

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE – September 27, 2026



Living *in* Christ

— CHRIST IN ME —



WE INVITE
people to Jesus.



WE HELP
people live
in Christ.



WE ENCOURAGE
people to share
His hope.

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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.

- Ezekiel 36:24-28
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 15:1-17

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

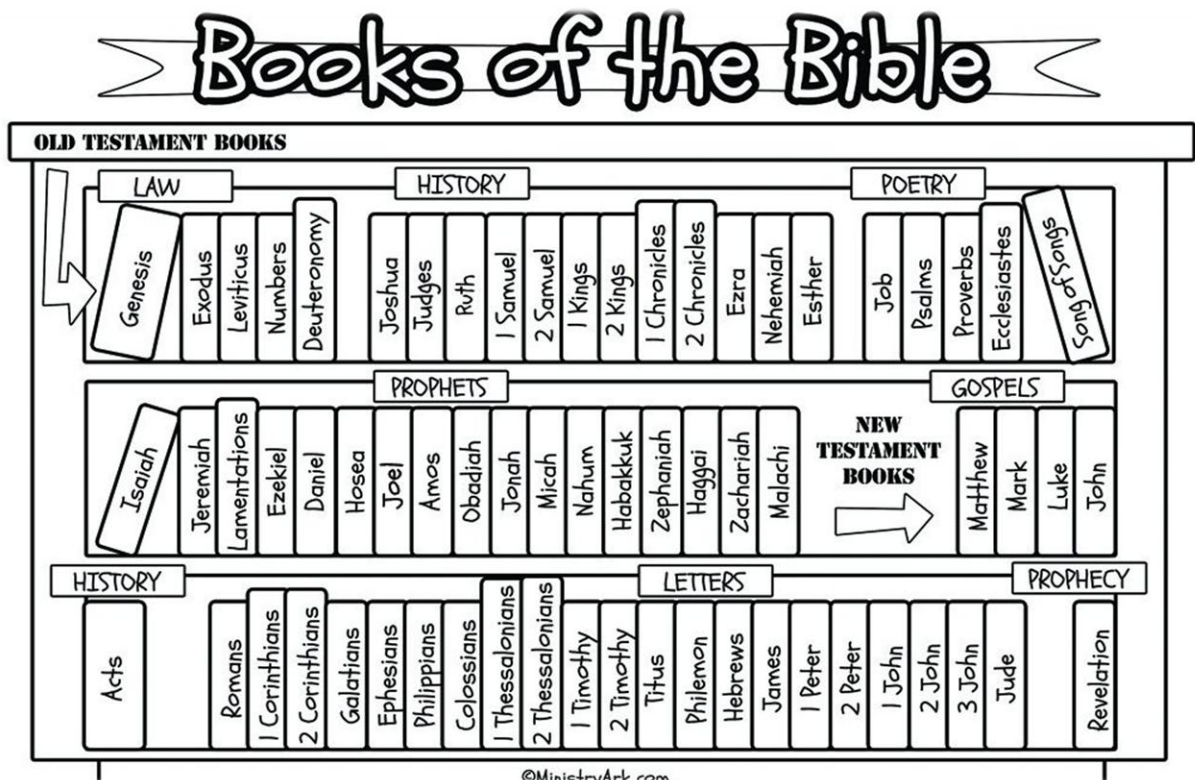
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Pray the following prayer before worship:

Lord Jesus, thank You for bringing us together today. Quiet our hearts and draw us close to You. Free us from the need to pretend that we have life figured out. Meet us in our emptiness with Your mercy, speak Your life-giving Word, and begin reshaping us by Your grace. Remain in us, Lord, so that Your love may bear fruit through us. Amen.

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

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



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #744

Amazing Grace

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- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches. Apart from Me you can do nothing.” Yet we often look for life apart from Him. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting in His mercy.

Silence for Reflection

- P** Merciful Father,
- C** **We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have trusted ourselves more than we have trusted You. We have hidden our failures, judged others, and failed to love the people You have placed around us. We cannot cleanse our own hearts or repair our lives. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and keep us in Your grace. Amen**
- P** Jesus Christ loves you and gave His life for you. Through His death and resurrection, He has taken away your sin and made you His own. Therefore, 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.**

SONG

Jesus, Strong and Kind

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Jesus said that if I thirst,
I should come to Him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to Him.

