

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



## The Ascension of Our Lord

May 12, 2024

10:30 AM

### Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ!

You are invited to join us in worshipping the Triune God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the principal work of the people of God.

#### Weekday Worship:

Monday Eucharist	9:30 AM
Tuesday Eucharist	12:00 NOON
Wednesday Eucharist	5:30 PM
Thursday Matins	10:00 AM
Thursday Eucharist	11:40 AM

#### Weekend Worship:

Saturday Eucharist	5:00 PM
Sunday Christian Education	9:15 AM
Sunday Eucharist	10:30 AM

**Gathered to Worship. Sent to Serve.**

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Please sign the worship registration pad as it is passed down the pew.  
Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.  
Our Nursery for young children is available during the liturgy; ushers can direct you.  
Regarding the Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion, the Mass, or the Eucharist) :

- ✚ The Sacrament is open to all baptized persons who are able to receive the Sacrament in their home church.
- ✚ We confess that in the Sacrament we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.
- ✚ Communion is received by common cup or intinction: you may drink from the first chalice or dip the host in the second chalice.
- ✚ If medical or health concerns give you reason to avoid one of the elements, please remember that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine.
- ✚ Children may commune with parental and pastoral permission and orientation.
- ✚ Children or adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest).
- ✚ To receive the sacrament without coming forward, please notify an usher and be seated near an aisle.

**Prayer of the Week:** Grant, Almighty God, that the commemoration of our Lord's death and resurrection may continually transform our lives and be manifested in our deeds; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Readings from the Daily Lectionary for the coming week:

<b>Sunday</b> Exodus 3:1-12 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 10:17-24	<b>Wednesday</b> Isaiah 4:2-6 Ephesians 4:1-16 Matthew 8:28-34	<b>Friday</b> Jeremiah 31:27-34 Ephesians 5:1-32 Matthew 9:9-17
<b>Monday</b> Joshua 1:1-9 Ephesians 3:1-13 Matthew 8:5-17	<b>Thursday</b> Zechariah 4:1-14 Ephesians 4:17-32 Matthew 9:1-8	<b>Saturday</b> Ezekiel 36:22-27 Ephesians 6:1-24 Matthew 9:18-26
<b>Tuesday</b> 1 Samuel 16:1-13a Ephesians 3:14-21 Matthew 8:18-27		

## PREPARATION

*Private Prayer before Worship: Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**PRELUDE** - *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

setting by R. Hobby

*At the sound of the chime, please quiet yourself for worship.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS

*Stand*

## ENTRANCE RITE

*(Ps 149:1; Joel 2:15-17; Mt 18:20)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN** - *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

LBW #173 [green book]

**INVOCATION** *(Mt 28:19b)*

- In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- Amen

**APOSTOLIC GREETING** *(2 Cor 13:13)*

- 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.

**COLLECT** *Prayer of the Day (Ruth 2:4; Lk 1:28)*

- Let us pray. . .
- Amen

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(Mat 4:4; Jn 1:1-5; Col 3:16)*

## FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom

to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

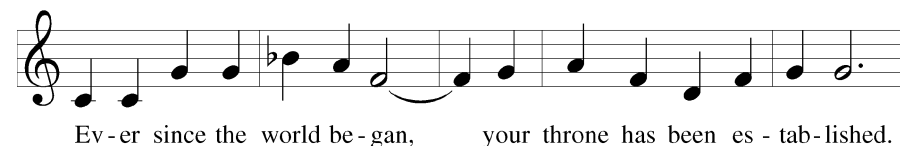
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALMODY** *Sung responsively with the assisting cantor; all sing the refrain.*

Psalm 93

*Refrain*




*Psalm Tone*



The LORD is king; he has put on splen- • did apparel;\*  
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- • self with strength.

**<sup>2</sup>He has made the whole • world so sure\***

**that it can- • not be moved;** 

**<sup>3</sup>ever since the world began, your throne has • been established;\***  
you are from • everlasting.

**<sup>4</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted • up their voice;\***  
**the waters have lifted up their • pounding waves.**

**<sup>5</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers • of the sea,\***  
mightier is the LORD who • dwells on high.

**<sup>6</sup>Your testimonies are • very sure,\***

**and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, forever and for- • evermore.** 

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the • Holy Spirit:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- • er. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

**B**rethren: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>which he

accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; <sup>22</sup>and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

 The Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

*Stand*


**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *All sing the antiphon before and after the Verse.*


 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The Verse is sung by the assisting cantor/choir:  
“Go and teach, go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.”*

## HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 24:46-53


 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

 Glory to you, O Lord.

**A**t that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the

city, until you are clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

 The Gospel of the Lord.

 Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

## HOMILY (1 Tim 4:13)

The Rev. Peter Jacobson, STS

*Silence for meditation.*


*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

LBW #157 [green book]

Stanzas 1-3, 7

## NICENE CREED

 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

**Through him all things were made.**

*(In honor of the incarnation of Our Lord, worshipers may bow from the words  
“For us and...” through “and was made man.”)*

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, †**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(1 Tim 2:1-2)*

*After each petition:*  Lord, in your mercy, *OR*  Let us pray to the Lord.  
 hear our prayer.  Lord, have mercy.

**In our prayers today:** Gillian Denk, Tressie Wellesley, Ruth Johnson, Janet Reatherford, Tom Yingling, Monte Daffern (friend of Tom Brooks & Family), Hugh Muller (friend of Deb West).  
**Baptismal Anniversaires:** Susan Johnson, William McCandless, Andrew Koehler, Chris O'Hara, Pam Spears, Kaitlin Campbell, Tim Denk, Leah Combs, Lainey O'Hara, Dan True.

## **SABBATICAL BLESSING**

*A Reading from Genesis:* On the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation. (Gen 2:2-3)

*A Reading from Exodus:* Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Ex 20:8)

*A Reading from St. Mark:* Jesus said to the apostles, “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.” (Mk 6:31)

Throughout Holy Scripture, from Genesis to Jesus’ ministry and the Church’s mission, accounts of holy activity are clearly set apart by rest, quiet, and time for restoration. The Lord God has given his people the Sabbath pattern as a time of renewal, a time to be reminded of whose we are, and what we are called to do, a time of rest that refreshes us for life.

Sabbatical is a gift given to the pastor by the congregation. It is a time for the pastor to be renewed for ministry and strengthened in his sense of call.

Sabbatical is also a gift given to the congregation while the pastor is away. It is a time for lay leaders to step forward and share their gifts with the congregation. It is a time to have other pastors lead worship, proclaim God’s Word, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

*Members of the Congregation Council are invited to stand.*

During this time of Sabbatical, I ask you, the lay leadership of Gloria Dei, will you pray for our congregation and our pastor? Will you carry out your commitment to serve our congregation in the name of Christ?

Yes, with the help of God.

*The pastor is invited to stand.*

You have been given the gift of a Sabbatical by our congregation. Will you pray for the members and ministry of Gloria Dei? Will you promise to use this time faithfully in ways that will renew and strengthen you as a pastor in Christ’s Church?

Yes, with the help of God.

*Pastors Lindal and Schaefer are invited to come forward and stand.*

During this Sabbatical, you have been charged to lead worship, preach, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and provide pastoral care and oversight to Gloria Dei congregation. Will you commit yourselves to this holy trust and responsibility? Will you feed God’s people with the Word and Sacraments, and promise to serve in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?

**P** Yes, with the help of God.

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**A** Will you, the people of Gloria Dei, pray for Pastor Jacobson, our congregation, and for the ministry we share? Will you pray for Pastors Lindal and Schaefer in their ministry? Will you use this time faithfully in ways that will renew and strengthen you and our congregation as the baptized people of God?

**C** Yes, with the help of God.

**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, bless Pastor Jacobson, Pastors Lindal and Schaefer, our lay leadership, and all our members during this time of Sabbatical. By your Holy Spirit, strengthen us all in faith, hope, and love, that we might be renewed as your people, and faithfully serve you in word and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Mt 4:4; Jn 1:1-5; 1 Tim 4:13)*

**PAX DOMINI** *The Peace of the Lord* (Mt 5:23-24; Jn 14:27; Rom 16:16)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Sit*

**OFFERTORY** - *Feed My Lambs*

*Parish Choir & Christian Education Choir*

N. Sleeth

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.*

*When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.*

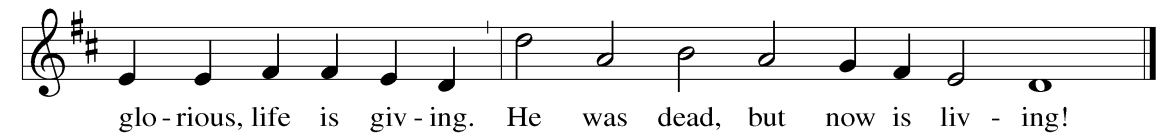
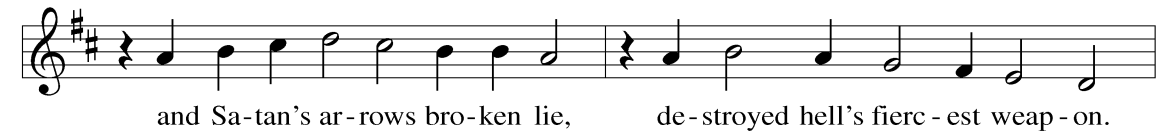
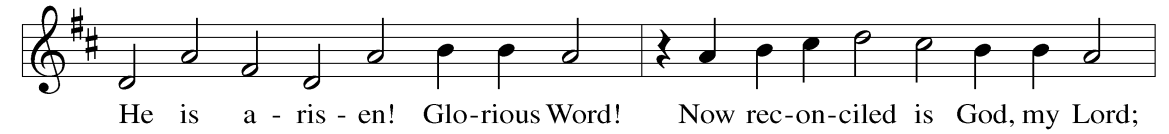
*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; In My name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.*

