

September 7, 2025

Pentecost 13

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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: Dear Lord, your kingdom is filled with righteousness. In a world filled with sin and evil, the righteousness won by your son, Jesus, is our only hope. Your kingdom is filled with joy. In a world where joy is often short-lived, we are always filled with the joy our faith brings. Your kingdom is filled with peace. In a world that is filled with so much conflict, we have peace with you through Jesus. For all this, I thank you. Amen.

COMMUNION: Since Gloria Dei values very highly the special treasure that God gives us in Holy Communion, and since Scripture also says that one can receive Communion to his own great harm (1 Corinthians. 11:23-32), we ask that only those who are members of Gloria Dei, or another WELS or ELS congregation come to the altar for the sacrament. Instruction classes to become a communicant member are available throughout the year. Please contact Pastor Hacker for more information.



Come Let Us Worship

Setting One

Hymns: 631, 694, 831, 702, 617

Psalm: 1A

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Reading: Philemon 1,7-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

Wounds That Heal Count the Cost

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING:

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

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 14:

Ushers: Scott Mortimer, Allen Mortimer, Justin Lawrence

Power Point Assistant: Kaylee Mortimer

Livestream Assistant: Paul Allar

Counters: Straub & Luisier

Cleaners for September 21: Bessolo

Our Love for God's Word and Work

<u>August 31</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	74	General	\$3,311.00

Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,286.59

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Monday	6:30pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00am	Adult Bible Class: Thursday Timeout

FALL KICK OFF: Our Fall Kick Off Potluck and Talent/No Talent Show is TODAY! Looking forward to seeing you there!

CHRIST THROUGH US – A STUDY OF OUR HISTORY: The year 2025 is the 175th 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 12th and culminating on the Festival of the Reformation on October 26th, our Thursday AM class will be a study of the history of the WELS. Beginning on Thursday, September 4th, 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 4th!

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 11th 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 today & 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!

Birthdays

8 – Daniel Tiede

8 – Charlotte Tiede

8 – Maria Bessolo

10 – Norman Lawrence

11 – Wayne Pennell

13 – Gene Gunther

Next Week's Readings: Hosea 3:1-5, 2 Corinthians 2:5-11, Luke 15:1-10