

FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING.



1 Samuel 3.9

Order of Worship

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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.

Focus - The Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin & Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). God the Father did not spare His only-begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His Cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death.

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)

2nd Sunday after the EPIPHANY

AS WE GATHER: Throughout all time, we find God calling ordinary people like you and me to carry out specific tasks. In every case, God is fully aware of the lack of confidence and skills in those He calls. When God calls ordinary people like us to be His disciples, to invite others to come and see Jesus as Philip did, or whatever it might be that God calls us to do, may God grant that our response be the same as Samuel. When God called, Samuel replied, *"Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening?"*

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRELUDE/WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"As the Deer"

Psalm 42 **HYMN**

"I Love You Lord"

Laurie Klein

INVOCATION

Based on Psalm 139:1-6

OUR CONFESSION

GOD'S RESPONSE

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to God on High"

Tune: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ OUR LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

ESV

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

ESV

GOSPEL ANTHEM

"O Living God"

Ken Bible

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

ESV

OUR BAPTISMAL CONFESSION - THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ Alone"

Getty/Townend

SERMON *"Have You made Your Connection?" John 1:43-51*

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

MM Praise 74

INSTALLATION OF THE 2018 OFFICERS AND BOARDS

GATHERING of the OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"How Deep the Fathers Love . . ." Townsend*

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

BIRTHDAYS: None

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: Christmas Poinsettias

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson, Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Gwen Johnson, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

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

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

Dr. Lori Ongeri (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)

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

DIAL-A-DEVOTION is a daily devotion supported by Trinity Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake. There is a new devotion and prayer each day.

Call 651-429-0078 and follow the directions.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY First Timothy

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Comparative Christianity

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

January 14

"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

(John 1: 48-51)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?"

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 21

"Meeting Millennials Where They're at"

(Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus calls His first disciples.))

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough?

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

STEWARDSHIP: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father – and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

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. If you didn't call last year... you can call and release all of your 2017 dollars. February 28, 2018 is the year-end deadline for release of 2017 dollars.

\$232 was received in December!

Thank you so much for your generous giving!



Please Note: Installation of all officers and board members will occur today, January 14th at a special ceremony during our regular worship service.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH LEGACY GIFT GIVING

If anyone is interested in Legacy Gift Giving, please contact the Pastor for additional information. No matter how large or small, each gift can make a significant impact on our mission and ministry!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: January 14 "The church must be reminded that it is ... the conscience of the state ... It must be the guide and the critic of the state ... If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority." *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments?

Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event 2/5/2018 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

Tai Ji Quan: Moving For Better Balance

East Side Neighborhood Services is offering Moving for Better Balance. This Tai Chi class reduces risk of falls by improving balance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mobility through mindful movements in a slow, flowing motion. This exercise class meets twice a week on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for 12 weeks from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Classes run January 8 - April 4 (no class January 15 or 31). The cost of this class is based on ability to pay. No one will be turned away due to financial constraints. To register, email TeamEVA@esns.org or call 612-787-4045.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/14 Sun	Second Sunday after the Epiphany
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA
1/15 Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrated
	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
1/16 Tues	7:00 am Council Meeting
1/17 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
1/18 Thurs	11:30 am KOA+ @ Denny's New Brighton
1/19 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
1/20 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
1/21 Sun	Sanctity of Life Sunday
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morellis

Counters: Derald and Chris Hadrath

Altar Care: Verlayne Sather

Attendance 1/07/2018: 28

Offerings -- Regular \$2,295; Loose: \$25; Rental \$1,050;

Flowers \$67.50; Candles \$6; Portals of Prayer \$45;

Total: \$3,488.50

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

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!!!**

Join us for Fellowship following today's Service.

Hosted by Diane Gade, Roselyn Norman, Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle

January 22 March for Life

Concordia University St Paul will host a Chapel service on Monday, Jan. 22, beginning at 10:30am, at Graebner Memorial Chapel. Come to worship and pray that people everywhere will uphold the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and turn their hearts toward the children.

