

May 18, 2025
9:00 a.m.
5th Sunday of Easter - Music Sunday



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Neenah, Wisconsin

Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!
So that we may come to know each other better...please fill out the maroon Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along for others to do the same. Once completed, return it and note the names of the others seated next to you so you may greet one another after the service.

Congregational portions are in **Bold** print, *indicates please stand as you are able

Welcome to worship!

This is the Day that the Lord has made, let's rejoice and be glad! (Psalm 118:24)

Today we embrace God's gift of music and song, acknowledging God's miraculous gift of lyric, melody and music as an aid in our everyday lives, as well as an expression of worship to the One who first gives us these gifts in creation. Regardless of experience, skill or training, we are called into this relationship with God to worship Him. Today is all about letting our voices loose in praise and worship. So with great enthusiasm, let's raise our voices!

In the spirit of worship, we hold our applause of all special music during the worship service. Promptly after the final anthem, we will offer our RESOUNDING APPLAUSE as a thank you to God and all who were involved in expression of Music today.

PRELUDE "Méditation" (Cécile Chaminade) Lori Murphy, Violin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" One Voice Choir

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Voices Raised to You”

ELW #845



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

C **God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

**One Voice Choir &
Lori Murphy, Violin**

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach, counsel, and guide one another with all the wisdom God gives. Sing psalms, compose hymns and songs inspired by the Spirit; and keep on singing - Sing your hearts out to God! ¹⁷ Surely, no matter what you are doing (speaking, writing, singing or working), do it all in the name of Jesus. With hearts full and spilling over with love, send your thankfulness to God through Jesus.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lost in the Wilderness”

**Marcus Gallatin,
Vocal Solo**

PSALM: Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD, Hallelujah!**

SPECIAL MUSIC: **“Trio For Flute, Oboe, & Piano-
Movement 2” (Madeleine Dring)** **Audrey Moore, Flute
Jennifer Bryan, Oboe**

***GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35**

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

L The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: **“He’s Got the Whole World/
This is My Father’s World”** **One Voice Choir &
Sunday School Singers**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOMILY Pastor Tabitha Gallatin

SONG OF RESPONSE: **“Con Te Partiró”** **Danielle Hjerstedt,
(Sartori/Quarantotto)** **Vocal Solo**

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

L Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SHARING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

We joyfully offer financial gifts to God's ministry through Gloria Dei in a variety of ways. Either place gifts in offering baskets as they are distributed or go to www.gloriadeilc.org/give (or scan QR code) or text your gift to 1-877-952-9422 this morning. If you are giving electronically or at a frequency other than weekly, please place a blue card (located in the pew rack) in the offering basket to signify your gifts. Thank you for your generous response to God's blessings!



OFFERTORY "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" One Voice Choir

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L Let us pray,

C **Dear God, the source of all blessings: we raise our hearts, we raise our voices, we raise our gifts to you. Help us, your people, use these gifts to follow you, to do your work, to share your love. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION "Gather 'round the Table of the Lord" ***

Chorus sung by congregation

Chorus: Gather 'round, gather 'round
Gather 'round, the table
Gather 'round, gather 'round
'round the table of the Lord.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come to this table and experience the manifestation of Jesus' love and the reason for our joyful praises.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper today! Communion is served by intinction at stations. As you come forward, you will receive the bread and then dip it into the divided chalice for wine (red) or grape juice (white). Children who receive communion, please hold out hands to receive the bread. Those not communing, please fold hands to receive a blessing. Please notify an usher if you would like to receive communion at your seat.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Air on the G String” (JS Bach)
“Arioso” (JS Bach)**

Lori Murphy, Violin

(Please remain seated for the rest of the service)

SENDING PRAYER

L Let us pray, we give you thanks for giving us such great gifts, including the gift of music. With these gifts, summon us to service, and inspire us as we go from here, celebrate our lives with generosity and love. In Jesus name and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" ELW #536
Choir verse 1. Congregation verses 2 and 3.



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

We now offer our Joyfully Emphatic Applause to say thank you to God and thanks to all who have offered to share their gifts in music today!!!

SENDING

L Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

O Come let us sing to the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Psalm 95:1

Today we celebrate the gift of Music. We thank God for this gift. We thank God and those involved in sharing their gift of music with the whole Christian Community here at Gloria Dei. Always in worship (and some would say outside of worship), the music we express is a form of praise to God. We thank these ministry staff members of Gloria Dei for their leadership in music ministry today and throughout the year:

Myron Jones serves GD as Minister of Music, One Voice Choir Director & Organist/Pianist.

Sherry Klitz serves as Supply Organist and Accompanist to the One Voice Choir.

Jill Kruger serves GD as Director to Children's Sunday School Choir.

Today you hear the music and praise contributions from the following:

- **Jennifer Bryan** is the principal oboist of the Fox Valley Symphony. She grew up in Appleton, graduated from Appleton West and got her oboe performance degree from Lawrence University.
- **Marcus Gallatin** is a senior at Neenah High School. He will be attending Five Towns College in Dix Hills, NY next fall, majoring in musical theatre. Marcus has been singing and performing since the third grade.
- **Danielle Hjerstedt** is the director of choirs at Einstein Middle School. She graduated with a degree in Choral and General Music education at UW-Eau Claire. When she is not teaching middle school choir at Einstein, she is also working with the Badger State Girl Choir, and teaching dance through the Appleton Parks and Rec. She is very excited to share her love of music with everyone this morning!
- **Audrey Moore** is a classical flutist, church musician and private teacher in the Fox Valley. She currently teaches flute at Appleton West High School as well as at her home studio in Appleton. In addition, she works at Appleton West High School as the Director of the Music Scholars Institute. She enjoys performing with a variety of groups including the Wisconsin Symphonic Winds, Fox Valley Flute Choir and the Appleton Boychoir. Audrey has a Master of Music in Flute Performance from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance from Millikin University.
- **Lori Murphy** graduated from Brookfield Central High School and studied Industrial Engineering at University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was a former President of Neenah Music Parents. She is a Violinist and Outreach at Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra, Growth and Development Teacher at YMCA Neenah Menasha, and an accompanist and Suzuki Violin Instructor at Neenah Joint School District. Her greatest joy is being married to her husband, Neenah native Jeff Murphy, and raising their three musical sons, Jack, Michael, and David together.
- **Children's Sunday School Singers**- this group is comprised of any and all children enrolled in Christian Education from age 3 to grade 5. Jill Kruger works with the children on Sunday mornings and also leads them in special opportunities like the Christmas Program.
- **One Voice Choir** – this choir is comprised of adults who have an interest in singing. No additional training is necessary for persons who wish to sing in this choir. Just a love of music! They commit themselves to weekly rehearsals during the school year.
- **You** – You, along with your fellow worshippers form a special contribution to the praise and worship of God in this place. Regardless of key or tune or note, a genuine expression of our love of God is all that is needed. Thank you for giving your praise through music and song today and every day we worship!

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	9:00 a.m.
MINISTERS	All God's people at Gloria Dei
PRESIDING MINISTERS	Pastors Jon & Tabitha Gallatin
MINISTER OF MUSIC	Dr. Myron Jones
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jill Kruger
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Sherry Klitz
LITURGY ASSISTANT	
LECTOR	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Valerie Gulke/Jeaneen Schoessow
USHERS	
GREETERS	
ACOLYTE	
NURSERY ATTENDANT	
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Anderson/Sandy Wahamaki
COFFEE HOST	Nancy Swanson

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