



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Order of Worship**

**June 17, 2018**

**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 -- In Christ - We are of good courage***

"What is there to live for?" That is a question that fills many hearts, both Christian and non-Christian alike, today. These are times of crisis. We feel them very strongly in this present hour. Many are troubled by the bleak look of the future. Teen-age suicide rates are rocketing as despair spreads. So, many are asking the question, "What is there to live for?"

Well, the world of the 1st century looked very similarly bleak, and there was no more reason for hope in the days of the apostles than there is in our own times. But notice how Paul puts it as he introduces this passage to us here. Vers 6, "So we are always of good courage"; then again in Verse 8, "We are of good courage." That note has been sounded again and again throughout this passage. In Verse 1 of Chapter 4 he says, "Having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart"; and in Verse 16 of Chapter 4 he says, "So we do not lose heart."

***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)**

# 4th Sunday after Pentecost

**AS WE GATHER:** God answers our prayers and protects us in the day of trouble and strengthens those whom we cherish close to our hearts. Some take pride in what they can see and hear, but we take pride in God's activity in our lives. This gives us good reason to shout with joy for we believe that when we do call upon the Lord, our prayers are heard and answered. Let us worship God with gladness and joy.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP and BE BLESSED ✠

**PRESERVICE MUSIC and WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP "This is the Day The Lord Has Made" LSB 903**

**INVOCATION**

**OUR CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**HYMN OF PRAISE "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LSB 575**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 17:22-24 ESV**

**EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 ESV**

**GOSPEL ANTHEM "Alleluia, Lord, to Whom shall we go?" LSB 156**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise To You And Adoration" LSB 692**

**SERMON "Embracing A New Identity" 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERTORY "Create in Me" LSB 192**

**OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

**PREFACE**

**SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 961**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**THE DISTRIBUTION -- DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" LSB 570**

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

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

**THE BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 5:17**

**CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722**

+ Silent Prayer +

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / POSTLUDE**

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**June 17**

**"Tell Me a Story!"**

**(Mark 4:26-34)**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Jesus loves to tell us stories. In His stories about the normal things of life, Jesus teaches us about the reign of God in our lives. This Father's Day, what makes for a godly father, or mother or Christian? The willingness to tell our stories.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**June 24**

**"Jesus, Don't You Care?"**

**(Mark 4:38-41)**

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

After seeing one of the Savior's miracles the disciples asked, "Who is this Guy?" After Pentecost, they knew Who Jesus was and why He had come. Even so, the world keeps coming up with wrong answers when they ask, "Just Who is this Guy?"

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](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** **June 17** "Children, vulnerable and dependent, desperately need security, and it has ever been a duty and a joy of fatherhood to offer it. Being a father requires strength ... and more than a little courage ... to persevere, to fight discouragement, and to keep working for the family ... With God's grace, fathers find the patience to teach, the fortitude to provide, the compassion to comfort, and the mercy to forgive. All of this is to say that they find the strength to love their wives and children selflessly ... Let us ... express our thanks and affection to our fathers, whether we can do so in person or in prayer." *President Ronald Reagan, Father's Day 1988 • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**STEWARDSHIP:** **June 17 (Proper 6)**

**Mark 4:34 – "He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything."**

How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments – and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>6/17 Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship w/HC</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b> NA
<b>6/18 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> AIAnon 1
	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AIAnon 2
<b>6/19 Tues</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>6/20 Wed</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> TLWCC Bible Study
<b>6/22 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> TLWCC Music Practice
	<b>8:00 pm</b> AA/AIAnon
<b>6/23 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> TLWCC Worship
	<b>6:00 pm</b> TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>6/24 Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b> NA

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Bill Woll and Gwen Johnson**

**Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer**

**Altar Care: Diane Gade**

**Attendance: 6/10/2018: 33**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,535; Loose Plate \$16; May Mission \$100; Memorials \$275; Kitchen Fund \$150; Refund (Lawn Care) \$14**

**Total: \$2,090**

**Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87**

**Wednesday Bible Study: Next Class – July 11th**

**Sunday Bible Study: Next class – September 8th**

**\*\*\* Altar Care needed for July! \*\*\***

### **Spring Offering -- May/June**

The Spring Offering, being held through the end of June, will benefit **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. Every day they are making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country. Bethesda is a Christian organization that provides homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. Feel free to use your May/June Offering envelopes or another envelope marked as such. Thank you

**BIRTHDAYS:** 18<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Tousignant, 21<sup>st</sup> Carlos Martinez,  
22<sup>nd</sup> LeRoy Halverson

