Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the 80th Anniversary of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1940–2020



November 22, 2020 9:30 a.m.

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY: We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to all in our midst this morning, especially our visitors. We hope you can join us again. While we observe proper CDC guidelines in the building due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are temporarily suspending the signing of the Record of Fellowship Pad in the Welcome Folders. Please note other protocols in place:

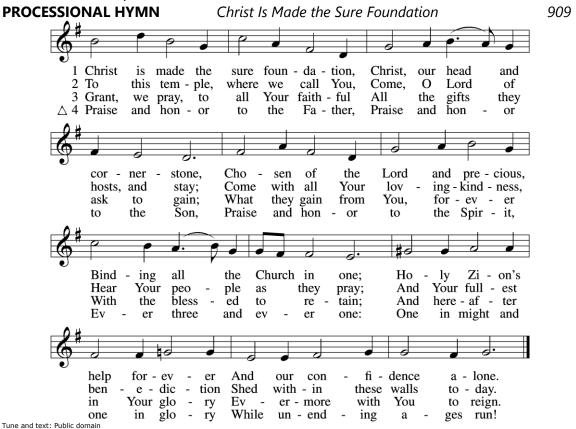
- The church doors will be open before and after church to minimize the amount of contact with door handles, etc.
- There is a hand sanitizer station in the narthex, operated by a foot pedal.
- Offerings are to be dropped in the plates as you enter or leave.
- A hymnal and bulletin will be handed to you as you enter. This will help us minimize the amount of hymnals we need to clean each week.
- We will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion in the Divine Service because that is what Christians gather to do. Initially, we will commune via a continuous line to avoid touching the altar rail.
- There will be fewer cups per communion tray to minimize cross-contamination. Take care that you do not touch other cups as you take yours.
- We will continue to offer our Lord's blood in the chalice. You are free to take from the chalice or the individual cups. Pastor will continually clean the rim of the chalice with the added protection of using alcohol on the purificator. If you wish to receive from the chalice, simply stay where Pastor is standing. If you wish to receive from the individual cup, cross over to where the elder is standing.
- Please observe about a six-foot distance between individuals or family groups in the pews and as you line up to receive the sacrament.
- <u>Greet one another outside (weather permitting)</u> to avoid a group gathering in the narthex. We are a Christian community and will continue to greet each other with Christ's peace, albeit, in a somewhat different manner.
- Masks are encouraged.
- If you are in a sensitive age or health group: **please be encouraged to stay home.** No one will think less of anyone for making that decision at this time. We want to love all our members in the best possible way.

Thank you for your support and your prayers during this most difficult time. We continue to cling to the certain promise of God: "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will never leave you or sake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6). The Lord be with you.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Stand and face the processional cross.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB Divine Service, Setting 1 (p. 151)

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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C Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT



- P O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house* and the place where your | glory dwells.
- Blessèd are you, O LORD, the God of | Israel* our father, forever and | ever.

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the | majesty,*

for all that is in the heavens and in the | earth is yours.

Yours is the kingdom, | O LORD,*

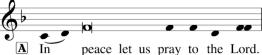
and you are exalted as head a- | bove all.

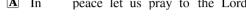
And now we thank you, | our God,* and praise your | glorious name.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house* and the place where your | glory dwells.









C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



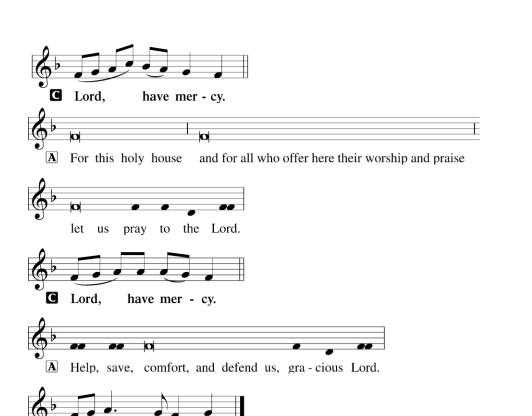
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.





men.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



Let us pray. Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 8:22–30

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³ and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' 26Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. ²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



- P O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house,* and the place where your | glory dwells.
- Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest | for herself,* at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.
- P Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,* ever sing- | ing your praise.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1–5

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand and face the processional cross.

ALLELUIA & VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 19:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



Sit after the Gospel procession has concluded.

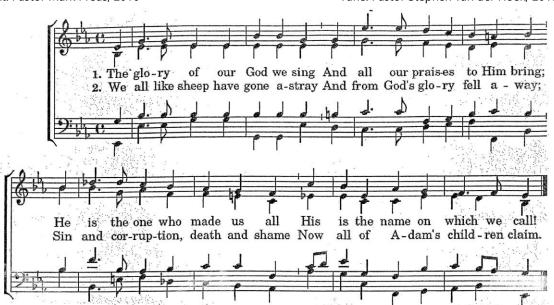
HYMN OF THE DAY

The Glory of Our God We Sing

Written for the 75th anniversary of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Text: Pastor Mark Preus, 2016

Tune: Pastor Stephen van der Hoek, 2016



3 And yet this glory filled of old God's House where deeds of Christ were told; And now it fills the flesh of Him Made Man to bear all mankind's sin.

