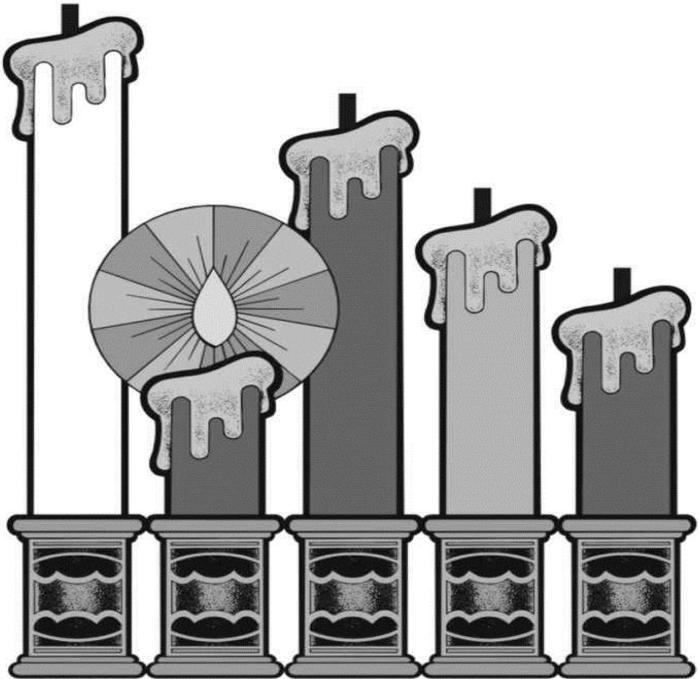


Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Where Guests Become Friends and Friends Become Family

EXPECTATION

And what I say to you I say
to all: Keep awake.
Mark 13.37



1st Sunday in Advent

Order of Worship
December 3, 2017
10:00 am

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus: **Mark's Challenge:**
This world's kingdom or God's Kingdom?

Advent is the season of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ. It encourages us to examine our lives, to reflect on our need for God to enter our lives and to earnestly prepare for and eagerly await to coming of Christ. The first lesson turns our attention to confession, repentance and divine restoration. The second lesson sees the restoration of the faithful beginning in Christ and fulfilled in the revealing of Jesus Christ on the day of the Lord. Finally, using some of the images of apocalyptic, the Gospel urges the elect to be alert for the return of Christ for no one except the Father knows the day or the hour of the Lord's return.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

1st Sunday in Advent

AS WE GATHER Advent is the Church's "wake-up call!" Yes, the Lord is coming whether the world is ready or not. For those unprepared, His coming means judgment. For those ready for His coming, it means salvation, the hope fulfilled for God's people.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC/ WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *"The King is Coming"* K. Christopherson

INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN OF PRAISE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* LSB 357

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 64:1-9* **ESV**

THE SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 1:3-9* **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM *"Open Wide Your Heavens!"*

Tune: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

THE GOSPEL READING *Mark 13:24-37* **ESV**

OUR CONFESSION

The Apostles Creed interspersed with Scripture

SERMON HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* LSB 338

SERMON *"When The Lord Comes"* *Isaiah 64:1-9*

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY SONG *"More Precious Than Silver"*

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING BY GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT of the ALTAR ✠

PRAYER/ SANCTUS **LSB 178**

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION - DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" **LSB 618**

"The Lamb" **LSB 547**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"At the Name of Jesus"* **LSB 512**

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS / POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

All About Angels

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Hard Sayings of Paul

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

December 3

"Advent Adventure"

(Mark 13:24-37)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart, and "live by faith, and not by sight."

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

December 10

Prep Time"

(Mark 1:1-3)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Preparing for Christmas is quite different than preparing for Christ.

Today's Lutheran Hour message explores those differences.

Listen on WCCO AM at 6:05 am, Sunday mornings, or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org or on XM Satellite Radio you can also hear

The Lutheran Hour on XM 170 Sundays at noon

STEWARDSHIP: Advent 1 -- 1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives: we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

CIRCUIT FORUM MEETING -- The Nov. 19th meeting at Mt Zion Lutheran Church, S Mpls nominated and approved the Rev. Kurt Weber of Golden Valley Lutheran Church to be the next Circuit Visitor for our Minneapolis Circuit. This will officially be approved at the MN South Convention in June 2018.