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jonathan & Sara Edwards

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** None

**FLOWERS:** None

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,  
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,  
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery  
**Lynn & Edith Engel** (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) – Lynn, Cancer  
and Reconstructive surgery (w/chemo and radiation to follow)  
**Vera Gade** (Pastor's mother) hospitalized w/ broken hip  
**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues  
**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues  
**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation  
**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues  
**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD  
**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness  
**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer  
**Doris Rixe**, (Nanc's mother) – heart related recovery  
**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)  
**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer  
**Nancy Tousant** (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

**“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.

**FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR STREET REPAIR**

You may have noticed over the last several weeks, street work and repairs have continued outside of Gloria Dei with upgrades to the pedestrian ramps, replacement of select curbs and gutters and a diamond grid resurfacing of the street pavement.

As a reminder in April 2017, we were assessed \$18,073.72 for this project. Since the work was not completed last summer, our assessment was postponed one year. Church Council has decided to pay the assessment in full to avoid interest charges. If you are interested in contributing toward the street repair fund, please mark your envelope “**Street Repair.**” Thank you for your generosity.

## **Coffee With Your Council Member | June 20 @ 5:00 pm**

Minneapolis Third Ward Council Member Steve Fletcher will host Coffee With Your Council Member, Wednesday, June 20, at 5 pm, at Glam Doll Donuts, 519 Central Ave. NE. Constituents are invited to drop by to ask questions and raise any issues they see in the community. All are welcome. RSVP on Facebook or just show up:

## **Volunteers needed to help seniors with outdoor chores**

The Senior Community Services HOME Program is looking for groups of volunteers to help seniors stay in their homes by helping with outdoor chores. Groups of all sizes are welcome, including faith groups, friends, family, neighbors, or sports teams. Kids are welcome. Volunteers must be 7 or older. Volunteers younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Info: [seniorcommunity.org](http://seniorcommunity.org) or Cat at [c.beringer@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:c.beringer@seniorcommunity.org) or 952-767-7894.

## **2018 Salo Park Summer Concert Series**

### **Thursday evenings, 7 pm**

June 21: 7 Cats Swing

June 28: The Backyard Band

July 5: Cornbread Harris and Friends

July 12: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band

July 19: The Fabulous Fairlanes

July 26: Ecuador Manta

August 2: Brio Brass

August 9: Everett Smithson Band, Music of the Mississippi

The Amphitheater is located on 39th Ave. NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard, in St. Anthony Village. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

Info: [saloparkconcertseries.com](http://saloparkconcertseries.com).

## **Kiwanis selling compost**

The Kiwanis Key Clubs at the high schools of Columbia Heights and Fridley are helping to sell bagged rich compost made by the "Plate to Garden" organics recycling program involving both cities. Each bag (about 20 lbs.) is \$3 each with the money going to scholarships at the participating high schools. The compost will be sold every Saturday at the Columbia Heights Recycling Center, Madison Ave. and 38<sup>th</sup> St., from 9 am-1 pm until winter. You don't need to live in Columbia Heights or Fridley to buy compost. Treat your garden to the best locally made compost around.

# 2018 LWML District Convention



## “Grace Above All”

is the theme of the 27th Biennial MN South District Convention –June 29-30, 2018 at the Verizon Center, Mankato, MN.

**“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:10a).**

This year’s convention, will be Friday through Saturday. The business and decisions of the LWML Minnesota South District must be conducted at the convention. This includes setting the 2018–2020 Mission Goal, choosing the Mission Grants that we will fund, updating Bylaws, and electing the officers to serve from 2018 – 2022.

**Christian Life Bible studies** will be at 7:15am on Friday and Saturday, with the third Bible study Saturday afternoon as part of the convention program. The Communion Service will be Friday evening. Rev. Robert Mundahl, LWML National Senior Counselor, will be Proclaimer. Bible study leader will be Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Fort Wayne Seminary. Mission Speakers are Rev. Ben Griffin, Executive Director of LINC Twin Cities, and Rev. Ryan McDermott, Area Facilitator for Deaf Ministry - West and Central Africa.

Visit <https://www.mnslwml.org/events/convention> for registration forms or ask Pastor for one.

### **Note Worthy!**

We collected 95 lbs of food for the Salvation Army Food Shelf in May. Please continue to fill our grocery cart with non-perishable foods.

Hennepin County will have a household hazardous waste collection event, **June 22 – 23, 9 am-4 pm**, at Pillsbury Elementary School, 2250 Garfield St. NE (enter off 22nd Avenue NE). NO electronics!

**89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrate Northeast Parade  
Tuesday, June 19 – 6:30 – 9 pm**

Presented by the Lions International, the Parade route is on Central between 27<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. See you there!