4 In Christ alone is now revealed The glory by which we are healed; For in the flesh and blood of Man God's glory shines for us again.

5 See on the cross, that cursed tree, True God from all eternity; God's glory, hidden from our eyes, Is gained again when Jesus dies.

6 And so in weakness now is shown The glory that God's children own, Who are baptized into the Name Of Him whose glory hides our shame. 7 Come, kneel where Angels bow to praise; Your "Holy, Holy, Holy" raise! In bread and wine is hidden here The glory that will soon appear.

8 Soon, on a cloud with trumpet tone, In glory comes the Holy One; And from the grave all flesh will rise, And we will meet Him in the skies.

9 By faith in Him by whom we live, For God's great glory thanks we give; Predestined, called and justified, In Jesus we are glorified!

10. Christ, glorious image of our God, You have redeemed us by Your blood; All glory through all ages be To God the Holy One in Three.

SERMON

Stand

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I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Offerings may be placed in the plate upon entering or leaving the building.

OFFERTORY



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

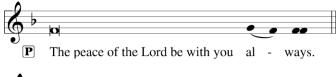
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

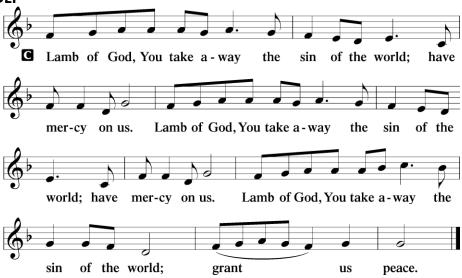
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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AGNUS DEI



Sit

THE LORD'S SUPPER

At Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, we believe according to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ that in the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us not only bread and wine but also his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins, eternal life, and salvation. We also believe according to Holy Scripture that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood is both personal communion with Jesus Christ and public communion with one another, a public witness of unity in the faith (1 Corinthians 10:16–17). If you are not a member of this congregation or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod but desire to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper, please talk with the pastor before the service. For those who prefer, non-alcoholic wine (dark color) is available in the inner ring of the individual tray. If you have difficulty approaching the altar for communion, please let the elder or worship assistant know, and the pastor will bring communion to you. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to learn more about Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Chicago.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

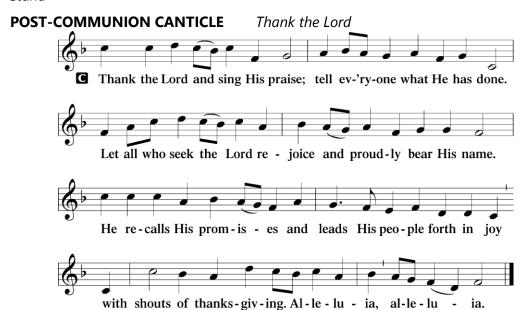
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.





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POSTLUDE

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History of Chicago's Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Garfield Ridge

On November 12, 1939, a group of Lutherans began holding services in a bungalow on the northeast corner of Parkside Avenue and 52nd Street. On January 24, 1940, a resolution was adopted to organize a Lutheran congregation, and the Rev. Hugo Bloedel was called to serve as Pastor. The name of the new Lutheran congregation was Parkside Avenue Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On March 3, 1940, the trustees were directed to purchase six lots on the northeast corner of South Major Avenue and 53rd Street. On May 18, 1941, the cornerstone was laid, and on September 28, 1941, the church building was dedicated.

On August 3, 1941, the congregation chose its new and official name, Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church (Gloria Dei is Latin for The Glory of God).

Seven pastors have served Gloria Dei Lutheran Church: Hugo S. Bloedel, Henry J. Behrens, John F. Bauermeister, Elmer J. Sedory, William P. Yonker, Franklin H. Giebel, and Steven J. Anderson. The longest serving was the Rev. Elmer Sedory, who served at Gloria Dei from 1955 until his retirement in 1988. Gloria Dei has been served since 2003 by the Rev. Steven J. Anderson.

It was during Rev. Sedory's pastorate that Gloria Dei Lutheran School was built and the church building extensively renovated. The renovated church and brand new school were dedicated in September of 1960. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church operated our Lutheran Day School from 1960 until June of 2019, when the parish school was closed. The school was served by many faithful teachers and by four principals: Mr. Donald Marten, Mr. Douglas Rebeck, Mr. Scott Schilling, and Mrs. Virginia Terrell.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church continues to be an oasis of the proclamation of the clear Word of God in the Garfield Ridge community of Chicago.