

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

August 31st, 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 this Sunday

1. Here are the Bible references for today's message.

- *Hebrews 13:1-17*

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

3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Here is a prayer before worship:

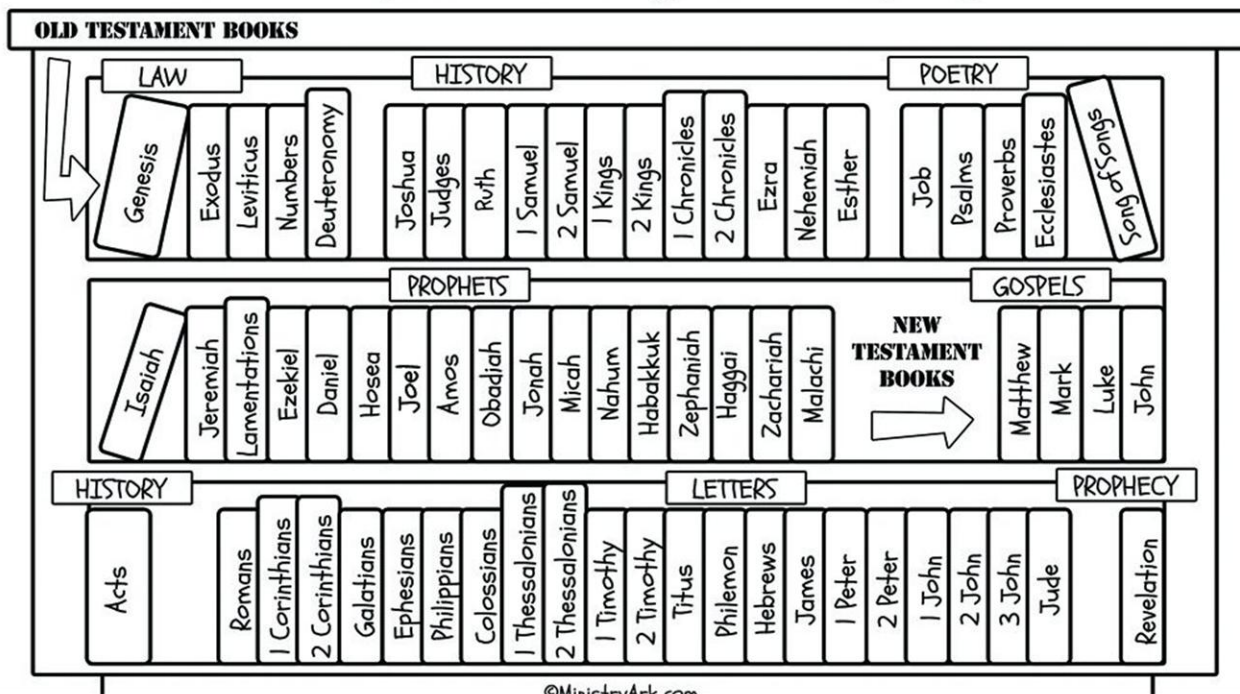
*Gracious Father, as I prepare my heart for worship this morning,
guard my heart from greed and false security in earthly things.*

*By the power of Your Spirit, fix our eyes on Jesus,
who is our true treasure. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.*

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

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

Books of the Bible



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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part of the David C Cook family, songs@integritymusic.com)*

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our relationship with God is built on the forgiveness of sins
found in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Let us take a moment to silently examine our lives,
confess our sins to God, and seek His forgiveness and strength.

SILENT CONFESSION TO GOD

- P** We confess,
C **God, forgive my sin and create a new heart
that lives in the power and freedom of your forgiveness.**
- P** Know this, You have been set free from sin
by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Your sins are forgiven completely, in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

SONG

Only by the Blood of the Lamb
Jeff Nelson, Rosemary Foster

Only by the blood of the Lamb.
Only by the blood of the Lamb.
We've overcome, in His grace we now stand,
Only by the blood of the Lamb.
(repeat)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY #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

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

+ + + 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 HYMN #971

There is a Redeemer

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1 There is a Redeemer—Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. *Refrain*

ref Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3 When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR August 31, 2025

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

- Family of Caleb Prushek who passed away on August 15.
- Jenny Cline recovering from back surgery.

