speaker, Aimee Jambor, July – NO meeting, August – Bingo w/prizes. We hope to see you there.

NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 9 am to 2 pm. 12:30 on Wednesdays during the summer. *These hours are subject to change. Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office. Thank you.* **Lynn Will be out of the office May 14 through May 23.**

LIFE QUOTE: “As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*