

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

Today's worship is Setting 8 found on page 184 in the front of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red) hymnal in the pew holder in front of you. You may also use our reusable bulletin with the green cover.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

- PRELUDE** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Tune: RESIGNATION Southern Harmony;
1835 arr. Richard Starr ©2006 arr. Mark
Hayes
- CHOIR ANTHEM** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Choral Setting by JACK SCRADER Words
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- POSTLUDE** *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH William B. Bradbury arr.
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TODAY'S HYMNS:

- GATHERING HYMN** *Baptized and Set Free* #453
- HYMN OF THE DAY** *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil* #721
- COMMUNION HYMN** *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus* #501
- SENDING HYMN** *Lord, Dismiss Us With your Blessing* #545

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray.
- C: **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they

did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as God is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way Joseph reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM TONE

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13



- ¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s | holy name.
- ²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God’s benefits—
- ³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
- ⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle’s.
- ⁶O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;
- ⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
- ¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
- ¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.
- ¹³As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on those enslaved by another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your sibling? Or you, why do you despise your sibling? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every
knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give
praise to God.”

12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—SEE REUSABLE BULLETIN

GOSPEL

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 “For this reason the dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his enslaved ones. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his spouse and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the enslaved one fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that

enslaved one released him and forgave him the debt. 28 “But that same enslaved one, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow enslaved one who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 Then his fellow enslaved one fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow enslaved ones saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow enslaved one, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 “So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive each other from your heart.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Next week's readings for September 24, 2023

First Reading:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm:

Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-6

Serving you today September 17, 2023

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Alyssa Augustson
Vicar:	Breck Cogswell
Accompanist:	Becky Bell-Greenstreet
Choir Director:	Dave Aakre
Greeter:	Kathy Jacobson
Usher:	Howard Hull
Lay Reader:	Vern Simpson
Zoom Co-host:	John Meynink & Linda Mitchell
Flowers Shared by:	
Coffee & Fellowship Hosts:	Kathy Jacobson, Nancy Robinson, & Mary Jo Audette

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you are worshipping today with us. In the envelope slot beside the hymnal and Bible rack a welcome sheet and offering envelopes are available for your convenience. Both can be placed in the offering plate during the service.

NAMETAGS

Nametags for members and regular attendees are on the wall at the west end of the Narthex. Nametags for visitors are available at our visitor book—please sign the book and make yourself a nametag! If you need a permanent nametag, please write your name on the list on the clipboard in the Narthex. Completed nametags will be left by the list for you to find easily!

WELCOME VICAR BRECK!

Today is Vicar Breck's first day with us! Please introduce yourself and start getting to know Vicar Breck.

ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED

Want to help with something at church but not sure what? Want to work with friendly, easy-going people? Please talk to Sharon Larcom about joining the Altar Guild! The positions are flexible; no long-term commitment is needed. The Altar Guild will work with your schedule!

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Ministry Fair, Sunday, October 22, 2023 following the worship service. We'll celebrate and learn about all the ministries here at Gloria Dei. We'll enjoy a special fall snack during fellowship time and there will be prizes for participants! Remember the fun we had at last year's Ministry Fair? Let's do that again!

LOGOS PLAYERS ARE BACK!

Save the Date for their fun musical revue, "Whatever the Weather", November 10, 11, 12. NOTE: If you are a singer w/some experience who would like to participate, please notify Becky at (541) 751-1278 re: rehearsals!

DONATION BINS MOVED

When the bulletin boards changed, the donation bins were moved. You can now find donation bins for Ruth's Closet and the Devereux Center in the Fellowship Hall, under the newly redone large bulletin board near the library area.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME FOR OCTOBER—DECEMBER IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX!

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & NARTHEX!

RICHARD & KATHY WHITWER HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY UPDATING OUR BULLETIN BOARDS!

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

CALENDAR

Sunday

September 17

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY DAY!

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Worship

Fellowship time & coffee after worship

Vicar Breck's first Sunday at Gloria Dei

11:15

Logos Players

Monday

September 18

Tuesday

September 19

11:00 am

Staff Meeting

4:00 pm

Finance

Wednesday

September 20

1:00 pm

Knitters

5:30 pm

Demystifying Obesity class/support group

6:30 pm

Choir

Thursday

September 21

1:00 pm

Dean's Meeting

Friday

September 22

8:30 am

Bible Study

Saturday

September 23

9:30am—3:00pm

Synod Day of Learning

Sunday

September 24

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Worship

Fellowship time & coffee after worship

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SANCTUARY.*



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