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dead.  
  
James 2.17 

16th Sunday after Pentecost

**Order of Worship**

September 9, 2018 | 10:00 am

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

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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 – Our Merciful Lord Does All Things Well***

The Lord proclaims the Gospel “to those who have an anxious heart,” to comfort and encourage them with His presence. He comes, not only with threats of “vengeance” and “recompense,” but with His gracious salvation (Is. 35:4). He opens “the eyes of the blind” and “the ears of the deaf,” and He loosens “the tongue of the mute” to “sing for joy” (Is. 35:5–6). He speaks His life-giving Word to people and with His Word and the touch of His hand, He does “all things well,” (Mark 7:31–37). You confess the truth of God in Christ, to the glory of His holy name, and you call upon His name in every trouble, confident that He will hear and answer. As you pray and confess with your tongue, so also “love your neighbour as yourself” (James 2:8). Show your faith “in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,” by loving without partiality. For God has “chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” (James 2:1–5).

***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)**

# 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**AS WE GATHER** James encourages us to live our faith, that is, to allow the Word that God plants in our hearts through Jesus Christ to grow and to flower. This "lived Gospel" will be apparent in our lives as we are both hearers and doers of the Word and as our Christian faith flowers and unfolds itself in the everyday practicalities of life.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*"As the Deer"*

*Psalm 42*

*"Glorify Thy Name"*

*Donna Adkins*

**INVOCATION**

**OUR CONFESSION**

**GOD'S DECLARATION OF HIS LOVE**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

*Isaiah 35:3-7a*

*ESV*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

*James 2:1-10, 14-18*

*ESV*

**GOSPEL ANTHEM** *"Be Doers of the Word of God"* *Tune: LSB 906*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*Mark 7:24-37*

*ESV*

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"O God, My Faithful God"* *Tune: LW 371*

**SERMON**

*"Faith at Work"*

*James 2:14*

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERING SONG** *"More Precious Than Silver"* *L. De Shazo*

**THE OFFERINGS AND TITHES OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Now in a Song of Grateful Praise"*

*Tune: TLH 346*

*+ Silent Prayer +*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**September 9 "The Changeless Christ for a Changing World"  
(Hebrews 13:8)**

In a classic message first heard in 1937, **Dr. Walter A. Maier** tells how Christ comes to us in our world of change and decay with a message of unchanging hope.

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

**September 16 "The Mystery of God" (Isaiah 55:6-9)**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann

The undeniable hiddenness of God becomes the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ.

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: September 9** "The culture of life respects human life at all its stages, recognizing that those who have lived long and well have much to offer those who are just beginning their journeys on this earth. Not only should the young respect the aging, but the elderly should also respect themselves with the honor God says is due them. If Grandpa is too weak to work, he is not too weak to pray. Let us cherish our parents and grandparents as they intercede on our behalf and pass down to their children's children the wisdom of the Lord." *Ryan C. MacPherson, Professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 9 (Proper 18)**

**James 2:2 – "For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in."** God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 9<sup>th</sup> Beverly Svac

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 10<sup>th</sup> Karmon and Meridel Christopherson

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Sandy Westling – in honor of Sister,  
Dorothy's Birthday

**FLOWERS:** None

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

### **IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS**

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

**Lewis & Vera Gade** (Pastor's parents) COPD/dementia

**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

**Jack Olson** former member of Gloria Dei, brother-in-law to  
Meridel and Patty, complications of kidney failure after heart  
surgery

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

**Doris Rixe**, (Nanc's mother) – heart valve issues

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from  
the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to  
keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church  
office.

### **Those Battling Cancer**

**Lynn & Edith Engel** (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) Radiation

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

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Nancy Tousant** (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

### **Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

#### **"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?

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>9/09 Sun</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:45 am Sunday Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	11:00 am Fellowship (following Service)
	6:00 pm NA
<b>9/10 Mon</b>	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
<b>9/11 Tues</b>	6:30 pm All Boards Meet
<b>9/12 Wed</b>	10:00 am Bible Study
<b>9/14 Fri</b>	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
<b>9/15 Sat</b>	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>9/16 Sun</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli**

**Counters: Verlayne Sather and Bev Svac**

**Altar Care: Verlayne Sather**

**Attendance: 9/02/2018: 27**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,400; Loose Plate \$30; Candle \$6;**

**Rent \$1,000**

**Total: \$2,436**

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



**TODAY is Fellowship Sunday**

**Pat Scott and Roselyn Norman are hosting**

***Please stay and enjoy!***

**During the month of August Gloria Dei donated 80 pounds of food to the Salvation Army Food Shelf. Thank you!**

## **Fall Festival & Resource Fair at RiverVillage East September 12 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

RiverVillage East located at 2919 Randolph St. NE will host the annual event. There will be free food: bratwurst, chips, cookies, root beer and cider, along with entertainment and a book fair with some free books, as well as 25+ resource vendors, free health screenings. Bring a food shelf donation and enter to win a \$50 gift card. Info: Robin Haenze, 612-605-2515.

## **St. Maron Lebanese Festival September 15 @ 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

St. Maron Church, 602 University Ave. NE, will hold its 27th Annual Lebanese Festival for the whole family, Saturday, Sept. 15, 1-8 pm, and Sunday, Sept. 16, 11 am-6 pm. Events will feature authentic Lebanese cuisine, beer and wine, a raffle, a silent auction, a country store, a gift shop, games, the Cedars Dabke Dance Group, and live music. Info: 612-379-2758, [stmaron.com](http://stmaron.com).

## **Northeast Recreation Center, 1530 Johnson St. NE, is offering a variety of upcoming classes.**

Info and registration: 612-370-4920, [minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org).