Jesus said, if I am weak,
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my strength,
I should come to Him. *Refrain*

Refrain: For the Lord is good and faithful;
He will keep us day and night.
We can always run to Jesus,
Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear,
I should come to Him.
No one else can be my shield,
I should come to Him. *Refrain*

Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me. *Refrain2x*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-17

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

SONG OF THE DAY

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
|: No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand. :| *(repeat from: "No pow'r of hell...)*

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!



A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD’S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PREPARING FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

Please take a moment to examine your hearts (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Ask yourself:

- 1) Am I sorry for my sins? (Psalm 51:10)
- 2) Do I believe Jesus died and rose for me? (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)
- 3) Do I believe His body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of my sins? (Matthew 26:26–28)

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!

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the purple cups in the center of each tray.

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.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #861

Christ Be My Leader

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- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 27, 2026

This Week at Gloria Dei

Sunday – September 27

- Worship w/Holy Communion – 9:00 am
- Coffee & Refreshments – 10:00 am
- Education – Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study – 10:15 am all are on the lower level

Tuesday – September 29

- Quilters Group – 9:00 am to Noon
- Wise Guys Bible Study: “Blessed is the man who finds wisdom.”
Proverbs 3:13 – Conference Room – 9:30 am

Wednesday – September 30

- Bible Study – “Book of Revelation” – 10:00 am
- Hallelujah Sisters – 1:00 pm

Thursday – October 1

- Women of Gloria Dei – 1:00 pm

Next Sunday – October 4

- Worship w/Holy Communion - 9:00 am
- Coffee & Refreshments – 10:00 am
- Education – Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Study – 10:15 am
- Prayer Warriors – 10:20 am in the Conference Room

In Our Prayers

We lift up Peg Jacobson, Michael Anderson, Jessica Cameron and Ruth Habein and Earl Hemmerich in prayer.

Trunk or Treat!

Donations of fun size candy are now being collected in the buckets in the Narthex for Trunk or Treat which will be held on October 31 4 pm to 6 pm!! There is also a sign up sheet for those wishing to decorate their trunk and hand out candy! We would love to see 20 trunks this year! We also need helpers to cook and serve hotdogs and popcorn, help with parking, set up and clean up! Please sign up!

Women of Gloria Dei Baby Shower for LAPS – All ladies are invited to join together on October 10 at 9:30 am for a Baby Shower for the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center. Please RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board or by emailing carrieruud@gmail.com. Gift list on Gloria Dei Facebook page. Guest speaker will be Janelle from LAPS.

Prayer Warriors

Our next Equipping Meeting will be on Sunday, October 4, just after coffee time (about 10:20) in the Conference Room. Our topic will be "What is Prayer?". Any questions about joining the team, please contact Pam Kruger at 218-821-4510. We're getting ready to roll!

Hallelujah Sisters

Calling all women to join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 in the Conference Room. We are so amazed about how the "Uncreated God of the Universe" created us to have an intimate relationship with Him through Jesus! We're starting at the beginning of the story in Genesis. Call Pam Kruger at 218-821-4510 for more information. HALLELUJAH!

Thirsty Thursday Returns!!

The movie Jesus Revolution will be shown over two Thursday evenings October 8 and October 15. Dinner at 5:00 pm and movie and discussion at 6:00 pm. A relaxed evening of film, honest questions, and conversations about Jesus, faith and life. All are welcome!!

Chat N Chow

Chat N Chow is a weekly (depending on school schedule) ministry shared by area churches serving lunch to Pequot Lakes High School juniors and seniors. Students arrive for lunch at 11:00 am and return to school at 11:30 am. During lunch Pastor Meyer has an opportunity to share a brief message with students. Help is needed from 9 am to Noon with preparing, serving and cleaning up. Gloria Dei serves on October 23, December 4, January 15, February 12, March 12 and April 23. We need help with preparing the meals, serving and cleaning up on those dates. Also, on Fridays when Gloria Dei is not serving, a representative from Gloria Dei must be on hand from 10 a.m. to Noon to assist the host church. A sign-up sheet has been created for both serving days and Please talk to Sandie Zeidler, Liz Berg or Barb Fuller for more information and how you can help.

Food Shelf Protein Push!

Help fill our local food shelf with much-needed protein items!

Donations of canned tuna, chicken, Spam, salmon, and peanut butter may be placed in the collection box in the entryway.

Monetary donations are also welcome and help purchase the items most needed by local families.

Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity!

Lakes Area Food Shelf, 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes.

Food shelf contacts: George and Collette Miller (218) 820-2928