*Unto all who lose the way hope and comfort be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.*

*Feed My Lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; in My name lead them forth gently,  
gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.*

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY CANTICLE** - *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!*



### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

**P** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**C** Blessed be God forever.

**P** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness  
we have received the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**C** Blessed be God forever.

The Celebrant prays the OFFERING PRAYER over the gifts.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING (Ps 136)

♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The celebrant prays the PREFACE for the day or season:

♩ It is truly meet, right and salutary...join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy (Isa 6:3; Mt 21:9)

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (1 Cor 11:23-26)

The celebrant prays a PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

The congregation sings the following as part of that prayer:

☩ When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-

claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

At the close of the prayer, the congregation sings:

☩ A - men, a - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

### PATER NOSTER Our Father (Mt 6:9-13) Chanted on a single tone.

♩ As our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:

☩ 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

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God (Jn 1:29)*



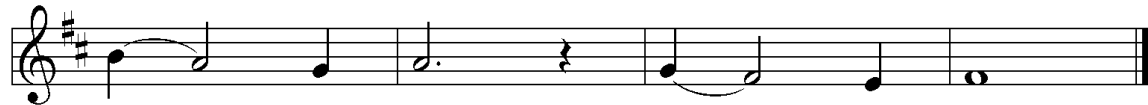
☒ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(1 Cor 5:7)*



☒ Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



☒ There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Sit*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:** *We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of your dear Son, Jesus*

*Christ, and so to drink his Blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen*

**COMMUNION HYMN** - *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LBW #170 [green book]

**Prayer after receiving Holy Communion:** *Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.*

*Stand*

☒ The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious Blood, strengthen you and keep you unto life everlasting.

☒ Amen

**[SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS]**

☒ In the name of this congregation...us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

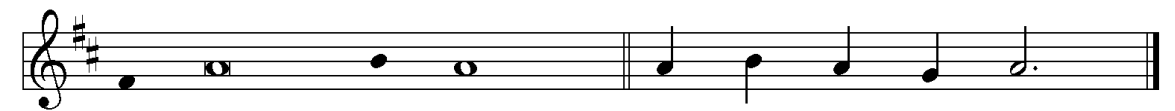
☒ We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Silence for meditation.*

**BENEDICTION**

*(Mt 28:19; Jn 20:21)*



☒ The Lord be with you. ☒ And al - so with you.

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

**BLESSING**



**P** May God, **A** - men  
 whose Only Begotten Son ascended into heaven,  
 grant you the joy of experiencing  
 that he is also with you to the end of time  
 according to his promise.  
 And may the blessing of Almighty God  
 the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 come down on you and remain with . . . . . you for - ever.

**POST COMMUNION HYMN - Share God's Love**

Christian Education Choir

(Choir will sing the anthem twice then the congregation will join the choir on the third time and continue until the worship leaders have recessed to the narthex.)

Unison *mf*

Take the light of Christ to the world, serv - ing oth - ers where-  
 ev - er you go. Share God's hope, share God's love.

**DISMISSAL (Lk 7:50)**

- A** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C** He is risen indeed ! Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE - Lasst Uns Erfreuen**

arr. Leavitt



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*Those Serving in Worship today*

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Peter Jacobson, STS
Assisting Minister:	Jenette Drake
Communion Assistants:	Kelly Shriner, Bruce & Nancy Johnson, Rachel Schober
Acolyte:	Savannah Gering
Organist:	Annette Lindal
Assisting Cantor:	Kari Weller
Harp:	Jane Hyde
Choir Accompanist:	Judith Fear
Trumpet:	Bob Frahm
Lector:	Ryan Salmon
Greeters:	Grant & Anita Tidemann, Eleanor Cork
Lay Visitor:	Dean & Marilyn Wasser
Flower Delivery:	Valarie Magana
Sacristan:	Vicki Gannon

**Worship Report**

Weekly Offering . . . . .	\$9,355.00	Tuesday Eucharist . . . . .	6
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**Prayer Request Note:** As a general rule, prayer requests are included in the Sunday Prayers for two Sundays. If you would like someone included in the prayers for a longer period of time, please let the office know, and we will be happy to include them.