Classes include:

- Cook the Harvest, for adults, Monday, Oct. 1, 6:30-8 pm, \$20.
- Stay Strong-Fitness, for Active Older Adults, Mondays, Sept. 24-Oct. 29, 10-11 am, \$30.
- Indoor Walking, for adults, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 am-noon, free.
- Indoor Playground, for ages 6 and younger with a parent or guardian, Fridays, Sept. 28-Dec. 21, 5-7 pm, free.
- Parent & Me Dance, for ages 1-2.5, Wednesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 10 am, \$35.
- Creative Movement, for ages 3-5, Wednesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 11 am, \$35.
- Story & Dance, for ages 3-5, Wednesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 5:30 pm, \$35.
- Pre Ballet, for ages 4-6, Wednesdays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, 6:30 pm, \$35.

## **Volunteers Needed for Meals on Wheels – Northeast Routes**

Eastside Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers for the month of September. Dates are Sept 12, Sept 18, Sept 20 and Sept 21. If you are able to help drive, please contact Eileen Hafften at 612-277-2528 (direct).

**10th Annual Waite Park Pushcart Derby**  
**Saturday, September 15 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Waite Park Recreation Center, 1810 – 34th Avenue NE, will host teams from all over the Northeast Minneapolis area who will have a chance to take home the title of Pushcart Champion, as well as a total of \$400 in prize money! Stick around after the Derby for food, music, and games (including a bouncy castle). The Pushcart Derby is a program of the Waite Park Community Council.

Don't have a push cart? Build one with the help of the Minnesota Tool Library today from 1-5 pm. Drop into the MTL to get some assistance in building your own pushcart. FREE!! Plans at <http://www.waiteparkneighborhood.org/pushcartplans.pdf>.

**COME WATCH AND CHEER ON THE DRIVERS!**

**ESNS TO HALT ADULT DAYCARE SERVICES**

As of September 14, East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) will no longer provide adult day care services at its Friendship Center at 1717 NE 2nd Street. The 40-year-old program has struggled to make ends meet for the past five years.

ESNS President Kristine Martin said the non-profit's program, which was subsidized by Medicare payments through Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota, simply didn't have a large enough clientele.

Although the Friendship Center is closing, East Side Neighborhood Services will continue to serve seniors in Northeast. In lieu of all-day day care, programs will be offered in one- to two-hour bites. Martin said its "Empowering Vital Aging" classes on balance, medication management and caregiver workshops will go on, and more will be added. They're looking at adding yoga instruction and bringing on a dietitian.

There will be a new focus on intergenerational activities, too. Research done by the Wilder Foundation confirmed that seniors and youngsters receive intellectual and cognitive benefits from contact with each other. Children from the ESNS daycare program join seniors for lunch now, and Martin hopes to engage high school students to come in and work with seniors on intergenerational activities.



## Does Your Yard Need a Facelift?

HeightsNEXT, an informal group for Columbia Heights residents and stakeholders who want to create a more welcoming, vibrant, and sustainable community, **will host the documentary "Seed" and a plant exchange, Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 pm**, at Kordiak Park, 1845 49th Ave. NE. The event is free. Participants are encouraged to arrive early as the best plants go fast.

### **"Forced From Home" presented by Doctors Without Borders**

Forced From Home is a free interactive tour that takes visitors behind the headlines about the global refugee crisis. Guided by experienced Doctors Without Borders aid workers, attendees will travel through an interactive exhibition designed to expose them to the challenges facing the more than 68.5 million people currently forced from their homes. Along the way, guests will learn about the humanitarian aid that is provided to those living in a crisis. The exhibition will run in Minneapolis, **September 9–16** and will be located in The Commons, **425 Portland Ave. S.** (by US Bank Stadium). **Weekdays 9 am-1 pm, 4 pm-8 pm; weekends 10 am-6 pm.** Website: <http://www.forcedfromhome.com/>

### Life Line Screening Coming October 8 to Gloria Dei

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Monday, October 8. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441, text the word circle to 797979 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)**

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a:** The prophet Isaiah announces the coming of the Lord Jesus, our Savior, who will take vengeance upon sin, death, and the power of the devil with His own mighty death and resurrection, and how, in the proclamation of the Word of the Gospel He will bestow the salvation for which His people yearn. "He will come and save you." "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped." The prophet goes on to illustrate the joy and freedom that the Gospel brings to those who receive it: "Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing."

**James 2:1-10, 14-18:** The Apostle James warns the Church of showing favoritism to the wealthy members of the congregation. The faith of the Gospel calls us to receive every member of the congregation, rich or poor, as the objects of God's free grace and love in Christ. Our faith in the Gospel necessarily manifests itself in works of love toward the neighbor.

**Mark 7:31-37:** The man who is deaf and mute is a sign of how we are all conceived and born in sin, without faith in God or true love for Him. As sinners our hearts are closed to God's Word. We are conceived and born dead in trespasses and sin. The miracle of the healing of the deaf mute is a sign that teaches us the power of Christ's Word. The man does not have the ability to receive the Word of God by which faith is created and salvation is bestowed, but by the very miracle of the Word's proclamation the deaf man's ears are opened, his heart receives the Word of Christ, and his mouth confesses the saving faith. Notice how Jesus' Word was united with His spittle and the touch of His fingers. In the same way, Jesus' Word continues to be united with water and bread and wine today, that His Word might touch us, opening our ears and hearts and mouths to the true and saving faith of the Gospel of Christ. This miracle teaches us the power of Christ's Word to create faith where there is only unbelief and to create life where there is only death.

### **Lessons for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Isaiah 50:4-10; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29*