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – August 31 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 4

TUESDAY – September 2

9:00 am to Noon – Quilters Group

WEDNESDAY – September 3

10:00 am – Bible Study – Miracles of the Old Testament –
Conference Room

THURSDAY – September 4

1:00 pm LWML Guild Bingo Party

Thirsty Thursday – On Break until September 18

SUNDAY – September 7 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 5 Habein, Hanson,
Herzog, Hidde

THOSE SERVING TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Adam Ruud

Altar Guild: Sandie Zeidler

Accompanist: Brian Zitzow,
Jenna Lemieux, Nadine Meyer

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow **Usher:** Don Patzer

Counters:

Coffee & Refreshments – Cooley, Fuller, Fyle, Hafner

Attendance Last Week: Sunday: 115 Wednesday: 12 Total: 113

Online Viewership Sunday: Facebook 178; YouTube 32; Twitch 3

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!



LET'S GET READY TO BINGO!!! Gloria Dei LWML will be hosting a Bingo Party with prizes, popcorn, treats and FUN!!! All ladies members, guests and friends are invited to attend on Thursday, September 4 at 1:00 pm! Prizes include pillow sets, casserole hot pads, dish clothes, kitchen towels, jewelry, keychains and a \$50 CASH PRIZE for the final game. Mark your calendar and tell a friend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume on Sunday September 14!!! PreK, Elementary and Confirmation for youth led by our capable volunteer teachers and Adult Study led by Pastor Meyer. Please plan to join us.

CHURCH PICNIC: Will be held following the worship service on September 7! Invite your friends and family! Activities and bounce house for the kids. Brats, beans, chips and beverage will be provided! Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dessert. Also, sign up to RSVP for you and your family, friends etc.

GLORIA DEI LOGO SWEATSHIRTS: There is a limited supply of crewneck sweatshirts available. They are \$20 each. Please see a member of the Discipleship team to get yours before they are gone!

PEQUOT LAKES SUPER VALU HOUSE CHARGE: Due to the sale of Pequot Lakes Super Valu to Miner's Inc dba Super One Foods our current house charge at the store will be closed. The last day that charges will be accepted is Sunday, August 31. Once the store makes the transition to Super One a new charge account will be established.

LAPS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER RESULTS Gloria Dei Members and Friends raised \$1,154.57 in coins, cash and checks for the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center during the Baby Bottle campaign which ran from Mother's Day to Father's Day. The total amount raised during the campaign was \$34,146. Thank you to all who participated!!!

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND: As you know the roof on our building needs to be re-shingled. Our insurance coverage will pay for some of the repair; however, the remainder will need to be paid for by Gloria Dei. A fund has been established for contributions to the roof project which will be matched up to \$25,000. In addition to raising money for the roof donations will be accepted on an on-going basis to prepare for future unexpected expenses. Please use the yellow envelopes which can be found on the Usher's Desk to make these contributions. **Fund update: To date \$12,574 has been raised for the matching fund grant. Gloria Dei's out of pocket for the roof will be \$30,000 therefore we are just \$2,426 way from our matching fund goal.**

THIRSTY THURSDAY on break until **September 18** (a thirst for the word and fellowship) Thursdays at 6 pm. This is a group watch of the series The Chosen and discussion surrounding the people that Jesus (chose) and their decision to follow him. Light snacks and beverages provided. Lower Level.

MIRACLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY meets at 10 am on Wednesdays in the Conference Room.

WOW: Worship on Wednesdays has concluded for the summer. Thank you to all who joined us for worship on Wednesday evenings!!!

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: September 4 - Bingo w/prizes. We hope to see you there.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 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. Lynn will be in the office on Monday September 1 instead of Tuesday September 2.*

LIFE QUOTE: “God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender, or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed.” *Christina, Missouri, Lutherans For Life Essay Contest – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*