On **December 16**, the living nativity at **Bethel Lutheran Church, 670 Wheelock Parkway W, Saint Paul** will be held, including a first-century Bethlehem marketplace. Doors open for the marketplace at 5:30pm, with periodic **live shows starting at 6:00pm, concluding at 8:00**. Event is free and for all ages

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection
Winston Churchill

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE **December 3** "God created you in the womb. He formed your very being. He called you by name for His great plans. He made your life new through the Holy One of Israel. God gave you a new heart through Christ. God has loved you so deeply—and He gives you the gift of life so deeply—that He gave you the heart of Christ. HIS heart beats within you. THAT is God's gift of grace." *Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona*

If you have Thrivent Insurance, don't forget Thrivent Choice Dollars! Call every month!

Call 1-800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836). When asked for subject, say "Choice Dollars". When asked for a choice, press 1. Then answer the next question with your birth date. Then a Thrivent person will answer. Tell the person you want to direct your choice dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 NE McKinley St, Minneapolis.

\$30 was donated for the month of October
Thank you so much for your generous giving!

Adult Literacy Tutors Needed

Open Door Learning Center – Northeast, 724 Lowry Ave NE, a program of the Minnesota Literacy Council, is seeking volunteers to serve as Adult Literacy Tutors to help adults gain essential literacy skills. Reading prescription labels, helping a child with homework and filling out job applications are just a few of the goals immigrants, refugees and native-born Minnesotans work toward as they brush up on their reading and writing skills. Volunteers can choose to work one-to-one, in small groups, or as a classroom assistant. The time commitment ranges from 2 – 3 hours per week. Daytime and evening hours are available. Info: Wendy Vang Roberts at 651-251-9063 or wroberts@mnliteracy.org.

HINGES-Opening Your Church's Doors To The Community

In the past, the doors of the church opened inward, but now people are no longer coming in through Church doors as they once did. Instead, God is calling His Church (you) to open the doors outward as the people of God take the Gospel to the community. Copies of the book we are reading and will have discussion groups in January are available. Ask Pastor for one!!!

2018 Calendars

The 2018 Wall Calendars from Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels are now available on the table (back of Church). *Help yourself!*

BIRTHDAYS: 4th Margaret Maxwell, 8th Alex Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Shirley & Rudy Holzinger –
Nephew Adam's birthday on Dec 5th

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Karmon Christopherson, Millie Eckhardt, Deb
Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Gwen Johnson, Ada Samson,
Dorothy Woll, Verlayne Sather

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Tyler Blumke (Son of Layne Betterman's Coworker) Brain cyst

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Onger (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering at home

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) heart surgery recovery

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother)

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Evie Horman (Sandy Westling's sister) recovery – heart issues

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Beverly Papcek (Grunnes' cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

LaDonna Sund (Verlayne's sister) pacemaker surgery & recovery

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Seth Ayala (Verlayne's nephew) – continuing problems

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Social Ministry Committee is **collecting new gift items** for children 0-14 years old for the **Salvation Army**. There is a greater need for gifts for boys and girls ages 6–14. We will be collecting the gifts **through December 10th**. You may bring them to church and place them under the Christmas tree.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

12/03 Sun	First Sunday in Advent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA
12/04 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
12/05 Tues	5:30 pm ERC Meeting
12/06 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
12/08 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
12/09 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
12/10 Sun	Second Sunday in Advent
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Fellowship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle

Altar Care: They Lyrenmanns

Attendance 11/23/17: 27

Thanksgiving Offerings -- Regular \$480; Loose: \$30;

Street Repair: \$200 Total: \$710

Attendance 11/26/17: 43

Offerings -- Regular \$1,395; Loose: \$34; Holiday \$350;

Flowers \$13.50 Total: \$1,792

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

POINSETTIA'S

Beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas by donating a poinsettia!

