

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

January 26th, 2025



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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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.

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Luke 4:16-30

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

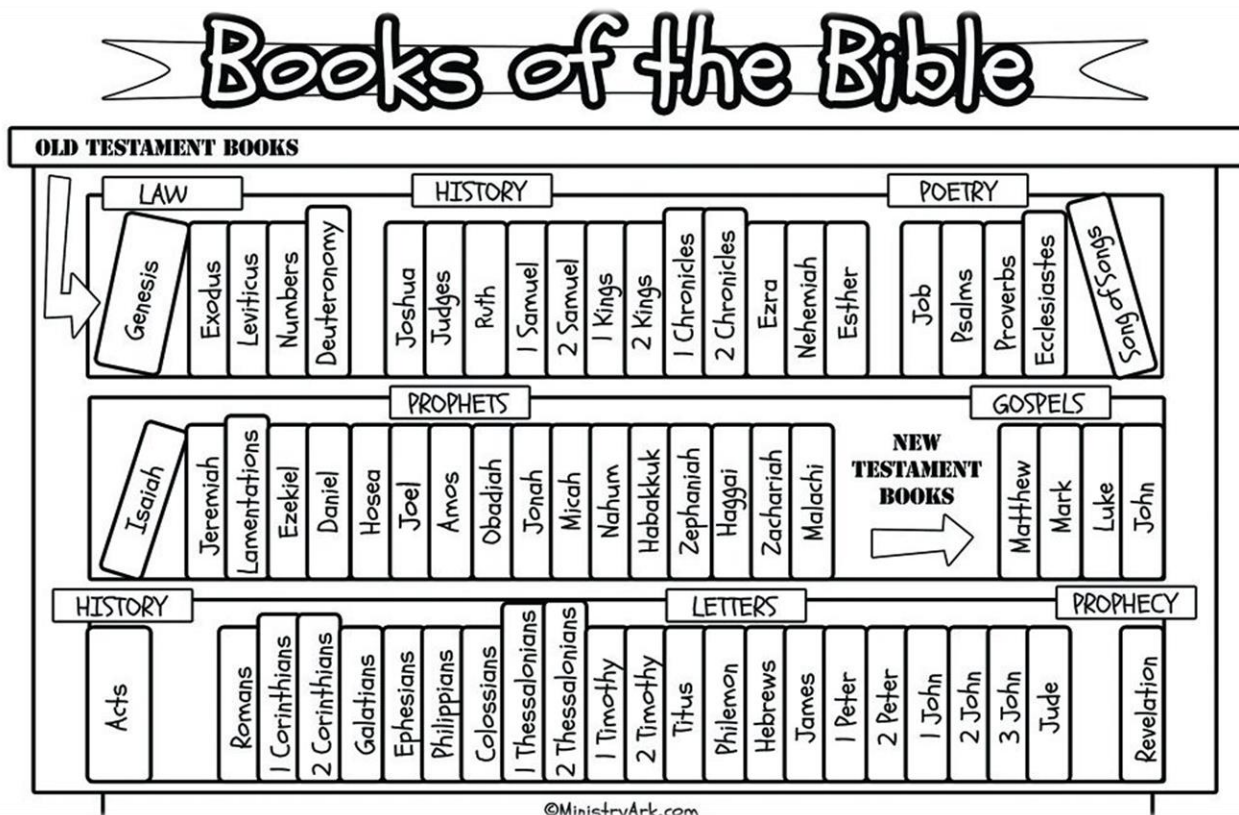
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Pray the following prayer before worship:

Gracious Father, bless our time of worship this morning. Remind me constantly of your grace and mercy. Fill me with your peace and give me opportunity to let Christ's love shine in me. In Jesus' name I pray, 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

Arise, Shine

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A - rise, shine, for thy Light has come._____ A - rise, shine,

6
for thy Light has come: And the glo-ry of the Lord is ris-en, The

11
glo-ry of the Lord is come, The glo-ry of the Lord is res-en_ up-on thee._____

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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

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 - Chours

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY #839

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

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- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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 SONG

Sing as Offering is Brought Forward

Thy Word

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Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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.

G 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!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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.

G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #658

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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- 1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day,
And let Your kingdom flourish;
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
O keep our faith from failing;
Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let nothing from truth turn us
While living here below.
- 2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor,
The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten
The souls in error's night.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior,
To all who dwell below,
Great light of all the living,
That all Your name may know.

- 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion,
Bought dearly with Your blood;
Protect what You have chosen
Against the hellish flood.
Be always our defender
When dangers gather round;
When all the earth is crumbling,
Safe may Your Church be found.
- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,
The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Your glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heav'nly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see Your face.
- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest
Your storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Stand at the helm, our pilot,
And set the course aright;
Then we will reach the harbor
In Your eternal light.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR January 26, 2025

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

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – January 26 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 6

10:15 am Education - Sunday School & Bible Study

MONDAY – January 27

11 am to 12:30 pm – J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

TUESDAY – January 28

9 am to Noon – Quilters Group

WEDNESDAY – January 29

10:00 am Bible Study – Ephesians (meets in conference room)

FRIDAY – January 31

11:00 am Chat N Chow – Pequot Lakes Baptist Serves

SUNDAY – February 3 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 7 – Krueger, Miller

10:15 am Education - Sunday School & Bible Study

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Adam Ruud

Altar Guild: Lani Fagerstrom

Accompanist: Nadine Meyer

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow

Usher: Glen Fuller

Counters: Bob & Theresa Peterson

Coffee & Refreshments: Team 6 – Fagerstrom, Jensen, Jewell, Knack

Attendance Last Sunday: 86; **Chat N Chow:** 31

Online Viewership: Facebook NA; YouTube 79.

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!



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to have your picture taken for the church directory being organized by the LWML Guild. Miriam Hanson will be taking photos on TODAY following services. More sessions will be added if needed. Please let us know if you have not had your photo taken so that we can get you on the schedule. We would like to have as many individuals and families included as possible. All photos are taken in the Conference Room. Thank you!

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS SERVER SCHEDULE 2025: The schedule is now available and has been distributed to members mailboxes. Refreshments will continue to be provided by members serving each week supplemented with cookies provided by Gloria Dei should you wish to utilize that option.

J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) will meet monthly beginning on Monday, January 27, 2025, 11 am to 12:30 pm Join in on the education and fun of this group. The agenda will vary each month and will consist of games, speakers, recognition of celebrations, seasonal activities, prayer, devotion and lunch. **Tammy Larsen, Executive Director of the Lakes Area Food Shelf will be our guest speaker in January.** This group is for all aged adults to come together monthly. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Your attendance is appreciated!!

Next Steps New to Gloria Dei? Want to find out more about our beliefs or how to get involved in our ministry? Join us in the conference room Sunday, February 9 and 16 after worship for “Next Steps”. New member welcome will be February 23.

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. **For the month of January Gloria Dei will be collecting personal care items such as shampoo, bar soap, body wash, toothpaste, laundry soap etc.**

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. We hope to see you there.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Wednesdays and Fridays 9 am to 2 pm. *These hours are subject to change. Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office. Thank you.*

LIFE QUOTE: “No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*