

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2024



*The Miraculous Draught of Fishes (1515) by Raphael*

FIND YOUR **GLENVIEW**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**CHURCH**

## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship today. We are blessed to have you with us and look forward to greeting you after worship.

## **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

Godly Play church school has begun! Children ages 4 years-6th grade start in the sanctuary with their families and then are dismissed to the Godly Play room (downstairs in room 9) for the lesson. The daily routine includes a welcome, lesson, response time, snack, and closing prayer. Families pick up their children from Godly Play following the church service. Childcare for children birth-3 years is available during the service in room 107.

## **INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT**

Glenview Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, accepting all who believe in God without regard to race, color, age, marital status, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical ability. It is also a W.I.S.E. church of the United Church of Christ - welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged with respect to persons facing mental health challenges, their families, and their caregivers.

## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**

There are large print bulletins available each Sunday. If you need one, ask an usher.

## **HEARING DEVICES**

Hearing devices are available for your use. They are located in the Narthex. If you need assistance in locating them, please see an usher who will be able to assist you.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Minister	Rev. Abigail Lutz
Organist	Gary Wendt
Musician	Sue Cunningham, flute
Lector	Stephen Lindell
Ambassadors	Sally Hicks, Mary Ellen Johnson
Head Usher	Stephen Lindell
Ushers	Ann Grant, Sally Thuresson, Tom Thuresson, Greg Uhl, Jennifer Vanderflute
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	Lindsey Holton

## **MODERATOR**

Susan Johns

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## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Children and youth are welcome to come forward to exchange a blessing with the congregation before dismissal to Godly Play.*

## **LISTEN**

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 8:27-33

**ANTHEM** *Give Me Jesus*

arr. Hojun Lee

I hear the Savior say,  
"Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find  
Your pow'r and Yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

Give me Jesus,  
Oh, when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world,  
Give me Jesus.

**SERMON** *Who do you say that I am?*

Rev. Abigail Lutz

**\*HYMN #753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

## **RESPOND**

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 288)**

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERING IN MUSIC *Ain'-a That Good News!*

arr. William Dawson

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I got a Savior in-a that kingdom,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain'-a that good news!

I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain'-a that good news!

### \*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

All: Blessed be God forever. Amen.

### \*HYMN #295 *Go To the World!*

SINE NOMINE

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation*

Charles Ore



## Poem of the Week

### God's Graffiti *by Ann Weems*

We've splashed our rules  
all over the sanctuary walls...  
So many rules we don't have time  
for dancing...  
our graffiti  
defiling the house of God.  
God's graffiti is different:  
God writes LOVE  
upon our hearts.  
Some night, let's sneak in the sanctuary  
and paint over the rules  
and write God's graffiti  
all over the walls...  
LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 16

Diving Into Scripture: Fall Bible Study with Rev. Abigail- Mondays at 7 p.m., September 16-October 28 in the Commons. Learn about how and why we interpret Scripture while diving into our Sunday texts! All are welcome!

### September 18

Amos Speakers Forum- 7 p.m. in The Commons. “Back to School with 60+ Languages!”, with Patrick Hoeft, principal of D34’s Westbrook School; Raquel Kim, Assistant Superintendent for Multilingual Services; and literacy educators.

### September 20

Front Porch Concert- 5:30 p.m. on GCC’s front lawn! Concert will feature the Kevin Kizer Jazz Quartet.

### September 22

Peace Sunday~ Join us next Sunday, September 22 for a special worship service dedicated to peace, with an opportunity to collaborate with the Glenview Public Library as they work towards a community art installation centered around the theme of peace.

### September 22

**Inquiring Members Brunch** ~ Interested in learning more about membership at GCC? Join Rev. Jim, Rev. Abigail, and GCC lay leaders in the chapel after worship (11:15 a.m.) for refreshments and a chance to get to know GCC. Anyone interested in membership will be invited to officially be welcomed as a member during worship on October 13. If you are interested in membership but cannot make it next week, reach out to Rev. Jim or Rev. Abigail.

### September 25

Pollinator Gardening with Tim Pollak- Wednesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in the Commons. Learn from Tim Pollak, Chicago Botanic Garden Manager of Plant Production. Cost is \$10, all proceeds benefit GCC.

### Generosity Campaign, October 2024: Why Timing Matters

In a week or two, you’ll receive a letter from the Generosity Campaign with all the information you need to make your 2025 pledge. Please respond by November 10—for very good reasons. GCC’s leadership will be working hard in November and December to create the 2025 budget, and they need accurate numbers. Predictable pledge numbers allow us to allocate money to music, youth, missions outreach, and the many other programs that make GCC the abundant place we love.

### Electronic Giving

Didn’t bring your cash? No more checks? No problem! Scan the QR code to be directed to the GCC giving web page where you can make a donation directly from your phone. Thank you to everyone for their continued support!



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## **PROGRAM STAFF**

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Karen Ornduff, New To You

## **OFFICE STAFF**

Dave Aki, Director of Operations  
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## **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Glenview Community Church is a Christian community of acceptance and welcome for all God's people. We strive to make our buildings and grounds a place of sanctuary and safety for each person who comes here. Our church community is:

Inspired by Christ,  
Enriched by Faith,  
Committed to Inclusivity.

We serve God as advocates for Justice, Compassion, and Peace.