

May 17, 2026
9:00 a.m.
7th Sunday of Easter

MUSIC

Sunday



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Neenah, Wisconsin
Service of Holy Communion

Ministers
Worship Ministry

Everyone at Gloria Dei
Pastor Doug Holtz

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, *please stand as you are able

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

PRELUDE

**Londonderry Air
Audrey Moore - Flute**

Arr: Galway/Coulter

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100

L Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

C **Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

L Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

C **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

P The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

COMMENTARY

***GATHERING HYMN “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” ELW #763**
Dennis Voss Introduction on Harmonica



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Creator God, we thank you for the gift of music—a universal language that connects us and lifts our souls. We pray for all musicians, singers, and artists gathered here. Bless their instruments and voices, that they may be instruments of your peace and joy. As we celebrate, may our music break down barriers of race, class, and division, creating an atmosphere of unity and healing. Let every note bring you glory and every rhythm remind us of your grace. May this celebration bring renewal and light to all who hear.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:21-24

²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

P The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

COMMENTARY

One Voice Choir

**Someone is Walkin'
Solo: Dave Pohlman**

Frombach/Dreman

PSALM: Psalm 118:21-24

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sunday School Singers

This is the Day

Danielle Hjerstedt - Vocal

Silent Noon

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Audrey Moore - Flute

Ashokan Farwell

Jay Ungar

Badger Girl's State Choir

**Come From the Firefly Darkness
Birdsong**

Bernon

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ELW #851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joyce who have a voice to raise; and may God

though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

***GOSPEL: Matthew 19:13-15**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

COMMENTARY

One Voice Choir

Jesus Loves Me
Pastor Doug Holtz - Alto Sax

Arr: Michael Hassell

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L God of love,

C you hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of Christ 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!



Myron Jones

Brother James' Air

Arr: Joseph Martin

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L God of abundance,

C we give you thanks for all the talents and skills you give us. Guide us now to use our gifts for the good of all people that they might know your love for this world. Amen.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

P The one who gives us the gift of music also gave us his beloved Son, so that we might know the joy of living forgiven and free. Jesus comes to us now in this bread and wine, his very body and blood, so our song of adoration will continue for all eternity.

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.

One Voice Choir

Behold the Lamb of God

Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, Making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

P The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

COMMENTARY

**One Voice Choir &
Badger State Girl's Choir**

I Believe/Ava Maria

Bach-Gounod

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 41:8-10

⁸ But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; ⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant; I have chosen you and not cast you off"; ¹⁰ do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

P The word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

COMMENTARY

*CHORAL BLESSING God Be with You Till We Meet Again ELW #536 Choir sings verse 1. Congregation sings verses 2 & 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.

*DISMISSAL

- P With a song deep in our hearts,
C we go to serve the Lord.
P Joining with the music beyond the spheres,
C we go to serve the Lord.
P With the very rhythms of life and love,
C we go to serve the Lord.
P Go in peace! Share the good news!
C Thanks be to God!

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:

- **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 of whom you will hear today, 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 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.
- **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!

Please join us after the service today for cake to thank Pastor Karen Jewell-vanBuskirk for teaching confirmation and first communion this year. Thank you Pastor Karen for sharing your gifts with these students.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	9:00 a.m.
MINISTERS	All God's people at Gloria Dei
WORSHIP MINISTRY	Pastor Doug Holtz
MINISTER OF MUSIC	Dr. Myron Jones
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jill Kruger
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Sherry Klitz
LITURGY ASSISTANT	Steve Graf
LECTOR	Roger Herman
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Seamus Wedge/ Elise Wedge
USHERS	Lia & Garrison Cummings
GREETERS	Jean Follendorf/Linda Voss
ACOLYTE	
NURSERY ATTENDANT	
ALTAR GUILD	Carol Anderson
COFFEE HOST	Diane Haug
LIVE STREAMING	Dave Walters

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