

June 14, 2026  
9:00 a.m.  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost



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.

**Ruth Chapter 2: The Fields of Boaz** - Destitute in Bethlehem, Ruth goes to glean grain in the barley fields to support them. She ends up in the field of Boaz, a wealthy relative of Naomi. Recognizing Ruth's noble character and her devotion to Naomi, Boaz shows her extraordinary kindness and provides her with food and protection.

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Gracious God,

**we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

**Amen**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)**

## GREETING/INVOCATION

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

**And also with you.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

ELW #859



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won - drous - ly reign - ing,
- 3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros - pers your work and de - fends you;
- 4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.  
Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;  
Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.  
sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.  
in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.  
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### BLESSING OF LECTOR

O God, source of our salvation: Open our ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. The Word is among us. The Spirit is present. May the Lord add a blessing to this reading.

**Amen**

### THEME READING: Ruth 2

<sup>1</sup> Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter."

<sup>3</sup> So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you." They answered, "The LORD bless you." <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" <sup>6</sup> The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." <sup>7</sup> She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment."

<sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. <sup>9</sup> Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." <sup>10</sup> Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before."

<sup>12</sup> May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" <sup>13</sup> Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants." <sup>14</sup> At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some of this bread and dip your morsel in the sour wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. <sup>15</sup> When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, "Let her glean even among the

standing sheaves, and do not reproach her.<sup>16</sup> You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”<sup>17</sup> So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.<sup>18</sup> She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied.<sup>19</sup> Her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, saying, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”<sup>20</sup> Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin.”<sup>21</sup> Then Ruth the Moabite said, “He even said to me, ‘Stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’”<sup>22</sup> Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, “It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise someone might bother you in another field.”<sup>23</sup> So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests, and she lived with her mother-in-law.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”      ELW #512**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:36-38**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Thy Holy Wings”**

**ELW #613**



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE CHURCH

God of all goodness,  
you hear our prayer.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

## SHARING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

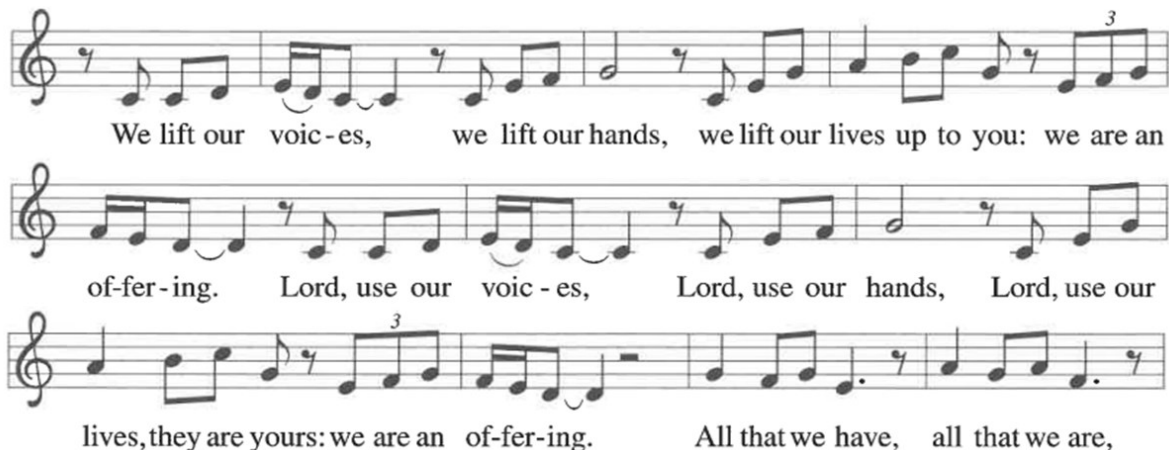
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## OFFERTORY

### "We Are an Offering"

ELW #692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an offering, we are an offering.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,

**all good gifts come from your gracious hand. We offer you this bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor. Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

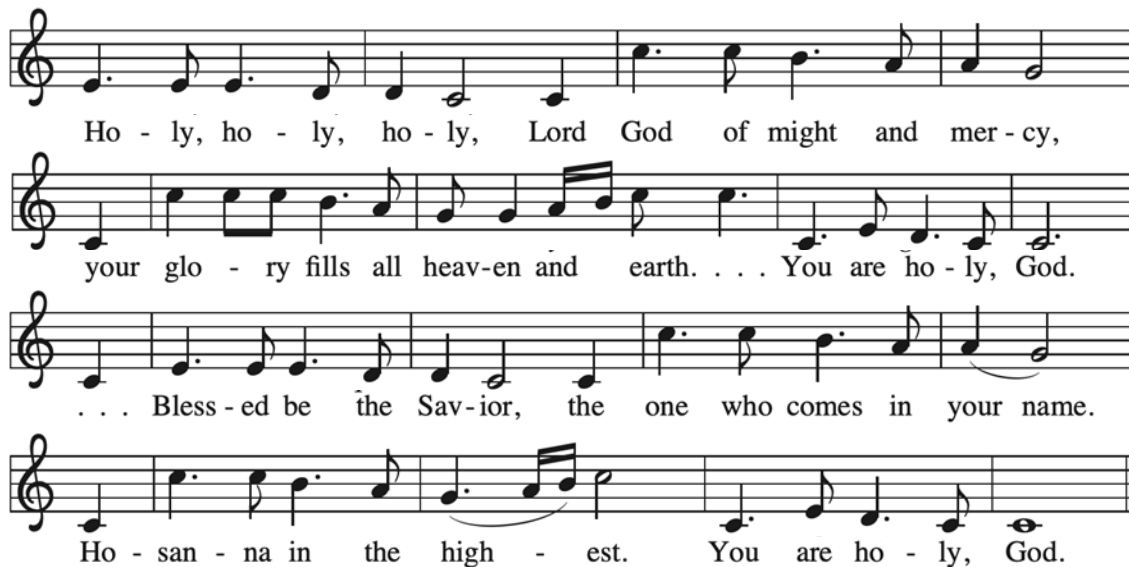
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You are the Lord of the harvest who did not leave your people in famine or despair. You sent Ruth to glean the fields, a beautiful picture of the grace you would ultimately offer to the whole world in Jesus our Savior. And so, with the faithful of every generation and the whole heavenly host, we praise your name and joining their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS****“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

ACS #1089



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to receive our Redeemer who comes to us in his body and blood. 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**

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

**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.**

## 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.

### SONG DURING THE MEAL

### "In This Feast of Love"

ACS #962

1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

### TABLE PRAYER

God of our ancestors, God of all people, before whose face the human generations pass away, we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, the broken fragments of our history are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ. Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life with joy and singleness of heart. In the name of Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

*Silence for reflection*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

People of God, you have been called to be disciples of Christ. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

### “For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW #679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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	Becky Luett
LECTOR	Becky Luett
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jeanee Schoessow/ Valerie Gulke
USHERS	Jim Klitz
GREETERS	Valerie Gulke
ACOLYTE	
NURSERY ATTENDANT	
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Brown
COFFEE HOST	Valerie Gulke
LIVE STREAMING	Vincent Guardiola

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