

# August 31, 2025 Pentecost 12

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*Welcome to Gloria Dei!*

We welcome you to worship here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church! We pray that the message of God's Word comforts your soul and strengthens your faith in the forgiving grace of God that is yours through God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is a Cry Room located off the Narthex if needed. There are restrooms in the Cry Room and in the Fellowship Hall, which is to your left as you are leaving the Sanctuary.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Lord Jesus, You loved your friends and demonstrated acceptance, encouragement, and intimacy. Thank You for the friends You have given me. For the rest found in knowing acceptance. For the blessing found in being encouraged. And for the heavenly touch of intimacy that comes through the rich inheritance found in You. Thank You. Amen.

## Come Let Us Worship

**Morning Prayer**

**Hymns:** 737, 729, 690

**Psalm:** 112A

**Reading:** Proverbs 25:6,7a

**Wounds That Heal  
Those Who Exalt Themselves  
Will Be Humbled**

### THOSE WHO ARE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING:

**Ushers:** Harold Fox, Tom Furnner, Eric Bessolo

**Power Point Assistant:** Mitchell Bessolo

**Livestream Assistant:** Luke Mortimer

**Counters:** Mortimer & Major

**Cleaners for September 7:** Allar

### THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 7:

**Ushers:** Rocky Bessolo, Mitchell Bessolo, Marshall Bessolo

**Communion Set Up:** Moore

**Communion Assistant:** Rod Davies

**Power Point Assistant:** Noah Straub

**Livestream Assistant:** Allen Mortimer

**Counters:** Callahan & Furnner

**Cleaners for September 14:** Moore

### Our Love for God's Word and Work

<u>August 24</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	92	General	\$2,420.00

**Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,286.59**

### Daily Bible Reading

Date	Old Test.	Psalms	Proverbs	New Test.
8/31	Isaiah 43,44	56	31	Luke 23
9/01	Isaiah 45,46	57	1	Luke 24
9/02	Isaiah 47,48	58	2	John 1
9/03	Isaiah 49,50	59	3	John 2
9/04	Isaiah 51,52	60	4	John 3
9/05	Isaiah 53-55	61	5	John 4
9/06	Isaiah 56,57	62	6	John 5

### THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Thursday 9:00am Adult Bible Class

6:30pm Council Meeting

Saturday 6:00pm Youth Group

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** We would like to thank Scott & Deb Mortimer for serving us this morning.

**FALL KICK OFF:** Our Fall Kick Off Potluck and Talent/No Talent Show will be next Sunday, September 7. Looking forward to see you there!

**CHRIST THROUGH US – A STUDY OF OUR HISTORY:** The year 2025 is the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). As we lead up to our own congregation's celebration of that anniversary in Sunday worship beginning on October 12<sup>th</sup> and culminating on the Festival of the Reformation on October 26<sup>th</sup>, our Thursday AM class will be a study of the history of the WELS. Beginning on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we will take a dive into how the Lord's hand has guided our history for these 175 years. Hope to see you on September 4<sup>th</sup>!

**THURSDAY TIMEOUT - A NEW EVENT AT GLORIA DEI:**

How would you like to enjoy some time out every now and then...

...to hear presentations from local public safety officers?

...to go on a "field trip" to enjoy some church architecture or see some ancient Christian artifacts?

...to enjoy fellowship with other members of Gloria Dei and have an opportunity to invite your friends to spend time with us as well?

Then our new **Thursday Timeout** is for you!

Every now and then we will be taking a "timeout" from our Thursday morning Bible Study to enjoy some time out with one another. The first Thursday Timeout will be on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM when the Grand Blanc Township Police Department K-9 Team will make a presentation about their work in our community. Following their presentation, we will enjoy some "game time" with our favorite board or card games and close out with a light lunch. Hope to see you there! Invite your friends!

**CLASSES/PRACTICE BEGIN:** Confirmation class will begin on September 8, at 6:30pm. Choir practice will begin the same night, September 8, at 7:00pm.

**FREE WILL OFFERING:** We will have a free will offering for LWMS on September 7 & September 14.

**FAWN:** The Fawn Exploratory Committee for an association school will hold its next meeting on Saturday, September 13, at 11:00am at Shepherd of the Lakes church to discuss a draft proposal to proceed with the plan. Members of all five churches are encouraged to attend this important meeting!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND SUNDAY TEEN & ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**TEEN AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS TOPIC:** "God wants me to be happy!" "God helps those who help themselves!" How many times have you heard these sayings in secular culture or even from a professing Christian? Despite their catchy, positive appeal, these sayings and others like them have dangerous implications for Christian theology, and even for those who call themselves Christians. In this Bible study we will explain how these inaccurate beliefs distort people's relationship with God and offer loving, Bible-based corrections that we can use in response. This Bible study includes 10 lessons to help us respond to false teachings about God and defend what the Bible teaches.

Lesson 1. *God wants me to be happy!*

Lesson 2. *There are many ways in God's presence!*

Lesson 3. *God has grown soft on sin!*

Lesson 4. *God helps those who help themselves!*

Lesson 5. *God has made death a natural part of life!*

Lesson 6. *A God of Love would not send people to hell!*

Lesson 7. *It doesn't matter how God made the world!*

Lesson 8. *God is distant and disinterested in what happens!*

Lesson 9. *I don't need the Bible or worship to have a relationship with God!*

Lesson 10. *God does not judge anyone and neither should you!*

Please remember that faith comes from hearing the message and that message is the Word of God. Please join us for your own spiritual good, and for those around you!



**WORSHIP ENSEMBLE:** Are you a budding musician? Are you an “old pro” and can play music by ear? Did you play an instrument in high school and it’s been sitting in your closet for years? We have a great opportunity for you! We would like to form a worship ensemble to expand our worship experience here at Gloria Dei. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and let us know who you are and what instrument(s) you play. More information on a schedule will come after our initial meeting in September.

### **THANK YOU!**

From the bottom of my heart, I want to express my sincere thanks to all the members of Gloria Dei for their support during the past months during the hospitalizations of my dad and finally over the past couple of weeks as the Lord took him home. The prayers, the help at my home, and the simple words of support and encouragement have done so much to help bring me through these challenging times. I also thank you for your understanding as all of this affected the work that I do for you as well. As I remember all that you have done, my eyes still fill with tears – of joy, of course – for all the support you have given. What a blessing it is that we share such a bond of faith in our Savior that enables us to help each other bear our burdens! Once again, thank you all for everything.

In Christ,  
Pastor Samuel J Hacker III

### **Birthdays**

- 2 – Jordan Thomason
- 2 – Vanessa Kanignunta
- 3 – Justin Lawrence
- 5 – Savannah Kanignunta

### **Anniversaries**

- 1 – Melody & Pat Tesler
- 2 – Pat & Tom Furnner