The cost is \$13.50. Place your order no later than Sunday,

December 3. You will be billed directly from the church.

You may also bring in your own poinsettias, but please still sign up.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board or call the church office to place your order. Thank You!

Mrs. Kelly's Tea Tasting Weekend

Sunday, Dec. 3

Doors open at 9 am, with all day tasting until 5 pm at the Grain Belt Brewery Warehouse, 77 13th Ave. NE. This is a free event with a suggested \$2 donation or non-perishable food item which will be donated to Perspectives Kids Café and Second Harvest Heartland. This event features an opportunity to sample and purchase over 101 of Mrs. Kelly's most popular, award-winning, local, freshly blended teas and will also feature samplings and sales of great Minnesota food and artisan products from Muddy Paws Cheesecakes, Ames Farm Honey, Patti's Nuts, handmade pottery, original canvas paintings and more. The first 25 shoppers in the door each day will receive a ceramic Mrs. Kelly's mug.

Medicare open enrollment for 2018

Medicare open enrollment runs through December 7, 2017. During this time you can review, compare, and select your health care plan choices, including your Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. Prescription drug plans change and new plans become available each year that could offer better coverage and/or save you money.

Check out the **Medicare Plan Finder** which provides details on the prescription drug plans available in your area. Call Medicare with questions at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and/or contact the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 and on the web at www.MinnesotaHelp.info or www.Medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Senior Community Services warns, never give out your Medicare card number to anyone you are unfamiliar with. If something feels off, it probably is. Have someone you trust give you a second opinion anytime you are felling uneasy about a decision that will affect your Medicare.

The Senior LinkAge Line, 1-800-333-2433 is a statewide resource during open enrollment. In Hennepin County, Senior Community Services has 14 in-person counseling sites that offer unbiased guidance in navigating your Medicare choices.

Medicare Health Insurance Counseling, provided by state certified health insurance counselors, is available at The Legacy of St. Anthony OR Bottineau Park Recreation Center –appointments call NE Seniors at 612-781-5096. Health insurance counseling services are also available by calling the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433.2017

Thank you to ALL who came to decorate the Church for Christmas on 11/30!!!!

Grocery Assistance -- Help At Your Door

Help At Your Door provides access to nutritious food, companionship, and a helpful hand in your kitchen. Grocery Assistance is \$15 and includes:

- Easy-to-use product catalog and phone order placement
- No internet needed — though clients do have the option to place orders online
- Delivery of grocery items and help with putting them away
- Accept EBT payments/SNAP benefits

5 Simple Steps on How the Service Works

STEP 1: The process is easy. To register call their office at 651-642-1892. You will be enrolled within three business days and your first delivery will be within one week of time of enrollment.

STEP 2: Once registered, you will receive an easy-to-use grocery product catalog filled with thousands of groceries and household items.

STEP 3: You will then be paired with a volunteer who will call you to take your order at a specific day and time each week. Do you prefer to place orders online? We have the option for clients to login and create their own orders.

STEP 4: Groceries will be delivered to you on the same day each week, so that you can plan your schedule according to your delivery day.

STEP 5: Payment for groceries happens upon delivery when our drivers bring the groceries into your kitchen. We even help with the extras – like unpacking bags, opening jars, or putting away heavy items. We make payment for your groceries easy for you. We accept checks, credit and debit cards and SNAP benefits via EBT. We cannot accept cash nor tips.

Schedule Help At Your Door's Grocery Assistance Service today by calling 651-642-1892.

Would you like to speak with a Help At Your Door spokesperson? Please call **(651)642-1892** to schedule an interview with Executive Director, Karen Cotch.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

At the Annual Voter's Meeting on Nov 12th
Gloria Dei voted to become a
TOGETHER IN MISSION congregation.