The 2023-2024 year for 49ers+ will end Monday, May 20 at 10 am in FHA. Terry Shriner will discuss their trip to India and through the Suez Canal. Pirates, tigers, and pyramids. OH MY! Everyone is invited to join us for coffee, donuts, and a fun time of fellowship.



**Church Calendar This Week . . .**

*The Ascension of Our Lord*

May 12, 2024

9:15 AM. . . . . Christian Education  
9:15 AM. . . . . Graduation Reception  
10:30 AM. . . . . **Sung Eucharist**

Monday

9:30 AM . . . . . **Spoken Eucharist**  
10:00 AM . . . . . Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM . . . . . Property Committee

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory  
of God and in memory of her mother, Amy  
Anderson, by Eleanor Cork.*

Thursday

1:00 PM . . . . . Quilters

Saturday

9:30 AM . . . . . Library Team  
10:00 AM . . . . . Leah Guild Brunch  
5:00 PM . . . . . **Spoken Eucharist**

*The Day of Pentecost*

May 19, 2024

**Newsletter Deadline**

10:30 AM. . . . . **Sung Eucharist**



**KELSEY PROFFITT**

Kelsey graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in December 2023. She is employed with AE Tools and Computers in Kansas City.

**ASHLEY ARNOLD**

Ashley is graduating from Wichita State University with a Master of Arts in Teaching. She is a secondary teacher at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Wichita.

**BENJAMIN SHERWOOD**

Ben received his BS in Computer Science from Kansas State University in December 2023, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Ben is employed with Koch Global Services in Wichita.

**MALLORIE LUND**

Mallorie is graduating from Southwestern College in Winfield with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She plans to pursue soccer at the professional level, coaching, and teaching.

Collegiate Awards:

- Masterbuilder, one of six seniors who best embody what it means to be a Builder and typify the spirit of Southwestern College.
- KCAC All Conference First Team in Soccer
- SW College Defensive Player of the Year in Soccer
- SW College Coaches Player of the year in Soccer
- SW College Best Female Athlete of the year
- KCAC All Conference Honorable Mention, Defensive back in Flag Football

*It's time to sign up for VBS!*

June 17-19, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Registration forms are in the narthex and online at [gloriadeiwichita.com](http://gloriadeiwichita.com).

VBS is free for kids 3 years old through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Be sure to come – and bring a friend!



VBS Workdays! Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us in FHA after worship to prep materials and decorate for VBS. Stay for 15 minutes or an hour – all help is appreciated! Sign up on the youth bulletin board – or just stay and surprise me! Thank you!!!!



## THOMAS JACOBSON

Thomas is graduating from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing.

## DARBY PARKS

Darby is graduating from Andale High School. She has been involved with Theater and Choir. Darby is heading to WSU to study Theater, where she has received an Academic Merit Scholarship.

## JOSEPH MASURA

Joseph is graduating from Wichita High School East. He was recognized in Solo and Ensemble and went to the state competition with Science Olympiad. Joseph is going to Butler County Community College to study Mechanical Engineering, where he has received a full ride Music Scholarship.

## FELIX RESENDEZ

Felix is graduating from Life Preparatory Academy. He was accepted into the IBEW Apprenticeship Program to become an electrician.

## SOPHIA GOODSON

Sophia is graduating from Winfield High School. She is heading to St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas.



## From the Pastor

In just a few weeks, I will begin my three-month sabbatical. My first Sunday off will be May 19, and my first Sunday back will be August 18.

I am most grateful to the Mutual Ministry Committee, the Congregation Council and indeed the entire congregation for supporting and approving this sabbatical.

My time away will begin with some medical recuperation, as I am scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on May 14.

For some continuing education, I will be attending a conference in Rochester, Minnesota on “*Nature on the Human Body*” and a seminar at Hillsdale College on the “*History of Christianity*.” My plans also include an online class on “The World of Biblical Israel”, some free reading, and some time spent at a monastery.

During my time away, the Rev. Tom Schaefer and the Rev. Alan Lindal will be sharing the responsibilities of leading worship, preaching, and providing pastoral care and oversight. I am grateful to them for their willingness to serve in my absence. I am blessed to have them as brother pastors in our congregation, and the congregation is surely blessed by their presence and ministry.

Please note that during the sabbatical there will be no midweek Eucharists. They will resume when I return.

I am looking forward to this time of refreshment and renewal, but I also know that I will miss my regular interaction with you. I will continue to pray for you, and I ask you to pray for me as well.

In Christ’s service,

*Pastor Jacobson + , STS*