## **Greetings from Kayla**

My first three months here have gone by so quickly! Our Easter retreat went really well, so thank you for your prayers. We also had a new member join in April, and several individuals are taking catechism classes to become members.

**Join me in giving thanks for the following blessings:** I loved my first big project: organizing and redesigning our worship/office space. Now our church has more storage space, work space and internet, and standing tables to encourage chatting and fellowship. I pray God would use the space for His glory, that it would serve our members well, and welcome in the community.

**Upcoming Projects:** I'm really excited to have started what I consider to be my big project and main responsibility here in Spain: marketing research. I'm currently talking with members on the phone to get a general idea of their experiences with our church and how we can better serve them and the community. The next step will be to create a survey for our members to fill out. After collecting and analyzing that data I'll be able to come up with an extensive marketing plan for our church which will include ideas and recommendations for members, outreach, and church publicity. Please pray for me and my team as we begin to focus on being church here in Spain. Follow me on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates and a peek at my daily life here in Seville. Email me to collaborate on creative partnership ideas.

## **Catechesis Note for the Week**

### **Paradoxes of the Christian Faith (part 2)**

A Paradox is defined as a seemingly self-contradictory declaration but is in fact true. To some, such biblical paradoxes may seem somewhat ridiculous and yet such are the very words of God which were written for our admonition and learning. In today's notes we look into three of the great Bible paradoxes that are truly amazing.

**EXALTATION THROUGH HUMILITY** - *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.* (James. 4:10) God has never been pleased with the proud, boastful and over confident. We know that, Lucifer (Satan) wanted to be exalted like God but he fell! The Most High God sees to it that all who will desire to be exalted out of His will & timing will ultimately fall. What a contrast Satan & his children are from Christ who humbled Himself but was exalted! (Phil. 2:8-9).

**STRENGTH THROUGH WEAKNESS** - *For the sake of Christ, then I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* (2 Corinthians 12:10) With all of Paul's God-given privileges & advantages; there was always the possibility of being proud and over confident. So God allowed a "thorn in his flesh" which kept him lowly and ever dependent in God. Three times he prayed for removal of the thorn but God said that His grace is ever sufficient. In this Paul rejoiced! Would you like the world to see the power of Christ rest in you? Then serve God faithfully in spite of sickness, trials, troubles. Rejoice in God! We all have weaknesses which God can use to make us aware of our limitations, and keep us humble and useful!

**RECEIVING THROUGH GIVING** - *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.* (Acts 20:35)

The ultimate test of love for God & man is in giving something that we hold so dear. Giving is quite foolish to selfish people. The world's philosophy is – It's much better to work & work, save, earn all you can, get rich, keep & withhold! Some of the most miserable people on earth are those who take & take. Some of the happiest people are givers for they manifest God in their unselfish attitude.

God Himself is the greatest giver (John 3:16). You may cheerfully & willingly give your time, talent, treasure for God's glory and in return receive love, joy, peace, satisfaction, respect from men!

# Today's Scripture Readings

**EZEKIEL 17:22-24:** This is a prophecy of Jesus as the Christ, God's anointed King. The kings of Israel were often compared with the cedars of Lebanon, the king of the trees that grew on Mt. Lebanon the king of the mountains, and the nations of the world were compared with various classes of birds. Earlier in this chapter God had told Ezekiel that He would use the King of Babylon to lop down the dynasty of David. Here God promises that He Himself would take a twig from that tree and plant it on His holy mountain. There this new king who would make God known to all the kings on earth, would produce good fruit and provide a place of shelter for all the nations.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-9(11-13)14-17:** By faith Christians already now live heavenly lives on earth. But that is not something that they can see. They have a hidden identity. They are new creatures, part of God's mysterious new creation. As such their one aim is to please Jesus. So they no longer live for themselves but for him. They also regard others as potential or actual new creatures. Their task is to serve Christ as his ambassadors by bringing the good news of his death and resurrection to the world around them, the good news that Jesus has taken on their sin as a sin offering for them to give them his righteousness, the good news by which sinners are reconciled to God and each other.

**MARK 4:26-34:** In these two parables about the mysterious extension of God's kingly rule on earth, Jesus compares God's word to the seed sown by a farmer. In the first he teaches his impatient disciples to be patient, like farmers, and to let the seed of God's word sprout, grow and produce God's harvest without human intervention. In the second he teaches them that the little mustard seed of God's word would eventually grow into a large shelter for many people in God's garden. That shelter is the church which grows large from small beginnings.

## Lessons for the 5th Sunday after Pentecost

*Job 38:1-11; Psalm 124 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41*

# Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.