This partnership agreement means that
because of our desire to participate more
directly and personally in God's mission—
to bring the Good News of salvation to the
very ends of the earth—we commit
ourselves to support the mission



endeavors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through LCMS
Mission Advancement in partnership with

Missionary Kayla Hoem – Spain Team

Commitment of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Our earnest and sincere desire is to be Christ's ambassadors,
proclaiming the saving Gospel of Christ and making disciples for Him
both at home and throughout the world. We, the members of Gloria
Dei Lutheran Church, do prayerfully and joyfully commit ourselves by
God's grace:

1. to support Missionary Kayla Hoem in the amount of **\$600** per year, payable quarterly for 1 year. A 2 or 3 year option is open.
2. to praying in private and weekly in public worship for Missionary Kayla Hoem and the work of the Spain/Latin America Team;
3. to communicate with Missionary Kayla Hoem through letters, cards, and e-mails, especially on her birthday (**February 15**) and during special church seasons;
4. to welcome Missionary Kayla Hoem when she return on home service, providing her the opportunity to share with us what God has done and is doing through her and the Latin America;
5. to assume the responsibility for the missionary's travel expenses such as transportation, meals, and housing to visit Gloria Dei Lutheran Church during home service, **if her schedule allows.**

TOGETHER-IN MISSIONS- Kayla Hoem - Missionary to Spain
Offering envelopes are being sent to us and can be used in addition
to your regular offering as you choose. Quarterly door offerings
are being planned throughout the year to support her.

Catechesis Note for the Week

What is Lutheran Eschatology and Life in the Two Kingdoms?

Eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. How we understand Eschatology has an impact on how we should live our lives and what we are to expect to occur in God's plan.

As Christians we are always living in the end times. We are not waiting for them to begin (inaugurated eschatology). The end times began with Jesus' death. The writer to the Hebrews says (1:1-2): ***"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us through His Son,*** We live as citizens of heaven and as pilgrims within this world. We live as members of the holy Christian Church, and as citizens of the country in which we live..

The New Testament descriptions of the end times do not describe an easy situation in which to live as Christians. In fact, our Lord reminds us, ***"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be when the Son of Man comes again"*** (Matt 24:37-38). ***People before the flood were going about the daily business, marrying and being given into marriage, working, but also at that time we recall, "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"*** (Gen. 6:5). We do not expect moral progress or improvement in the world as time goes by.

Scripture warns us that we are citizens of both kingdoms, that in the end times challenges will come. The two kingdoms of God will seem to be at war with each other at times, they will be confused with one another, and claim one another's authority and jurisdiction. Therefore, we must be alert, wearing the full armor of God, and be attentive to the approaching dangers understood by the light of God's Word. Satan will not be coming with horns, a pitch fork, and long red underwear. He comes as an angel of light, a wolf in sheep's clothing, a false savior, a false "Christ." For the second beast of Revelation 13 is not outwardly a monster but an authority and power, a legal entity.

Today's Scripture Readings

ISAIAH 64: 1-9: God's people had again departed from Him through their own deliberate turning from Him and His ways. Isaiah here prays for them. If only the Lord would show His awesome presence through the cataclysms of nature as He had done for Israel long ago! But He won't, because the present Israel has hardened itself in its sin and become spiritually listless, and is therefore left only to sink lower into its transgression and iniquity. The final verses of this selection offer a beautiful placatory prayer that God would still change and mold them as His people.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9: Even though he is going to have many severe words to say in this letter, St Paul's opening greeting to the Corinthians is greatly affirmatory and encouraging. It is always important that Christians realize and remember that it is solely God's grace which has first called them to faith, established the necessary knowledge to be saved, and then distributed marked gifts to serve His purposes in His kingdom. God for His part will faithfully continue to do this right up until the day of Jesus Christ as Christians continue in the testimony (the word) of Jesus Christ.

MARK 13:24-37: Once more the readings of Advent direct our attention to the end of all things in the return of our Lord. Jesus here refers to cataclysmic cosmic disturbances among the signs immediately prior to his coming. Other signs mentioned earlier in the same chapter give protracted warning that the end is impending. As nature's harbingers herald the coming summer, so believers should be reminded of the end. As only the Father knows in His deep counsels exactly when this will occur, believers need constantly to be spiritually awake and working.

Lessons for the 2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8