

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

## Un-forgive-able

*“What if I’m Unforgiveable?  
How do I forgive Myself?”*

### **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

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**Sunday Worship:** 9 a.m.

Facebook Live 9 a.m.

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# WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

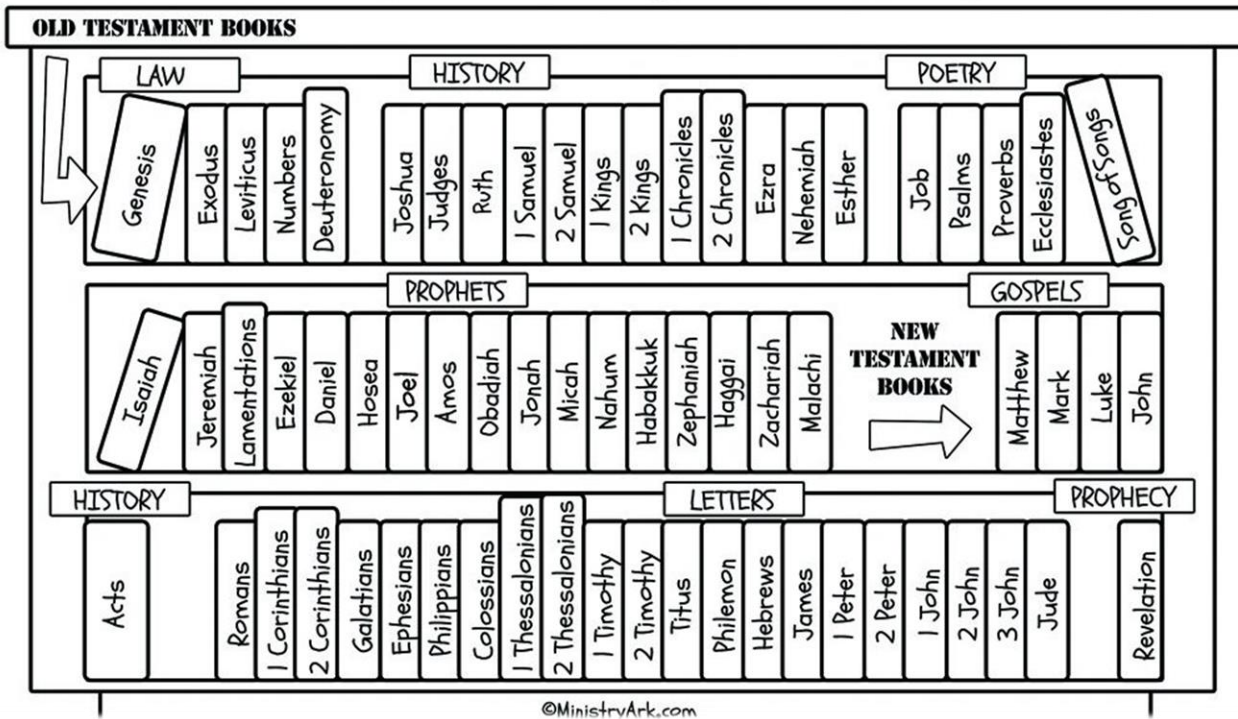
To help you prepare for worship.

1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.
  - Romans 7:15-25a
  - Romans 8:1
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:  
*Dear Lord, sometimes I've just messed up too much. When I feel unforgivable, point me to the hope and forgiveness I have in You. Amen.*

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

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may

## Books of the Bible



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN #392

God Loves Me Dearly

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- 1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me. *Refrain*  
*ref* Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.
- 2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working To make me free. *Refrain*
- 3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain*
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. *Refrain*
- 5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise You All my life long. *Refrain*

## 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 humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him,  
and ask His gracious forgiveness.
- C** **We humbly confess to God Almighty,**  
**before the whole company of heaven and before one another,**  
**that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed.**  
**We have not always put God first.**  
**We have used His holy name**  
**in ways that do not honor Him.**  
**We have not always been thoughtful caretakers**  
**of His creation and have not shared His bounty**  
**with others at all times.**  
**We have been heedless in word and deed**  
**and have not always kept our thoughts, words,**  
**and deeds pure and honorable.**

