

Hope For Life *Life Sunday 2018*



*For You formed my inward parts;
You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are Your works;
my soul knows it very well.*

Psalm 139:13-14

Order of Worship

January 21, 2018 | 10:00 am

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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 - Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday

We affirm that God loves, nurtures, sustains, and designs all life. In the beginning, God bestowed upon man the breath of life. In spite of God's unrivaled life-gift, man rebelled and the death-consequence cursed life. Even in the midst of these seemingly insurmountable repercussions, God redeems humankind and perpetuates eternal life. His Word makes this clear. His love makes this clear. Vulnerable lives are of extraordinary worth---including the foreigner, the widow, the orphan, and the unborn, the aged. God loves all His children and rejoices in their life!

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)

Sanctity of Life Sunday

AS WE GATHER: "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" is more than a cute children's song! It's what we are called to be and do! Peter reminds us that "*In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*" That "hope" is the Good News of Jesus Christ who came into this dark world of sin as the light of salvation. And the Good News of Jesus Christ is more than nice sounding words. It's Good News that speaks to us in our everyday lives. **It is Good News FOR Life!**

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "*Hail, O Source of Every Blessing*" **LSB 409**

INVOCATION

Based on Psalm 139:1-6

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

GOD'S DECLARATION of HIS LOVE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* **ESV**

EPISTLE READING *1 Peter 3:15-22* **ESV**

GOSPEL ANTHEM "*Teach Us Lord*" **Tune: LSB 924**

GOSPEL READING *Mark 1:14-20* **ESV**

THE APOSTLES CREED *w/Luther's Explanation of the 1st Article*

HYMN OF THE DAY "*There is A Hope!*"

SERMON "*Hope For Life*" **1 Peter 3:15-22**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY "*Create in Me*" **MM Praise 74**

OFFERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI *Tune: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* **LSB 702**

DISTRIBUTION – HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" **LSB 915**

"There is a Redeemer" **LSB 971**

OUR PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "*By Faith*" **Stuart Townsend**

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

TODAY'S 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?

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 28 "Cause I Said So" (Mark 1: 21-28)

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

Many have pretended to be the Messiah. In today's text, Jesus authority is recognized and obeyed by His competition.

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: Transfiguration | Matthew 17:7

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." When Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity – for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: "Life issues didn't arise overnight. Their frequent connection to medical technology can make them seem like recent developments—and advances in understanding physiology and pharmaceuticals have made abortion and euthanasia more efficient and available of late. But these circumstances have been causing society's difficulties—and providing opportunities to proclaim the Gospel—since ancient times." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life—A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life*

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!

**Thank you to all the helping hands who helped
"un decorate" the Church and put away the Christmas
decorations. It was a coordinated effort over several days.
Your hard work is appreciated!**

BIRTHDAYS: Krystal Kruse

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, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell' Sandy Westling

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 in Rehab in Shakopee

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) hospitalized – 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

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/21 Sun	Sanctity of Life Sunday
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA
1/22 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
1/23 Tues	7:00 pm Council Meeting
	<i>(Rescheduled from Tuesday, Jan 16)</i>
1/24 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
1/26 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
1/27 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
1/28 Sun	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Lyrenmanns

Counters: Derald and Chris Hadrath

Altar Care: Verlayne Sather

Attendance 1/14/2018: 28

Offerings -- Regular \$1,390; Loose: \$82; Flowers \$67.50;

Portals of Prayer \$15; Total: \$1,554.50

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 are free and discussion groups will be scheduled for February. If you have your copy already, please continue reading, if you don't, **ask Pastor for one!!!**

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

**Are you at Risk for Stroke, Heart Disease and Diabetes?
Did you know that a 10% decrease in your cholesterol can
reduce your risk for heart disease by 30%?**

- Diabetes is the 5th leading cause of death in the US
- Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure
- Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death

Register for the lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose and CRP blood tests for only \$129.

Visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle OR call 1-888-653-6441. Taking control of your health doesn't have to be hard.

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be hosting a Life
Line Screening preventive health event on
Monday, February 5.**

FREE SAFETY CHECK FOR SENIORS

No-cost Home Safety Check for Seniors is offered by the Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) Program of Senior Community Services. We will check your need for handrails, grab-bars, smoke detectors, lighting, and other home safety components. Older adults aged 60+ residing in suburban Hennepin County and Minneapolis are eligible for this limited time offer. No sales. For more information contact 952-746-4046 or email home@seniorcommunity.org for more details.

***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!

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.

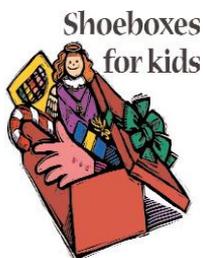
After chapel, we will then travel to the Capitol Mall for the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) March For Life which begins at 12:00pm south of the Capitol building. It will be followed by a brief program on the Capitol steps at 12:30. MCCL will introduce its legislative agenda for the upcoming 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.

Any changes to your information in the Church Directory?

If so, please let the Office know.



**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.

Fill Our Grocery Cart!
**Gloria Dei has already donated
132 pounds of food to the
SALVATION ARMY for the month
of January. Thank you!**



Catechesis Note for the Week

The 2nd Article of the Apostles Creed

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Redemption is the theme of the Second Article.

It is a word that indicates that we have been "purchased and won" by Christ from Satan who had been our lord and taskmaster. Satan held sinful man and each one of us in his clutches. His power over us was the Law through sin. Because of our sinful rebellion he was able to lay claim to us and hold us under the Law's condemnation.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, the condemnation of hell, and the power of Satan, by becoming a curse for us under the Law and pouring out His life-blood into death for us. This is how He, as the Seed of the Woman, would "bruise" or "crush" the devil's headship and authority over man, according to the first promise of the Gospel in Genesis 3:15. He, the woman's Seed, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary, shall bruise your head [Satan's power to condemn us] and you [Satan] shall bruise His heel. Christ was "bruised" upon the cross as He trampled Satan underfoot through His suffering and death. Now we have freedom from Satan's tyranny through faith in Christ.

Today's Scripture Readings

JONAH 3:1-5,10: Jonah had been told by God to go to Nineveh to preach repentance. Jonah took a ship in the other direction. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria – the nation threatening the life of Israel. After being vomited from the belly of a big fish Jonah was redirected to Nineveh. This time Jonah went. The task seemed insuperable. God teaches that he reaches to people regardless of nationality. The most important thing to God is that his mercy be extended to whoever will repent.

PSALM 62: This Psalm attributed to David is a warning not to let one's power erode one's trust in God. We are in the way both of duty and comfort, when our souls wait upon God; when we cheerfully give up ourselves, and all our affairs, to his will and wisdom; when we leave ourselves to all the ways of his providence, and patiently expect the event, with full satisfaction in his goodness. Those who have found the comfort of the ways of God themselves, will invite others into those ways; we shall never have the less for others sharing with us. the good counsel given is, to trust wholly in God.

1 PETER 3:15-22: Through Jesus' death and resurrection a new covenant has been made, one that frees even those who died in the flood in Noah's time. Our baptism is the sign that we are part of that new covenant. We have been given a new, right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ." Thus the passage is really about the redemptive work of Christ and the example of salvific suffering for us.

MARK 1:14-20: After his baptism and after John's arrest, Jesus began his own earthly ministry. He preached from the context that the Kingdom is entered through repentance and believing the gospel. The call of the four disciples brings home to us the truth that the unbelieving world is outside the Kingdom, like fish, which are there to be netted in. The gospel needs therefore to be worked to bring people in.

Lessons for 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28