

## Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



# Re-Gathering for Worship

**September 12, 2021**

## **Welcome Back to Glory Lutheran Church**

After many months of worshipping at a physical distance, it is wonderful to be together again in God's house. Some are unable to be here, some continue to worship remotely in their homes with us. We welcome everyone, including those who are watching the live-stream or the recording. Let us pray for the health of this family of faith, the church catholic, the world and all creation.

***Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...***

## ***A Re-Gathering Rite of Lament and Praise***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who upholds us through adversity,  
who consoles us in our sorrows,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Song - Glorify Thy Name**

Father, we love You,  
We worship and adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You...  
Spirit, we love You...

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### **A reading from Isaiah 54:10**

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,  
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,  
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

### **A prayer of lament**

P: We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,  
the losses that our congregation / this community has  
suffered.

We have missed our weekly assembled worship,  
our sharing of bread and cup,  
our communal song,  
our greetings of peace;  
the full observances of Holy Week,  
the Three Days, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity;  
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;  
gatherings for education;  
coffee hours;

the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday,  
*Other laments of the local community may be added.*  
and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died  
of COVID-19.

O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.  
Restore us, gracious God.

**C: Restore us, gracious God.**

P: We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,  
the tragedies that our world has experienced.

We lament the millions sickened;  
the countless dead;  
thousands unemployed;  
medical systems depleted;  
economic security threatened;  
government assistance inadequate;  
political discord escalated;  
despondency rampant;  
racial injustice intensified;  
communal engagements canceled. . .

*Other laments of the world may be added.*

O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are  
Incalculable.

Heal us, compassionate God.

**C: Heal us, compassionate God.**

## **Song - Faithful One**

Faithful One, so unchanging.  
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.  
Lord of all, I depend on You.  
I call out to You again and again,  
I call out to You again and again.

You are my Rock in times of trouble.  
You lift me up when I fall down.  
All through the storm,  
Your love is the anchor.  
My hope is in You alone.  
(repeat)

## Reading - Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;

he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,

no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.

With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

## **Praise on a Sunday of Re-Gathering**

P: Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,  
we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:  
we praise you for Sunday worship in word and sacrament;  
for the personal presence of our pastor, our musicians and  
technicians, our greeters and ushers, and all ministers;  
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;  
for communal song and live music;  
for coffee hours;  
for Bible study;  
for service with one another for the wider community;  
for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays  
and weekdays . . .

*Other praises of the local community may be added.*

O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life  
together.

Empower our church, faithful God.

**C: Empower our church, faithful God.**

P: And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a  
wholesome world:

with health restored;  
mourners consoled;  
vaccines available;  
hospitals restocked;  
employment reinstated;  
poverty averted;  
sustenance shared;  
science respected;  
travel resumed;  
fear replaced with confidence;  
sorrow turned to joy . . .

*Other praises of the world may be added.*

O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

**C: Renew the whole world, merciful God.**

P: Give us your peace, eternal God.

**C: Give us your peace, eternal God.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

*Please take time to say "Peace be with you" and bow to one another,  
greeting each other without touch.*

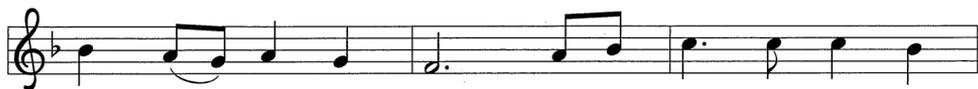
# Hymn of Praise - All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in



*Refrain*

Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come,  
Christ the feast that frees us:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Music: Marty Haugen  
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## Psalm 116

L: I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**C: Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**C: Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**

L: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C: The Lord protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

L: Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**C: For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

L: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**C: I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly  
afflicted”;**

L: I said in my consternation, “Everyone is a liar.”

**C: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?**

L: I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,

**C: I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.**

L: Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.

**C: O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.**

L: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the Lord.

**C: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his  
people,**

L: in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**C: Praise the Lord!**

**Lesson:** James 3: 1-12

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Time

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 8: 27-38

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

# Hymn of the Day - Will You Come and Follow Me

## *sing verses 1, 2 & 3*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## Confession of Faith - 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

### Prayer Response:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

## Offering

*We will not be passing the offering plate;  
as you leave, you may place your offering onto the  
plate located at the back of the church.*

## Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break  
forth in the desert and manna to rain from the  
heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given  
us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to  
nourish the world you love so dearly; through  
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Song - Come to the Table of Mercy

Come to the table of mercy,  
Prepared with the wine and the bread;  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
Come and your souls will be fed.

### **(Chorus)**

Come at the Lord's invitation,  
Receive from His nail-scarred hand;  
Eat of the bread of salvation,  
Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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## Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should  
at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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*At this time we lift up the elements of bread and wine, one after the other. If you like, you may speak aloud or quietly along with the pastor:*

**C: 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.**

### **The 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**

*We share the bread and wine together.*

*Family members may serve each other.*

*As you share the bread, say: **The body of Christ, given for you.***

*Response: **Amen.***

*As you share the wine, say: **The blood of Christ, shed for you.***

*Response: **Amen.***

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Announcements

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**Newsletter Distribution**



Please be sure to read the *Church Matters* newsletter for important news and updates here:

[www.glorylutheran.ca/church-matters](http://www.glorylutheran.ca/church-matters)

With in-person services resuming, we would like to suggest that those who have internet access continue to access the newsletter online.

Those of you who do not have internet access, and have been receiving a paper copy in the mail will receive a paper copy in your mail folder at the church.

Those who had paper copies mailed to them prior to the pandemic, will remain on the hardcopy mail list.

If you would like to be added to the mail list or would like a paper copy in your mail folder, please contact the office.

# Sending Song - Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in-  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## Dismissal

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Do you want to make a difference in a child's faith life?

Do you have a willingness to support our children in their faith journey with love, compassion, and patience?

If so, Sunday School is for you!

Glory Lutheran Church is looking for  
volunteers for the following roles:  
**Sunday School Coordinator(s)**  
**Teachers and Assistants**

QUALIFICATIONS: A sincere desire to positively impact the lives of children and to share God's word!

You need not be a biblical expert!

Persons of all ages (from confirmed youth to long-time members) are encouraged to get involved.

Contact: Greg Jeffrey  
[greg.jeffery@ata.ab.ca](mailto:greg.jeffery@ata.ab.ca)

***Commencement date is to be determined, dependent on congregational comfort with the state of the pandemic after resuming in-person worship and the filling of these roles.***

### **Service Volunteers Needed!**

**Greeters:** Greet people at the door with a smile.

**Ushers:** Distribute service bulletin, count attendance, receive/pass/deliver offering plate, collect bulletins.

***Please look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex***

**Folders of Bulletins:** *please contact the office to volunteer.*

## Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service, including all those who have helped prepare for our return to in-person services - pulling parking lot weeds, mowing lawn, replacing batteries in clocks, planning and rehearsing music, figuring out live streaming, etc.

**Praise Team:**

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**AV Tech:**

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Noah McKinnon  
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**Church Lock-Up:**

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# September 19

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Please have your kids  
bring their backpacks to  
worship on Sept. 19  
there will be a special  
blessing during the  
service.



The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed. This can be accessed on Glory's website in the same way that the online worship services were in the past months. If there is a technological glitch and live streaming does not work, a recording will be available on the website later in the day.

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