**We strayed from His paths of righteousness  
and have sinned in ways we know  
and in ways we do not even recognize.**

**We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours  
and have not put the best construction on all things  
and on all people.**

**We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins,  
and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant  
of 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.**

### **THIS IS THE FEAST**

*LSB pg. 155*

*Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. *Alleluia. Refrain*

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalms 13*

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,  
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 7:15-25a*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:16-18*

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

## HYMN #809

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*
- ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

## SERMON

## Un-forgive-able

*"What If I Am the One Who Is Unforgiveable? How Do I Forgive Myself?"*

## 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!

## HYMN #781:1-2

## We Give Thee But Thine Own

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*[sung as offering is brought forward]*

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

## A TIME FOR PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## ✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

### 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.

### AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

*LSB pg. 163*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

### 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!*

### COMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN #633

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

**POST COMMUNION HYMN #632**

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!



## POST COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB pg. 166

**P** Let us pray . . . We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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 HYMN #855

Jesus Loves Me

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- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. *Refrain*
- ref Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
- 2 Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. *Refrain*

## POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR September 22, 2024**

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

- Caleb, Jeanine Hulke's great-grandson, receiving treatment for a recurrence of neuroblastoma.
- Lee Stoltz, son in law of Joyce Jewell, continuing cancer treatments
- David Schiller, Emie Krueger's dad, who recently fell.

*This week at Gloria Dei:*

### **TODAY – September 22– Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 10

10:15 am Short Message from Pastor Meyer – lower level

10:30 am Retirement Celebration Meal for Dick Becker

2:00 pm **9 am Worship Video** uploaded to YouTube

### **TUESDAY – September 24**

9:00 am to Noon - Quilters & Crafts Group

### **WEDNESDAY – September 25**

1:00 pm Bible Study – The Life of David at Betty Eisner-Anderson's home 4045 County Road 16, Pequot

### **FRIDAY – September 27**

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

### **SUNDAY – September 29– Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 11

10:15 am Education – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

### **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Worship Assistant:** Paul Fairchild

**Altar Guild:** Joyce Jewell                      **Accompanist:** Ken Hager

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

**Counters:** George & Collette Miller

**Coffee & Refreshments:** Team 10 – Schramm, Voss, Zeidler

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 125

**Online Viewership:** Sunday Service: Facebook 412 plays; YouTube 38 Views

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!

**NEW METHOD OF REIMBURSEMENTS AND PAYMENTS WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:**

In most cases anyone submitting a request for reimbursement/payment will no longer receive a check from Gloria Dei. Checks will be issued through American National Bank Bill Pay. Once you have submitted your completed Request for Reimbursement to the appropriate board you can expect a check to arrive in the mail within 10 days.

**ORGAN RECITAL AND HYMN SING** featuring guest organist Ken Hager on their Rodgers organ and Pastor Gary Taylor, trumpet. Sunday September 29th at 3:00pm  
Cascade United Methodist Church  
13737 State Highway 6  
Deerwood, MN

Works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Percy Fletcher, Paul Fey, Phil Lehenbauer and others. Free admission, but a freewill offering will be received. All are welcome!!

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR DICK BECKER** will be held TODAY following our worship service. Please join us as we thank Dick for his many years of service at Gloria Dei and Breezy Chapel. Fellowship will begin at 10:15 am including a meal.

**CANDY DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT:** Thursday, October 31 Gloria Dei will host our annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Donations of fun size candy bars can be brought to church and placed in the collection bins. Thank you so much for your support in this community event.

**PERSON TO MOW CHURCH LAWN AND CEMETERY NEEDED:** Dick Becker will be retiring at the end of this summer/fall. He has been mowing the lawn at church and our cemetery for many years. We are looking for someone to take over this job in the spring. Please talk to Bob Peterson if you would like more information.

**LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF:** 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes, MN is **looking for egg cartons**. 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. We hope to see you there.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS:** Wednesdays 9 am to 2 pm, 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:** “All of us who die in Christ are going to come up like cherry tomatoes in July—‘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’ (Revelation 7:9b). I’ll be there, and so will you, all of us celebrating the Lord who loved us and gave Himself for us—He who died like a single seed falling into the earth, and now ‘bears much fruit’ (John 12:24b).” *Dr. Kari Vo - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**Coming Wednesday October 2  
6-7:30 pm  
Free Dinner Included**