After chapel, we will then travel to the Capitol Mall for the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) March For Life which begins at 12:00pm south of the Capitol building. It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps at 12:30. MCCL will introduce its legislative agenda for the upcoming session during the program. Many pro-life elected officials are expected to attend the March and will be introduced to the crowd.

The purpose of the March is to commemorate the lives lost to abortion (and the women and men who have been hurt as a result) and to call for renewed respect and protection for all members of the human family, including unborn children and their mothers.

For further information on the MCCL March For Life or to download the March flyer visit: <https://www.mccl.org/march> or contact Pastor James Kroonblawd, MNS District Life Coordinator, at 651-454-7235.

**Thank you to everyone who helped "un decorate" the Church and put away the Christmas decorations.
Your hard work is appreciated!**

ALUMINUM CANS MISSION OFFERING - Remember to bring in your aluminum cans to support the Mission outreach ministry at Gloria Dei. Thank you for your help in collecting cans.



Shoeboxes for kids Faithful supporters like you enabled Samaritan's Purse to collect 11 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts worldwide in 2017! That's 11 million opportunities to share God's love with boys and girls in need. We are excited to bless even more children in 2018 as we celebrate our 25th anniversary of bringing Good News and great joy to the nations.

Catechesis Note for the Week

The First Article of the Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them; in addition thereto, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and homestead, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life, protects me from all danger, and guards me and preserves me from all evil; and all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I owe it to Him to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

***"All that I am and all that I have comes from God.
Apart from Him I am and have nothing."***

These assertions are central to the Christian teaching concerning God. They declare that we, and all of creation, are completely dependent upon Him. Even when we abuse the life and gifts that He has given, we do so by His power in us. This is what makes such evil all the more blasphemous!

Martin Luther's Creedal Hymn, confesses both our dependence upon God and His love for us that motivates Him to create, provide, protect, and defend us. (LSB 954)

The Catechism helps us to understand that what He has made and given is ALWAYS good, even if our sinful human reason might not think so and might even rebel against such gifts. There is great freedom in the gift of faith that accepts the truths of the First Article. All Christians, the deaf, the blind, and the lame, still confess that God has made them, including their "eyes, ears, and all their members," even if they don't work the way they want them to work. God's created gifts are given AS THEY ARE, that we might learn to trust in Him through these gifts, extolling Him alone as God and relying upon His grace in our weakness.

Today's *Scripture* Readings

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10: The young boy Samuel, born in answer to prayer to aged Hannah and Elkanah, was given back to God by his mother to serve in the temple at Shiloh. Sleeping there one night, the little boy was called by God three times during the night. Thinking it was the priest Eli who called, Samuel wakened him on each occasion. Eli eventually instructed him to answer, 'Speak Lord, your servant hears'. Samuel obeyed, and God told him many things which would happen in Israel.

Psalms 139:1-10 is an Individual Hymn of Thanksgiving. The psalmist praises God for His goodness in delivering them from various life-threatening situations, such as illness, oppression, enemy attack, etc. He addresses God directly, using the personal name of Israel's God, Yahweh and second person (you) pronouns ten times in the first six verses. In addition, the psalmist refers to himself thirteen times. With this abundance of first and second person pronouns in the first six verses, Psalm 139 reflects the profound relationship of the "I" and "You" of a prayer addressed to a known, named, identifiable You.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20: Before hearing and believing the gospel, the Corinthian Christians had engaged in sexual immorality as part of their heathen religious worship. Some were still finding it hard not to be involved in sexual perversion. They knew that Christ had died for their sins to set them free from death. They thought they were free, however, to do what they pleased. St Paul here defines a very clear-cut teaching of how a Christian sees his/her body. Having been redeemed from sin, the body belongs to God.

JOHN 1:43-51: Just after John the Baptist had pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, that is the Messiah, Jesus went the next day to Galilee. Jesus convinced Philip of Jesus' messiahship. Philip brought Nathanael to Jesus. Jesus convinced and called Nathanael also. Jesus' knowledge of Nathanael's inner spiritual life authenticated Jesus' divine sonship in Nathanael's mind.

Lessons for 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 7:29-35; Mark 1:14-20